

# HALECOMBE QUARRY COMMUNITY FUND

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## Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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| <b>Present:</b> | Andy Cadell – AC        | Strategic Planning Manager – Tarmac |
|                 | Ian Tier - IT           | Somerset Council – Finance manager  |
|                 | Philip Ham – PH (Chair) | Somerset Councillor                 |
|                 | Barry Clarke – BC       | Somerset Councillor                 |
|                 | Paul Bell – PB          | Coleford Parish Council             |
|                 | Vicki Taylor – VTa      | Leigh on Mendip Council             |
|                 | Joe McGhee - JM         | Leigh on Mendip Council             |
|                 | John Henderson - JH     | Mells Parish Council                |
|                 | Andrew Bramston – AB    | Whatley & Chantry Parish Council    |
|                 | Vickie Watts - VW       | Administrator                       |

### 1. Apologies

There were none.

### 2. Approve minutes from the last meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Those present agreed that the minutes previously circulated accurately reflected the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

### 3. Update on Completed projects

The applicants of previous successful applications had submitted the completed project forms to give a summary of how they have had a positive impact on their communities.

### 4. Receive financial report

IT confirmed that:

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| 01/04/2025 opening balance:        | £ 9,750.42 |
| During the year Tarmac paid in     | £12,044.76 |
| Total awards for March & Sept 2025 | £ 6,056.71 |

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| Current value of the Community Fund | £15,738.47 |
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The boulders supplied to Leigh on Mendip Recreation Ground have still not been invoiced by Tarmac. After discussion it was agreed that this would stand as a donation and not be charged to the fund.

**The amount available for allocation for the Community fund at this meeting is £15,738.47**

The Long-Term Management Fund currently totalled £222,137.63

5. **Consider whether to allocated monies from the Community Fund to make up any reported shortfall between the two interest rates (Identified between the rate of the RPI over the previous calendar year and the rate if interest actually applied to the LTMF during the same 12-month period) to the Long-Term Management Fund**

IT confirmed that the interest rate is currently 4.2% and RPI is 3.93%. After discussion it was agreed that there would be no transfer to the long-term management fund.

6. **Consideration of applications received:**

All applications, quotations and other supporting documentation had been previously circulated to the committee.

01\_03.26 Leigh On Mendip Parish Council  
Project details: Speed Indicator Device  
Amount requested: £3,107.99  
Decision: Application **approved subject to the following conditions:**  
Written evidence to be submitted to the administrator within 4 months to show that the locations for the SID have been agreed with Somerset Highways and the memorandum of understanding signed by both parties. If received by 18<sup>th</sup> July 2026 the full amount will be authorised.

02\_03.26 Bishop Henderson Primary School  
Project details: Equipment for Science week  
Amount requested: £1,184.97  
Decision: Application **refused** as is for the statutory delivery of education, which is not part of the remit.

03\_03.26 Coleford Parish Council  
Project details: Goals with integrated basketball hoop  
Amount requested: £4,000.00  
Decision: Application **approved in full**

04\_03.25 Leigh On Mendip Memorial Hall  
Project details: New cooker  
Amount requested: £2,459.98  
Decision: Application **approved for partial award of £1,500.00.**

As a result of the above decisions, the value of grants awarded at this meeting (pending confirmation) totalled **£8,607.99** against available reported funds of **£15,738.47**. The balance of **£7,130.48** will be carried forward to be allocated at the next Community Fund meeting.

7. **Any other business**

AC confirmed that EQ Communications are assisting in updating the quarry website to include a new section covering the promotion of the Community fund, how the funds are raised, the type of projects which would be considered, how to apply and details of successful applications etc, which will be a welcome addition. The same company will also work on the development of a plaque to be erected at the site of successful projects.

**Action: AC / VW to progress**

**8. Date of the next meetings**

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026 @ 10am to be held at the meeting room at Rookery Farmhouse, Halecombe Quarry. (Originally agreed 16<sup>th</sup> September 2026 but Philip Ham said that Wainwrights, Torr and Colmans are all planned for that date and it helps for them all to be on the same date).

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