

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, 16th February, 2026, 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.
(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 19th January, 2026, 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) **2026/0060/CNS**
Consultation on a variation of an environmental permit. Application reference EPR/WE9072AB/V002.
Tarmac South West Materials Division, Halecombe Quarry, Quarry Lane To Somers Hill, Leigh On Mendip, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, BA11 3RD.
Decision. No objection.
 - (b) **2026/0073/CNS**
Consultation on a variation of an environmental permit.
Halecombe Quarry, Quarry Lane To Somers Hill, Leigh On Mendip, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, BA11 3RD.
Decision. No objection.

(c) 2025/2241/HSE and 2025/2242/LBC

Reinstatement of original roof truss, removed before Listing. Replacement of concrete roof tiles with double Roman tiles. Replacement of UPVC rainwater goods with cast iron (description amended 02.02.2026).

Cottage Garden, Leigh Street, Leigh On Mendip, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA3 5QQ.

Decision. Approval (both).

12. Finance and Annual Reporting

- (a) To approve (or not) bank reconciliation at 11 Feb 2026 (Attachment 2)
- (b) To approve (or not) receipts and payments as identified in the Cashflow 14 Jan 2026 to 11 Feb 2026 (Attachment 3).

13. Clerk's / Councillors' Report

- (a) Comments were applied on planning applications 2025/2241/HSE and 2025/2242/LBC (Cottage Garden, Leigh Street) at the Somerset Council planning portal.
- (b) Various documents were published on the website – IT Policy, Bring Your Own Device Policy, Freedom of Information Policy, Budget 2026-27.
- (c) The community fund payment was received from the Mells Park Trust.
- (d) Two new SpeedWatch signs were procured (free replacements for degraded signs, small administration fee paid).
- (e) A grant request for a Speed Information Device was submitted to the Halecombe Quarry Community Fund.
- (f) A grant was awarded to the Recreation Field Committee for grounds maintenance.
- (g) Links from councillors' names on the Parish Council website to the appropriate Register of Members Interests forms on the Somerset Council website were updated following changes to the latter.
- (h) A notice of blasting at Halecombe Quarry was published on the usual channels, as was an invitation to complete a survey from Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service,
- (i) A notice from Somerset Council was published relating to an extended road closure at Soho Hill.

14. To Be Discussed / Resolved

- (a) Assertion 10 - updated website Accessibility Statement (Attachment 4)
To approve (or not) the updated Accessibility Statement.
- (b) Annual Parish Meeting.
- (c) Overgrown bank opposite Island Cottage.
- (d) EV charging points.
- (e) Councillor recruitment.
- (f) Biodiversity scheme.
- (g) New cemetery
- (h) Repair shop

15. Matters to report / items for next agenda.

16. Date and time of next meeting: Monday 16th March, 2026, 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.