

Leigh-On-Mendip Recreation Field Management Committee

Minutes of meeting held on 12 January 2025

Present: Vicky Higgins, Vicki Trundle, Denis Pattison, Alan Dagger, Ty Schlechter, David Pattison

Apologies: Martin Carter

1. The Dec minutes were agreed and signed.
2. Now the pub is closed on Mondays, it was agreed to investigate the Tower Room for future winter meetings. **ACTION VT**

JOBS

3. Sign to Coronation Park on the garage. Rich has said he will do it soon. **ACTION TS**
4. Wildflower area. Will hire a scarifier in the spring.
5. Posts with barbed wire at back of houses in CP need to be removed. **ACTION DNP/DP**
6. Fence round the small car park. We now have 2 quotes. The lower was for £1822 and it was agreed to accept it. He will also re-fix the existing gate posts. **ACTION VH**
7. VT offered 2 or 3 hawthorns about 7 ft high. It was agreed to see if we have anywhere to put them. They need to go by March. **ACTION VH**

FINANCE

8. Electricity reading is 2784 usage 34.
9. Allotments water reading is 201573 usage zero. Main water reading is 417.989 usage 0.735.
10. The school have paid £15 for last term.
11. The Wreath Making made £403 net of costs. Good result!
12. DNP has submitted the form for the agreed PC grant for mowing in 2025. In future years, we should submit it in April. (PMN – added to “Year at a Glance”).
13. Chris Higgins has agreed to audit the 2025 accounts again. **ACTION DNP**

FOOTBALL

14. Coleford - all OK. After debate, it was agreed to keep the charge the same for the next year, but with a warning that charges will increase in 2027.
15. VH received an enquiry about hiring the football field for adults. After confirming with Coleford youth that they plan to stay at Leigh, the enquiry was refused because the field is at maximum capacity.

BONUS BALL

16. The 1 Nov Bonus Ball was 4. Winners are Ken and Tina Johnson and Jan Schlechter. DP & TS to pay them. They were reimbursed.

FUND RAISING

Car show

17. Next year's date set at 5 July. The first meeting has agreed it will be roughly the same as last year, but a bit bigger and including a small dog show.
18. There was a debate about whether there was enough space, and it was agreed that there should be a detailed layout agreed beforehand. **ACTION MC**

19. It was agreed that the rec will do the bar and BBQ as last year, but with better signage. We need to agree with FOLC (in the clubhouse) who does which soft drinks. The box of cider did not sell, therefore more cans next year, on sale or return.

20. Car parking remains a potential problem. No easy solution was found.

Wreath Making

21. Another successful event thanks to Vanessa and family, Vickys et al.

ALLOTMENTS

22. Nil

H&S.

23. Add chippings to the back track, which gets very slippery when wet. It was agreed to bid for suitable aggregate from the Halecombe Community Fund in the next round.

ACTION VH

24. TS suggested approaching Wainwrights through his new neighbour.

ACTION TS

REGULAR ITEMS

25. Inspection completed daily/weekly in Dec by VH.

26. Emergency lighting, smoke/CO alarms, elec meter, water meters, accident book all checked by DP Today. All is well.

27. Parish Mag – Wreath TYs, Bonus Club, Car Show, AGM

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,

ACTION DP

NOVEMBER

b. 2026 Parish Council grant. It was agreed to ask for £1750. Done

JANUARY

c. Arrange hedge cutting of roadside and laneside hedges. Sweep up pavement side of cuttings. Gary from Raglan has offered.

ACTION VH

FEBRUARY

d. Renew insurance, renewal date 4 March. (Year 3 of 3)

ACTION DP

e. Football payment due £250.

ACTION DNP

MARCH

f. Check the first aid box.

ACTION DP

g. Pay the rent - £1 to the Parish Council.

AOB

28. The WI had proposed a record of memorials in the village, eg Elsie's Walk. It was agreed to send contributions to DNP. No response to date!

ACTION ALL

29. It was agreed to pay Matthew £50 for petrol etc.

ACTION VH/DNP

30. The PC had asked whether we would agree to having an electric car charging point at the rec. After some debate, it was agreed to say yes in principle.

ACTION VT

Date of next meeting 9 Feb at the hall or Tower Room at 7.30pm.