

LEIGH ON MENDIP PARISH COUNCIL

To all Members of Leigh on Mendip Parish Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Leigh on Mendip Parish Council for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Joe McGhee, Clerk to the Council

Agenda for the Meeting of LEIGH ON MENDIP PARISH COUNCIL

**To be held on Monday, 21st July, 2025, in the Memorial Hall
Starting at 7:00pm**

- 1. Welcome by the Chairman**
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Absent**
- 4. (a) To receive declaration of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda
(b) To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests**

Cllr Vicki Taylor has an approved request for dispensation in relation to Leigh On Mendip Memorial Hall until June 2027.

Cllr Vicki Trundle has an approved request for dispensation in relation to Leigh On Mendip Recreation Field Committee until March 2029.

Cllr Paula Freeland has an approved request for dispensation in relation to St Giles Church until June 2029.

- 5. Public Session**
- 6. County Councillor Reports**
- 7. Monthly update from Tom Kemp – Parish Tree Officer**
- 8. To confirm the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 16th June, 2025, previously circulated (Attachment 1).**
- 9. Matters arising from the minutes but not on the agenda.**
- 10. Planning Applications – If other planning applications are received between the date of this notice and the date of the meeting, they may be considered.**

(a) 2025/1057/FUL

Convert and extend two agricultural buildings to create eight dwellings, involving building extension with parking and curtilage ground.

Tadhill Farm, Old Wells Road, Leigh On Mendip, Shepton Mallet, Somerset.

(b) 2025/1152/LBC

Repair of roof structure, replacement of missing truss, rafter repairs and replacement battens. Replace concrete tiles with natural slate. Reinstatement of fascias and lead flashings. Replacement of plastic rainwater goods with cast iron. Cottage Garden, Leigh Street, Leigh On Mendip, Radstock, Somerset

11. Planning Applications – Decisions to be noted from Somerset Council

(a) 2024/2257/FUL

Erection of 2 no. 2 bed dwellings attached to existing dwelling
1 Park Hayes, Leigh On Mendip, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA3 5QN

Decision. Application Refused..

(b) 2025/0849/HSE and 2025/0850/LBC

Dismantling, relocation & rebuilding of courtyard walls to principal dwelling &
associated hard landscaping works
Great House Farm, Hollybush Lane, Leigh On Mendip, Radstock, Somerset, BA3
5QZ

Decision. Approval (of both).

12. Finance and Annual Reporting

(a) To approve (or not) bank reconciliation at 16 Jul 2025 (Attachment 2)

(b) To approve (or not) receipts and payments as identified in the Cashflow 11 Jun 2025
to 16 Jul 2025 (Attachment 3).

(c) To approve (or not) the budget review at 30 Jun 2025 (Attachment 4).

13. Clerk's / Councillors' Report

(a) The enquiry about a review of fire tender access to Park Hayes is now with Devon
and Somerset Fire Service. Clerk has been told he will be contacted.

(b) The re-appointed internal auditor, Eleanor Greene of Do The Numbers Ltd, has been
informed along with the appropriate minute reference.

(c) One ashes plot memorial was approved in June and the appropriate fee paid.

(d) An update on applications to the Halecombe Quarry Community Fund was posted on
the website and Facebook groups.

(e) A notice about Whatley Quarry blasting was also posted; Council is not normally
informed since the quarry is relatively far away but this instance involved some
particularly heavy blasting.

(f) The Clerk was informed that the council's subscription with the Information
Commissioner's Office will automatically renew in August.

(g) The draft minutes of the latest meetings of the Halecombe Quarry Liaison Group and
Community Fund were published on the Halecombe Quarry page on the website

(h) Chris Cudmore provided a number of updates:

- Following correspondence between Chris and Somerset Council about them no
longer linking to the FixMyStreet web facility, they have improved their own reporting
mechanism (use of maps and what3words web location facility)

- Work on the reinstatement of the footpath south of Halecombe has been discussed
by Tarmac with the contractor; now waiting for approval.

- Explore Somerset (<https://roam.somerset.gov.uk/roam/map>) has been updated with
the new OS basemapping and aerial photography.

- A draft of the new Welcome Guide will be available this month.

14. To Be Discussed / Resolved

(a) Development of biodiversity plan for churchyard/cemetery.

(b) New cemetery (Cllr E Kirby).

(c) Parking/speed restrictions (including 20mph signage) at the school (Cllr P Ham).

(d) Community notice board – sketch and costings from Bell Inn landlord (Cllr Taylor).

(e) Repair shop questionnaire (Cllr Taylor – Attachment 5).

(f) Sludge tipping – brook at bottom of Leigh Street (Cllr Taylor).

(g) Enhance Highways Maintenance Pilot (Attachments 6 and 7).

(h) Somerset Council Transport Plan Documents.

(i) Parish Preparedness Survey (Attachment 8).

15. Matters to report / items for next agenda.

16. Date and time of next meeting: Monday 15th September, 2025, at 7:00pm in the Memorial Hall.

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions; Equal opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, and any disability), Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights.