

## Finance

Thanks to our careful financial management our external auditor has confirmed that we are well prepared as a Parish Council to "weather the storm" that might be created by the precarious financial position of Somerset Council. As a result of our financial position we did not increase the Parish Precept this year, recognising the financial challenges already facing our community.

**As at the 31st March 2026:**

**Total Receipts £16,778**

**Total Expenditure £10,994**

## Quarries Liaison

This past year the Parish Council has continued to attend and participate in both Halecombe and Whatley Quarry Community Liaison Groups, minutes of which can be found on the Council website. In the year Halecombe has agreed to fund a Speed Indication Device (SID) to be managed by our Community Speedwatch team and contribute towards a new cooker for the Memorial Hall. Whatley have provided advice and the offer of materials to continue with the development of our new Parish cemetery.

## Your Village needs you !

Right now Leigh on Mendip Parish Council needs **2 new councillors**. This is your chance to help shape the future of our community. Without new councillors decisions about our village could be made **outside** the village. This isn't about politics - it's about making sure Leigh on Mendip works for the people who live here and things that matter to them.

**Could you give about 4 hours per month?**

No experience or skills needed, just your enthusiasm.

## FIND OUT MORE

**Come to the Parish Meeting on  
Saturday 16th May 2026 2pm  
at the Village Hall.**

**Check out the village website**



## Leigh on Mendip Parish Newsletter

**2026**

### Your Councillors

**Vicki Taylor** - Chair

**Iain Kirby** - Vice Chair, Quarries,  
Finance

**Sue Sweet** - Cemetery

**Vicki Trundle** - Representative for  
Recreation Field

**Allison Parry** - New Parish  
Councillor

**Joe McGhee** - Parish Clerk



### **New cemetery area**

Work continues on the new cemetery. The benches kindly donated by Heidelberg, Whatley Quarry, are in place. Work on replacement gates and signage is underway. A rope and post barrier designating the Drang pathway through the cemetery will be in place shortly. These works should be complete by the time of the Parish Meeting in May. After all the above is in-situ the cemetery will be open for use.

### **Speedwatch**

Thanks to the wonderful team of people, we are a very active parish in trying to keep our village safe from speeding vehicles.

As we are so pro active we have been awarded £3k from Halecombe Quarry (Tarmac) community fund for a SID (speed indicator device) and will receive a second one from central speed watch. A full report with facts and figures will be given at the Parish Meeting.

### **Repair Shop**

Estelle Kirby (ex Councillor) has kindly offered to take this area of work (identified through the Community Plan, where 30 people showed some form of interest.)

The next steps are to get together interested parties, to form a plan on how to move forward.

A request was posted on our local facebook with very little response.

**If you are interested please contact Estelle [estellekirby59@hotmail.com](mailto:estellekirby59@hotmail.com) 07512210677**

### **Planning**

The parish council have reviewed and made recommendations to Somerset Council on 11 planning applications affecting the parish. It's surprising how much development activity requiring permission takes place!

Proposals have ranged from householder applications for extensions, to new buildings in the gardens of existing buildings, sometimes new dwellings and conversions of farm buildings.

We will always express a view on applications consulted on and will incorporate your views into any response.

Do check parish council agendas to see which applications we intend to review and comment on each month. We also try to note them on the village 'facebook'

You can also make comments through Somerset Council website.