

LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES
For Meeting Held At Leigh Village Hall On
16th September 2014 At 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Scutt, Cllr Bugler, Cllr Read, CCllr Bevan, Cllr Stillitano, DCllr Loder, the Clerk, PC Moore and 4 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE- Cllr Orchard.
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none declared
3. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES
 - 3.1 It was resolved "THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 15th JULY 2014 BE APPROVED AND SIGNED BY CHAIRMAN". The minutes were reviewed and agreed.
 - 3.2 Cllr Bugler indicated that he had not heard anything from Paul Orchard or Jack regarding the website. Karen Bugler has already expressed a desire to stop doing the website, she will continue until March when the licence expires. The site will then die if no one takes it on.
 - 3.3 Hedges and road problems highlighted by Cllr Bugler were reported to Clerk and these were reported to County Councils.
 - 3.4 Letter sent to garage owner regarding Landover, but Landover still in place. No response received.
 - 3.5 Note that the Clerk has lodged Leigh Parish Council Minutes 1988-1997 with Dorset History Centre Archives.
4. TRAFFIC SPEED PATROL IN LEIGH
 - 4.4 PC 229 Peter Moore, Safer Neighbourhood Team, Sherborne Rural introduced himself and his team. The Community Scheme Watch has only just started in Dorset, running in Yetminster and Longburton and appears to have reduced speed. If Leigh wished to set up a team they would need at least 6 volunteers and an overall manager. All volunteers would be vetted. The kit would be loaned to the volunteers for several months and then if they wished to purchase it would cost £300. Letters of warning sent by a team of volunteers in Sherborne, would be sent to those going over 36 or 37 mph. Repeat offenders of 3 or more would get a visit from a police officer. If any agro from drivers then the Police will visit the offenders. All locations have to have a risk assessment done prior to volunteers speed checking. PC Moore has no figures to prove the scheme reduces speed, but anecdotally it appears to be successful. DCllr Loder highlighted how successful the Longburton Speed watch team have been. Cllr Bugler asked if volunteers needed to have an eye sight test? At present no requirement to do so but PC Moore will review. No history of victimization to volunteers recorded. Everyone was in agreement that such a scheme would be welcome. Alan Hill volunteered under the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme to approach individuals who were interested and also advertise in the Wriggle Valley Magazine for volunteers. A volunteers came forward who might be prepared to oversea the scheme.
 - 4.3 Email from Paul Orchard indicting action regarding two accidents at the

junction of the A352 and New Road at the bottom of Sherborne Hill. The Clerk has emailed concerns about this to the highways department via the dorsetforyou website. Reply received: -“This site is being monitored as there have been 4 other recorded incidents in the past 5 years. There may be more which have not been reported to the police or did not result in personal injury.

However, as there is no consistency in the direction of travel or evidence that the road layout was a contributory factor causing the incidents to occur, it is difficult to know how best to improve this junction. Investigations are already underway to see if any low cost measures would improve the situation at this junction. I have passed your suggestions to the officer who deals with this area of work for consideration.

A larger scale redesign of the junction is being considered as part of the local transport plan which is subject to funding availability and prioritisation criteria. I have also made the officer who is responsible for the Local Transport Plan aware of your concerns.

Cllr Bevan indicated that budgetary consideration in recent years have indicated that the above plans are in abeyance until money becomes available and therefore there will be no time scale on these improvements. It was suggested that a letter to Sherborne Town Council asking for monitoring of signage in this area might have an effect in signs being removed and thereby making the area safer.

5 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 5.4 Clerks salary for 2 months. Total: £305.94 Clerks invoice for 2 months broadband at £5 per month, £10. Both items agreed. Proposed Cllr Stillitano, 2nd: Cllr Read. Voted For: Unanimous.
- 5.5 Invoice for Leigh Village Hall for 6 sessions at £60.00 on 7 occasions in 2013 at £411.00 received. Proposed Cllr Stillitano, 2nd: Cllr Read. Voted For: Unanimous.
- 5.6 The Clerk has been unable to find the contract for the lease of Totnell Copse. Cllr Read will approach the individual who has the lease and we will review at the next meeting.
- 5.7 Point 7 Alton Mead taken at this point. A letter received from Kevin Waterfall regarding registration of land for the Candle Auction which appears to be unregistered. Historically the land owners are reputed to be in New Zealand and the land has not been claimed for 20 years. Cllr Loder highlighted the need for haste to claim this land. It was agreed that Cllr Scutt would consult a Solicitor to ascertain the cost and process of claiming this land. She will also respond to the land registry letter indicating that the Parish Council wish to claim the land.

6 PLANNING MATTERS

- 6.4 Planning Training for Town and Parish Councillors. From DAPTC on 9th October, details circulated. Cllr Scutt booked onto event
- 6.5 Acolaid Case WD/D/14/001707 copy of the notice of Prior Approval for Higher Totnell Farm. Please be advised that as this is not a planning application we do not send plans out for consultation
- 6.6 Decision Notice WD/D/14/001402 LAND ADJACENT TO HIGHER FIELD, TOTNELL, LEIGH, SHERBORNE, DT9 6HT, Condition 3, 4, and 5 complied with.
- 6.7 Email from Amy Sellick informing the PC that the planning application for Newlands Cottage has now been submitted.

- 6.8 Letter from The Planning Inspectorate regarding WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 SECTION 53 and copy of a letter requesting copies of the Definitive Statement relating to Seiver's Lane from WDDC. A second letter received with copies of all the comments that have been received on the submitted statements of case. Notice that the exchange period has now ended.
- 6.9 Decision Notice WD/D/14/001402 LAND ADJACENT TO HIGHER FIELD, TOTNELL, LEIGH, SHERBORNE, DT9 6HT Section 3, 4 & 5 have been complied with.
- 6.10 Decision notice for application WD/D/14/001707 - Higher Totnell Farm, Totnell, Leigh. Prior approval is required and given with conditions.

APPLICATION NO: WD/D/14/0001755

PROPOSAL: Proposed extension and minor refurbishments to existing cottage.

LOCATION: NEULANDS COTTAGE, WRIGGLE RIVER LANE, BATCOMBE, DORCHESTER, DT27BG

PC COMMENTS: No Objections submitted 14/8/14

APPLICATION NO: WD/D/14/002061

PROPOSAL: Erect garden room at rear

LOCATION: 2 LONGMEADOW, THREE GATES, LEIGH, SHERBORNE, DT9 6JQ

PLANNING OFFICER: Penny Canning

PC COMMENTS: No objections – submitted 7/9/14

7 ALTON MEAD

- 7.1 Discussed at point 5.5.

8 ELECTORIAL REVIEW

- 8.1 Following the final decision by the Electoral Boundaries Commission Leigh is to become part of the Frome Valley Ward. This has resulted in a formal complaint from the Parish Council which has now been accelerated to level 2 of the complaint process.
- 8.2 Cllr Scutt was impressed to have received a response from Oliver Letwin MP who may be limited in his ability to be involved because of his position, but is asking for a debate on the matter.
- 8.3 The next deadline will be the 20th October 2014 for the PC to receive a response to their complaint.
- 8.4 DCllr Loder spoke on his letter of concern at the process of representation. He was happy to support the Leigh complaint and suggested that they reflect on what tangible difference Leigh will find now that they are going to be part of the Frome Valley and what might be lost? He also suggested thinking of an alternative solution. Councillor's to review and bring back key points for Cllr Scutt to utilize in the 3rd and final stage of the complaint process.
- 8.5 It was agreed to form a working group of Cllr Bugler, Cllr Scutt and Cllr Stillitano.
- 8.6 Cllr Scutt to approach the Boundary Commission with a request of the decision making process under the Freedom Of Information Act. There may be a cost to be agreed for this information.

9 WEBSITE

- 9.1 Cllr Scutt to speak to Jack regarding the website.

10 BOYLES TRUST

- 10.1 Alan Hill presented a copy of the constitution of Boyles Trust so that the Council can be aware of its obligations. He is the representative at present and happy to continue. The only responsibility for the Parish Council is to elect a representative from Leigh every 3 years. He informed the meeting that advertising of the grant to children going onto further education is due to take place.

11 "WELCOME PACK",

- 11.1 Dorothy Baldock would like to give up the co-ordinating of the village "Welcome Pack", after 14 years of undertaking this task. Wendy Stillitano has now been recruited to fulfill this role. Thanks to both Dorothy and Wendy for their contribution.

12 CORRESPONDENCE

- 12.1 Issues raised at meeting logged onto dorsetforyou website 21/7/14 Location: South Street - 1.Hedge of the Old Bakery requires cutting back as it is encroaching on the road and also Playground sign is getting obscured. 2.Brambles from hedge of Sunnydene starting to encroach near junction. 3.Hedge of field just past Sewage pumping station Chetnole Road (Heading westerly) is encroaching road causing vehicles to move out. Also in the hedge there is a Hump Back bridge sign completely hidden. 4.Hedge on left hand side of Backdrove heading south easterly from Chetnole road, needs trimming at several point up the road. 5.The road surface of Back Drove is cracking is several places between South Street Junction and Batcombe Road 6.Road surface of Batcombe Road opposite Brook House is disintegrating and need a major repair work. 7. Hedge overhanging and need trimming on left hand side of junction of Batcombe Road and Totnell Hill near to river bridge.
- 12.2 Issues raised at meeting logged onto dorsetforyou website 21/7/14 Subject: Rd Mark White-Miss/Fade/Worn. Street: SHERBORNE ROAD. Location: Sherborne Road - 1.South Street , Leigh - SLOW sign painted on road has almost disappeared and requires repainting. 2. White lines at junction of Backdrove and Batcombe Road need repainting 3.Top of Totnell Hil Junction 30mph painted sign on road is disappearing as are the white lines at corner. 4.White lines at junction of Miz Maze with Yetminster road 5.Calfhay Cross Roads white lines need repainting. 6. Bound Lane Farm white lines at junction to Batcombe road need repainting
- 12.3 Email from Highways with some important information on their Revised Maintenance Programme circulated.
- 12.4 Details of Healthwatch Dorset circulated. Sent to Wriggle Valley Magazine to see if they are interested in publishing details.
- 12.5 Public Health Dorset | Update bulletin - July 2014 circulated.
- 12.6 DAPTC'S Chief Executive's Circular for July circulated.
- 12.7 Sherborne Area Housing Forum, Agenda & Minutes circulated.
- 12.8 CONSULTATION ON FURTHER PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE NEW LOCAL PLAN FOR WEST DORSET, WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND - The majority of changes relate to chapter 3 (Sustainable Pattern of Development). The Proposed Changes are available to view, alongside the original evidence, at: <http://www.dorsetforyou.com/localplanexamination/west/weymouth>
- 12.9 SHERBORNE AREA HOUSING FORUM minutes circulated. West Dorset District Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council are carrying out a joint

Review of their Community Planning Services. An explanatory letter from Hilary Jordan, Spatial & Community Policy Manager, circulated. Everyone involved in Community Planning in West Dorset, including the Sherborne Area, is invited to take part in this process which includes a survey which can be accessed via <https://www.dorsetforyou.com/communityplan/west>

- 12.10 'Recycle for Dorset' - delivery of containers information circulated.
- 12.11 Rural Crime Statistics & PACT Priorities from SAP circulated.
- 12.12 SAP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE We will be holding our AGM at 5.30 for 6.00pm on Wednesday 1st October in the Small Hall at the Digby Hall, Hound St, Sherborne.
- 12.13 West Dorset PCC Forum Minutes circulated.
- 12.14 The Safer Dorset fund has been created as a resource to support local voluntary groups in initiatives that make Dorset safer in line with the six priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan: We would welcome applications for both Adult and Youth projects, including youth projects delivered by young people. Young people who wish to set up a project should have support from an appropriate mentor.
- 12.15 Dorset Highways Councillors Satisfaction Survey 2014, pdf file forwarded.
- 12.16 Rural mobile phone users unhappy email received from SAP.
- 12.17 SAP AGM 1st October
- 12.18 More on Magna Housing Association's plans to sell land in Sherborne from SAP:- <http://www.westerngazette.co.uk/Row-breaks-housing-association-s-plans-sell-land/story-22758674-detail/story.html>
- 12.19 Strengthening our Fire and Rescue Service: A Consultation by Dorset Fire Authority. You will find consultation documents to supply more information and you can take part by completing the questionnaire on-line through our website, or by submitting a more detailed written response. Please copy and paste this link into your web browser. <http://www.dorsetfire.gov.uk/working-with-us/about-us/strengthening-our-fire-and-rescue-service/>
- 12.20 New legislation regarding the recording/filming of Parish and Town Council meetings emailed.
- 12.21 The Accessible Britain Challenge - Letter from the Minister of State for Disabled People emailed.
- 12.22 Email from DCC regarding recruiting for Flood Wardens also letter with posters received.
- 12.23 Planning Consultation - your views are being sought by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC), comments to be emailed to NALC.
- 12.24 Letter from John Pidgeon who is researching for a book on the Dorset Home Guard. He asks if any of your parish council members might help with scans of photographs of the local platoons. They may be on the wall of your local village hall, wall of the pub or many villages have an enthusiast who is the unofficial village archive keeper.
- 12.25 Information from DCC regarding Activities at Sherborne Children's Centre.
- 12.26 Fly tipping noted by Paul Orchard has been reported to WDDC via the dorsetforyou website.

13 ITEMS OF URGENT NATURE SUBJECT TO CHAIRMAN'S APPROVAL

- 13.1 Cllr Scutt has now received Paul Orchard's resignation and has had an enquiry from someone who is interested in becoming a Councillor.
- 13.2 A formal record of thanks to be sent to Cllr Orchard for all his hard work.

14 DISCUSSION PERIOD.

- 14.1 It was asked that the Clerk write to the GPO to find out what is happening regarding the telegraph poles that appear unused throughout the village, following work to replace power cables about 12 months ago. They are located from Totnell down through to Chetnole Road .
- 14.2 The Clerk to write a letter to Highways, at County Council regarding the pothole outside the property White Gates on Batcombe road. This caused a serious accident to a cyclist who had to be taken to hospital.
- 14.3 Dorset Play Partnership Stakeholder event - Weds 22nd October 2014 at Bovington Park. – details passed to Play Park Committee.
- 14.4 Lytchett Minster & Upton Town Council - Recently appointed Mayor
- 14.5 Cllr Scutt spoke to the Chairman at High Stoy and someone else will be doing their winter snow clearing. The plan to be reviewed and costs agreed for approval at the next meeting.
- 14.6 Cllr Bevan pointed out that any issues with hedges if privately owned, were the responsibility of private landowners. County Council can enforce if given names and addresses of problem areas. He also highlighted that the best management of signs would be to contact Roland Skeats or Oliver Little who are the two engines responsibly for signs.
- 14.7 Road at Batcombe has been reviewed by Cllr Bevan and repairs required and this has been reported to Roland Skeats.
- 14.2 CCllr Bevan presented copies of the Corporate Plan 2014-2015. CCllr Bevan has a simplified version for Councillors to digest. Please direct any questions to CCllr Bevan.
- 14.3 He reported on Boundary changes. The Boundary Commission is looking at changes next year with regards to County changes which will come into force in May 2017. 45 County Councillors, no plan to reduce but intention is to increase by 1 in Christchurch due to a growing population.
- 14.4 Cllr Bevan indicated that changes in the field of Adult and Social Care –Savings of £26.9 million are needed to be made. The idea is for a LATC (Local Authority Trading Company) to be formed. They have been asked to come up with a business case. This is not privatisation, though experienced private individuals will be brought in, there will be an executive board overseeing the process. This will be monitored by a shareholder board of 5 elected councillors. It will be in place for 5 years. Consultation from now to July next year. CCllr Bevan has reservations and therefore will be closely scrutinizing the process. Councillors voiced similar concerns.

15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 18th November 2014 at 7.30pm.