

HALECOMBE QUARRY COMMUNITY FUND

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 17th September 2025

Present: Andy Cadell – AC
Alex Johnson - AJ
Ian Tier - IT
Philip Ham – PH (Chair)
Barry Clarke – BC
Vicki Taylor – VT
Sue Sweet - SS
Steve West - SW
Vickie Watts - VW

Strategic Planning Manager – Tarmac
Area Operations manager South West – Tarmac
Somerset Council – Finance manager
Somerset Councillor & Coleford Parish Council
Somerset Councillor
Leigh on Mendip Parish Council
Leigh on Mendip Parish Council
Mells Parish Council
Administrator

1. Apologies

Colin Arnold
Paul Bell
John Henderson
Estelle & Ian Kirby

Somerset Council – Planning & Development
Coleford Parish Council
Mells Parish Council
Leigh on Mendip Parish Council

2. Approve minutes from the last meeting: 12th March 2025

Those present agreed that the minutes previously circulated accurately reflected the meeting held on the 12th March 2025.

3. Update on Completed projects

The award made September 2025 to Leigh on Mendip Recreation Ground for 3 boulders had still not been invoiced although the boulders have been delivered and installed.

Action: It was agreed that AC would speak to the sales office to see if the invoice can be raised so that the payment can be made from the community fund to the Halecombe Quarry.

The applicants of previous successful applications had submitted the completed project forms to give a summary of how they have had a positive impact on their communities.

4. Receive financial report

IT confirmed that:

01/04/2025 opening balance:	£ 9,750.42
During the year Tarmac paid in	£ 5,663.95
Total awards for March 2025	£ 4,500.00

Current value of the Community Fund	£10,914.37
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This doesn't take into account the outstanding payment for the Leigh on Mendip Recreation Ground boulders. **Community fund if the £370.00 is accounted for is: £10,544.37**

The Long-Term Management Fund currently stands at £216,014.66. AC confirmed that Tarmac has a duty to restore the site at the end of the quarry's life. The Long-Term Management Fund is there to be used for the continuation of the maintenance of the circular walk and other management projects within the site as required.

5. Consideration of applications received:

All applications, quotations and other supporting documentation had been previously circulated to the committee.

01_09.25 @ The Hub
Project details: 2 x cookers for the Hub kitchen
Amount requested: £800.00
Decision: Application **approved in full for £800.00.**

02_09.25 Friends of Whatley CIC
Project details: New outdoor lighting
Amount requested: £452.44
Decision: Application **approved in full for £452.44.**

03_09.25 Leigh on Mendip Recreational Field Management
Project details: High power public address and music system.
Amount requested: £304.27
Decision: Application **approved in full for £304.27**

04_09.25 Coleford & Holcombe Community Magazine
Project details: Support of production of community magazine
Amount requested: £1975.00
Decision: VW had already rejected the application on the basis that the applicants were not a recognised organisation as specified in the Community Fund criteria and the funding request was for normal operating costs which are not eligible. The applicants had appealed this decision so was brought before the Community Fund committee for consideration.

After an extensive discussion it was agreed that the application should be **refused** as the applicants were not a recognised organisation and the funding request was for ongoing costs.

As a result of the above decisions, the value of grants awarded at this meeting (pending confirmation) totalled **£1,556.71** against available reported funds of **£10,544.37**. The balance of **£8,987.66** will be carried forward to be available for allocation at the next Community Fund meeting.

6. Any other business

AC explained that EQ had been instructed to manage the marketing for the quarry. Stancombe Quarry will be taking the lead as they will be submitting a planning application for an extension to the quarry. The new website will be an essential tool during the application process. The funds have been received and we are now able to progress with the design of the new website, regular PR and the community fund plaques.

Action: It was suggested that the criteria and application form should state that any successful project would be required to display the community fund plaques.

7. Date of the next meetings

Wednesday 11th March 2026 @ 10am to be held at the meeting room at Rookery Farmhouse, Halecombe Quarry.