

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, 20th October, 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.

(c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.
- 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 15th September, 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.**

None.
- 11. Planning Applications – Decisions to be noted from Somerset Council**
 - (a) 2025/1375/FUL**

Conversion of garage to a dwellinghouse
Land at 368906 147131 Park Hayes, Leigh On Mendip, Radstock, Somerset
Decision. Application refused.
 - (b) 2025/1588/APP**

Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 9 (Surface Water drainage) on planning consent 2025/0613/VRC

Land at 369339 147367 Quarry Lane, Leigh On Mendip, Radstock, Somerset

Decision. Application approved.

(c) 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, BA3 5QQ

Decision. Application refused.

(d) 2025/1374/FUL

Erection of an attached 3-bedroom dwellinghouse.

Land at 368913 147215 Park Hayes, Leigh On Mendip, Radstock, Somerset

Decision. Application refused.

12. Finance and Annual Reporting

(a) To approve (or not) bank reconciliation at 14 Oct 2025 (Attachment 2)

(b) To approve (or not) receipts and payments as identified in the cashflow 10 Sep 2025 to 14 Oct 2025 (Attachment 3).

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

13. Clerk's / Councillors' Report

(a) An advert was posted inviting parishioners to apply to be co-opted as a parish councillor. No applications have been received to date.

(b) A statutory re-declaration of compliance was completed for the Parish Council with the Pensions Regulator.

(c) Comments were applied at the Somerset Council planning portal on application 2025/1374/FUL (Erection of an attached dwellinghouse, Park Hayes) recommending approval.

(d) No response was received to an email request to Devon and Somerset Fire Service for a review of fire tender access to Park Hayes. The service has announced a public forum on 7th November; that will be used to raise the question.

(e) No response has been received to an email sent to Somerset Council seeking clarity on the council's responsibilities for street cleaning.

(f) The repair shop questionnaire was updated and 250 copies printed, to be distributed to councillors at the meeting.

(g) A discussion was held with the clerk at Trudoxhill Parish Council on experiences of devolution of assets from Somerset Council.

(h) Two firms of solicitors recommended by SALC were approached for indicative costs of handling the transfer of land assets from Somerset Council; one has responded.

(i) An invitation to parishioners to volunteer for the Community Speed Watch Team was published.

(j) An invitation to individuals/families/organisations to respond to a survey on youth facilities from Make the Sunshine, a community interest company working with councils, was posted. A response to this from the Parish Council is on the agenda below.

(k) A variety of quarry information was published: minutes of Halecombe community fund and liaison meetings and a presentation on quarry activities; the Autumn newsletter from Whatley Quarry.

(l) The Environment Agency was approached about the dry stream issue; they have requested an email with more information to decide if they will investigate (on the agenda below).

14. To Be Discussed / Resolved

- (a)** Proposal from Somerset Council to transfer land to the Parish Council.
- (b)** Development of biodiversity plan for churchyard/cemetery.
- (c)** New cemetery
 - Memorial tree branch removal.
 - Procurement of chain link fence.
 - Drawings and quote for gates.
 - Signage
- (d)** Easement letter – Recreation Field car park.
- (e)** Repair shop questionnaire.
- (f)** Use of footpaths in the vicinity of the village.
- (g)** Youth services survey.
- (h)** Purchase of Speed Watch signs
- (i)** EA – investigation of dry stream under the road near Great House Farm.
- (j)** Purchase of red paint for the telephone box.
- (k)** Clearing the hedge on the corner of the road entering the village from Hollybush.

15. Matters to report / items for next agenda.

16. Date and time of next meeting: Monday 17th November, 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.