

Leigh-On-Mendip Recreation Field Management Committee

Minutes of meeting held on 13 Oct 2025

Present: Vicky Higgins, Vicki Trundle, Denis Pattison, Martin Carter, Alan Dagger, David Pattison

Apologies: Ty Schlechter

The Sept minutes were agreed and signed.

JOBS

1. Sign to Coronation Park on the garage. No progress. **ACTION TS**
2. Clear out changing room, stereo, etc.
3. Moles in Coronation Park. The mole catcher was delayed after some local people objected on Facebook. After lengthy discussion, it was agreed that:
 - a. We have to remove the hazards associated with the molehills and collapsed runs.
 - b. We do not believe that the liability issue can be resolved by notices, and, more importantly, they would not remove the risk of injury to users of all ages. We are not prepared to provide an unsafe facility to the community. We will contact our insurers to get advice on liability. **ACTION MC**
 - c. Despite the offer of help from one person, it is not a viable plan to keep filling the holes forever. VH is currently doing it daily and is still not completely removing the hazard.
 - d. We will write a position paper on the subject which will be posted on the village website with a link from FB. VT offered to meet individuals at the park after they have read it. **ACTION DP**
4. The turf on top of the tunnel is very worn. The tile has been reinstalled and the grass is growing through, but the soil remains very thin. We may need to fit astroturf at some point.
5. Wildflower meadow at the SW corner of CP. VH has cut the grass **ACTION VH/VT**

FINANCE

6. Electricity reading is 2707 usage 27.
7. Allotments water reading is 201.573 usage 0.069.
8. Main water reading is 416.976 usage 0.916.
9. VH passed a receipt to DNP.
10. £19 worth of left over draught cider sold at PCC event. All gone now!
11. There is always water flooding the main water meter. This month's usage suggests that there may be a leak from our side of the meter. It was proposed to check whether we still show usage when not using any water. **ACTION DP**

FOOTBALL

12. All OK.

BONUS BALL

13. The new list of ticket sales had been circulated, with 3 tickets not paid for. DNP offered to buy no 9. DP offered to buy no 49. We think no 17 will be bought but the buyer is currently unwell. The new list will be circulated. **ACTION DP**
14. The 4 Oct bonus ball was no. 42. Winners are the Short Mat Bowls Club and Sam & Aaron Taylor Johnson. **DP** to pay. DNP reimbursed.

FUND RAISING

15. Still got the last copy of the tea book to raise funds at a suitable opportunity.

Car show

16. Next year's date set at 5 July. Meeting planned 7 Jan. Dogs, owls and line dancing are booked.
17. New sound system from the quarry fund. The money has arrived. Phil has identified an even better system for an additional £15. It was agreed to cover the extra. MC will forward the link to DNP who will buy it. We will keep it in the rec building. **ACTION DNP**

Wreath Making

18. The hall has been booked for Sun 14 Dec. VH has purchased the rings etc.

ALLOTMENTS

19. Reduce the allotment water bill by the cost of one tonne of water - in the system **ACTION DNP**

H&S.

20. Add chippings to the back track, which gets very slippery when wet. Hans is still up for it. May need to use a lorry rather than multiple visits with the trailer. **ACTION VH**
21. The wasp infestation is virtually over. **ACTION DP**
22. Annual Safety Inspection. The Play Inspection Company did it in Sept. The report listed no serious issues. 3 items were categorised as medium risk:
- a. Rope swing – now removed.
 - b. Gate finger trap – now fixed.
 - c. Uneven surfaces – Extra topsoil has been spread in the rec, but it is still not perfect. Coronation Park is awaiting resolution of the mole debate.

REGULAR ITEMS

23. Weekly inspection completed in Sept by VH.
24. Emergency lighting, smoke/CO alarms, elec meter, water meters, accident book all checked by DP today. No issues.
25. Parish Mag – BC winners and sales. wreath making, car show date **ACTION DP**

Jobs from annual list (deleted if done or not needed).

OUTSTANDING

- a. H&SO review H&S policy and Action List in odd years, and report to LRFCM **ACTION DP**

b. Treat benches with teak oil. Most done. Oil with **VT, then MC** Probably too late unless we get a dry spell.

c. Boiler service. Done

ACTION VH

d. Meadow –cutting and remove clippings. Done

NOVEMBER

e. Apply for Parish Council grant. It was agreed not apply for a grant other than continuing with the mowing payment.

ACTION VT

f. Football payment due £250.

ACTION DNP

AOB

26. WI Gingko Biloba tree. Discussion is ongoing.

27. PC letters to the houses backing on to the car park. (PMN - PC are working on it.)

ACTION DP

28. Agreed to buy and fit 6 new, more aggressive, dog signs. Done

29. Boules No response.

30. The smaller bench in the shelter needs stakes to fix it down.

ACTION DP

Date of next meeting 10 Nov at the pub or meeting room at 7.00pm