

LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES
For Meeting To Be Held At Leigh Village Hall On
18th March 2014 At 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Read (Chairman), Cllr Orchard, Cllr Holder, Cllr Bugler, Cllr Scutt., the Clerk and 2 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Cllr Vincent, DCllr Loder, CCllr Bevan. Cllr Withycombe has resigned from the Council. Letter of thanks for his hard work and contributions to the Parish Council to be sent. Notices have been applied for.
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None
3. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 14TH JANUARY 2014
 - 3.1 The minutes were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.
4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES
 - 4.1 Cllr Orchard informed the meeting that the new notice board had shown signs of rusting, it has been replaced by the manufacturer. There is now a spare, but imperfect, notice board available should anyone want it?
 - 4.2 It was noted that the preservation order for the trees at Severs Lane is due to be completed. The final documents are with the legal department. This has taken 3 years to finalise.
5. FINANCIAL MATTERS
 - 5.1 Payment was unanimously agreed for point 4.3 to point 4.5.
 - 5.2 Clerks salary for 2 months. Total: £305.94
 - 5.3 Clerks invoice for 2 months broadband at £5 per month, £10.
 - 5.4 Payment for Website hosting and domain name of £59.98.
6. STANDING ORDERS
 - 6.1 Model set of standing orders sent to Councillors to review and adapt for Leigh Parish Council. It was agreed that the Clerk would review and personalize to Leigh Parish Council. This would then be circulated for Council to review and agree in May. Discussion took place with regards to the approach the Parish Council should take to review planning applications. The process of review to be incorporated within the Standing Orders. It was agreed that Councillors would be informed of new applications via email, these could then be reviewed online by Councillors, comments would be sent to the Clerk who would collect and forward onto the Chairman who would devise an appropriate collective response for Leigh Parish Council. This comment would then be uploaded to the dorsetforyou website as the official Parish Council response. It would be at the discretion of the Chairman to decide if a site meeting was needed.

7. SNOW PLAN

- 7.1 Leigh Snow Plan forwarded to Dorset Highways and received. However no contractors name mentioned so plan cannot be put into effect.
- 7.2 Cam Vale Parish Council have Incorporated Leigh's request regarding snow ploughing. They have been informed that Leigh has not nominated a contractor and therefore the plan compromises Cam Vales'. They are requesting Leigh to complete so theirs can be honoured if necessary.
- 7.3 After much discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would contact Mr Griffin and accept his quotation for the 2013 to 2014 year, with the proviso that no salt distribution was required. Dorset Highways could then be given his name as contractor and Cam Vale informed of the decision.
- 7.4 For the year 2014-2015 Cllr Scutt and Cllr Buglar will produce a pro forma for the quotation of Snow Plough Contractor, so that clarity on requirements of the contractor and costs could be more accurately forecast.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

APPLICATION NO: WD/D/14/000258

PROPOSAL: Part change of use to enable existing stable to be used for two car shelter and garden shed; cars to use existing vehicle access to adjacent lane.

LOCATION: FIELD ADJOINING STONE HOUSE, TOTNELL, LEIGH, SHERBORNE, DT9 6HT

PLANNING OFFICER: Catherine Cluett

PARISH COUNCIL COMMENT: No Objection.

APPLICATION NO: WD/D/14/000532

PROPOSAL: Proposed change of use, proposed stables, proposed new vehicle access.

LOCATION: LAND ADJACENT TO HIGHER FIELD, TOTNELL, LEIGH, SHERBORNE, DT9 6HT

PLANNING OFFICER: Catherine Cluett

PARISH COUNCIL COMMENT: No Objection.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- 9.1 Provisional Dorset Highways Construction Programme for the 2014/15 financial year email received.
- 9.2 Draft Sherborne area Action Plan 2014-1017 consultation leaflet and response form received and emailed onto Councillors.
- 9.3 Sherborne Area Partnership Winter Newsletter emailed onto Councillors.
- 9.4 Superfast Dorset today named Bridport, Charmouth and Chideock as the first communities to benefit from its multi million pound roll-out of superfast broadband. This area is not yet in the pipeline. Mr Evans indicated that late 2016 was the anticipated date for Leigh.
- 9.5 Training dates from DAPTA – email circulated.
- 9.6 Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Mineral Sites Plan – Reminder email sent
- 9.7 Electoral review of West Dorset. Email from Chris Loder outlining revision of division of wards. The current proposal is for Holwell to go

- into Queen Thorne and for the rest of the Cam Vale ward to be merged with Yetminster and Bradford Abbas for a 2-councillor ward.
- 9.8 Details emailed of a survey that you are being asked to complete by WDDC and Weymouth and Portland Borough Council.
- 9.9 Dorset Highways Road Safety Team have set up a short survey asking for people's views on driver behaviour and their perceptions on how these affect safety on Dorset roads.
<https://www.dorsetforyou.com/412479>
- 9.10 Details of Chris Loder's website emailed. www.chrisloder.co.uk
- 9.11 Details of survey individuals have been asked to complete, following link <https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=138874023568>, the survey is to generate community profiles for West Dorset Weymouth and Portland.
- 9.12 Survey regarding Dorset Highways Road Safety Team circulated for Councillors' to complete. <https://www.dorsetforyou.com/412479>.
- 9.13 Review of planning application requirements checklist., emailed to councillors asking to complete the online consultation form. This consultation process has now completed and the copy of the report and action plan can be viewed on www.dorsetforyou.com using the link [:https://www.dorsetforyou.com/412604](https://www.dorsetforyou.com/412604) Cllr Orchard indicated that he had reservations about a number of checklist aspects that were no longer going to be reviewed with regards to planning: ie: impact on landscape. He felt this was an important aspect to review applications on. Collective concern to be sent to WDDC on the changes.
- 9.14 Update of Road traffic collision map available on <http://mapping.dorsetforyou.com/roadsafety/map>.
10. LONGBRIDGE DROVE-
- 10.1 Mr Evans reported that the drainage problems have been sorted. In general the Drove had not been ravaged by the wet winter. 4x4 vehicles were not using it as much.
11. DISCUSSION PERIOD.
- 11.1 Recent road repairs in the village had been excellent. However Batcombe Road was in a very poor state with 3 places in very poor condition. The junction area from Totnell Hill to Rookery Farm was in great need of attention.
- 11.2 Cllr Holder had had an enquiry about who to contact with regards to clearing the river, it was agreed that this would be the Environment Agency. Mr Evans would consider who to contact.
- 11.3 Mr. Dick Volkes asked if the Parish Council would re-instate producing a summary of the minutes for the Wriggle Valley Magazine. The Clerk agreed to send in a piece after each meeting.
- 11.4 Cllr Read informed the meeting that he was not considering standing again as Chair at the Annual General Meeting in May.
- 11.5 Cllr Strutt gave her apologies for the May meeting.
12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Annual Village Meeting at 7pm and Annual General Council Meeting at 7.30pm on 20th May 2014