

**LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
For Meeting Held At Leigh Village Hall On  
18<sup>th</sup> November 2014 At 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr Holder (Acting Chairman), Cllr Vincent, Cllr Bugler, Cllr Read, Cllr Stillitano, Cllr Bennett, the Clerk, and 3 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – DCllr Loder, Cllr Scutt,
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none declared.
3. TO CO-OPT COUNCILLOR
  - 3.1 It was resolved that “MR BENNETT BE CO-OPTED ONTO THE PARISH COUNCIL OF LEIGH”.  
Proposed: Cllr Vincent Proposed: Cllr Read, Voted For: Unanimous. Mr Bennett agreed to sign to abide by the Code of Conduct and to complete a Registration of Interest form.
4. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES
  - 4.1 It was resolved “THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014 BE APPROVED AND SIGNED BY CHAIRMAN”. Unanimously agreed.
5. TRAFFIC SPEED PATROL IN LEIGH
  - 5.1 Alan Hill was not able to be present to update regarding formation of Speed Watch.
  - 5.2 The Clerk has written a letter to Highways, at County Council regarding the pothole outside the property White Gates on Batcombe road, and this has resulted in repairs.
6. FINANCIAL MATTERS
  - 6.1 Different aspects of the budget were discussed, these including play ground relocation and the need to build up a fund to be ring fenced for the future, it was agreed to ring fence £1000.00 for this future project.
  - 6.2 It was discussed whether the meeting could be moved to the smaller room to reduce costs. It was agreed to approach the Village Hall Committee to reduce the cost of the meeting in the hall to that rented to local organisations, Clerk to contact the village hall committee.
  - 6.3 Alton Mead cost discussed and outcome of visiting the Solicitor appraised. It was agreed that no action would be taken.
  - 6.4 It was agreed to add in £200 for contingency cost to the Snow Plan.
  - 6.5 It was agreed that provision for the Clerk to use a computer would be made with £180 put into the budget.
  - 6.6 It was resolved that “THE LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL WOULD MAKE A DEMAND FOR PRECEPT OF £5500.00 HAVING REVIEWED DRAFT BUDGET.” Proposed: Cllr Bugler, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cllr Read  
Unanimously agreed.
  - 6.7 Clerks salary for 2 months. Total: £305.94 Unanimously agreed.
  - 6.8 Clerks invoice for 2 months broadband at £5 per month, £10. Unanimously agreed.
  - 6.9 The rental for Totnell Copse was discussed with a view to the land being common land and therefore not rentable. Common land is land owned collectively or by one person but over which other people have certain traditional rights such as to allow their livestock to graze upon it, to collect firewood or to cut turf for fuel. It was agreed that the Council would no longer charge for the lease.
7. PLANNING MATTERS
  - 7.1 Acknowledgement of prior approval application WD/D/14/002356 - Cross Farm, Leigh
  - 7.2 Cllr Scutt responded to the Technical Consultation on Planning
  - 7.3 Weekly list planning lists circulated & Delegated List - Planning Applications & Decisions
  - 7.4 Adoption of a new Planning Validation Checklist email circulated.

- 7.5 Comments from Leigh Parish Council on Application WD/D/14/001564 (CROSS FARM, LEIGH, SHERBORNE, ) No objection.
- 7.6 Comments from Leigh Parish Council on Application WD/D/14/001553 (CROSS FARM, LEIGH, SHERBORNE,) No objection.
- 7.7 Enforcement Investigation - WD/ENF/14/00334 ST ANDREWS CHURCH, CHETNOLE ROAD, LEIGH details circulated.
8. ALTON MEAD
- 8.1 It was discussed and agreed that no action was to be taken.
9. ELECTORIAL REVIEW
- 9.1 Cllr Bugler updated Cllr Bennett on the position of Leigh concerns. Cllr Scutt sent out an outline of the situation so that Councillors could decide how or if they wished to react should the Boundary Commission refuse to uphold their complaint. The floor was unanimous in supporting the parish councils concerns in losing links with the Sherborne area. It was resolved "IF THE RESPONSE THROUGH THE COMPLAINTS PROCESS DOES NOT UPHOLD LEIGH PARISH COUNCILS COMPLAINT THEN LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL SHOULD GO TO THEIR MP AND REQUEST TO MAKE A COMPLAINT TO THE PARLIAMENTARY OMNIBUSMAN THAT THE DUE PROCESS HAS NOT BEEN ADHERED TO IN DEFINING THE NEW BOUNDARIES. IF THE MP IS UNABLE TO SUPPORT THE PARISH COUNCIL THEN AN ALTERNATIVE MP SHOULD BE FOUND TO SPEAK ON THE PARISH COUNCILS BEHALF." Proposed: Cllr Burgler, Seconded: Cllr Holder. Unanimously agreed.
10. SNOW PLAN
- 10.1 It was agreed that Cllr Holder would contact Anthony Mayo regarding snow clearing and get a quotation. It was agreed that Cllr Bugler would update the snow plan and submit updated version in time for this year's cold weather.
11. DORSET RIGHTS OF WAY – SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT
- 11.1 Trevor Evans had been asked to look at a proposition from Dorset Rights of Way, that LPC might be interested in entering into a SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT(SLA) with Dorset Rights of Way. It was agreed that the Leigh Parish Council would not enter into a Service Level Agreement.
12. WEBSITE
- 12.1 Jack Paterson has agreed to update the Village Website. He is starting to build the website and he has asked to agree a point of transition, using the same address but using a different hosting company. Karen Bugler will continue managing the web site until the end of March, but there may be a transition in handover before this date.
13. CORRESPONDENCE
- 13.1 Sherborne area partnership AGM invitation circulated.
- 13.2 Consultation on the future of Dorset Fire and Rescue Service email circulated. Also email re: Strengthening our Fire & Rescue Service - A Consultation by Dorset Fire Authority circulated.
- 13.3 DAPTC AGM 2014 Resolutions for Consideration by member councils circulated.
- 13.4 Encouraging community interest in Parish and Town Council Elections email circulated.
- 13.5 Consultation on BT's payphone removal programme - proposed removal in Leigh. Response by Clerk was "I received your email regarding the removal of the telephone box in Leigh. The Councillors have no objection, however, our area is served quite poorly by the mobile phone operators, with variable reception, and we would like details of how we should go about getting a phone mast placed in our area." Reply was "I'm afraid this isn't my area of work – I've done a quick web search and haven't been able to find out much – it's not an area the council deals with other than the position of them through planning once an operator comes to us. I did come across the following new article which may help with the outcome: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-27953508> .I think you'll need to lobby the phone providers to improve the local coverage."
- 13.6 Healthwatch Dorset email circulated.

- 13.7 Safer Dorset Fund Documentation and Workshop materials email circulated.
- 13.8 West Dorset Partnership Annual Assembly 2014 - 6 November.
- 13.9 There was a request to have telegraph poles in the village removed. The Clerk unable to find anyone responsible contacted Cllr Scutt who tracked the telegraph pole issue to Openreach. She spoke with them and had to complete an on-line complaint form to register the issue, and received a response with a reference number. She will inform Council when a response is received.
- 13.10 Electoral review of Dorset County Council details of consultation emailed. The independent Local Government Boundary Commission for England is asking Dorset parishes and local people for their help to draw up a new pattern of electoral divisions for Dorset County Council. Clerk to locate email and resend out for attention of Councillors.
- 13.11 FW: Dorset PCC - Business Crime Consultation and Conference 04.11.14
- 13.12 DAPTC Annual General Meeting - 10am to 1pm on Saturday 8th November 2014 at County Hall, Dorchester, Dorset.
- 13.13 Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Planning for Minerals and Waste details emailed.

14. ITEMS OF URGENT NATURE SUBJECT TO CHAIRMAN'S APPROVAL

- 14.1 Phillipa Toulson spoke on Pogles Wood and the Forest School. It is 4 years to the day since she spoke to the Parish Council on this subject and wished to give an update. The project realised early on that planning consent for change of use was needed and this process has taken 9 months. Agreement was given for continuation of activities until planning permission given. This year 3 initiative activities have taken place - 9 children have done their conservation award. They are starting to deliver Adult conservation awards. They have also used the site for a series of adult literature days. Also for schools projects funded by Ernest Cook Trust, for children who underperform in literacy and need to improve their skills. Looking to the future they are in the process of looking to move away from Folke Southwest charity status and become a community initiative. They plan to work with young mothers and become ofsted registered, so they can provide better provision for children of working parents. At present the site is working 2 to 3 days per year between March and November. Due to weather conditions they are planning to put in place a carbon neutral indoor space.
- 14.2 CE Circular number 8, DAPTC circulated.
- 14.3 Information re. DAPTC AGM on Saturday 8th November 2014, Agenda & Minutes circulated.
- 14.4 The Accessible Britain Challenge - Information about The Accessible Britain Challenge Awards - 30.10.14
- 14.5 Nominations for Elections - Annual Meeting of National Council - 09 December 2014
- 14.6 Crime Support Worker - Dorset and Wiltshire
- 14.7 Elections for 3 Directly Elected members of Smaller Councils' Committee 2015.
- 14.8 Invoice for £50.00 from DAPTC for Planning training.
- 14.9 Changes to the definitive map and statement – Leigh, papers available.
- 14.10 **APPLICATION NO: WD/D/14/002061**  
PROPOSAL: Erect garden room at rea  
LOCATION: 2 LONGMEADOW, THREE GATES, LEIGH, SHERBORNE, DT9 6JQ  
Amended Plan WD/D/14/002061 received and emailed to Councillors link 12/9/14  
**APPROVAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION GIVEN 20/1/14**

15. DISCUSSION PERIOD.

- 16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7.30pm.