

LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES
For Meeting Held At Leigh Village Hall On
Tuesday 17th March 2015 At 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Scutt, Cllr Holder, Cllr Bugler, Cllr Stillitano, Cllr Bennett, CCllr Bevan and 3 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Vincent.
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
3. CO OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR
 - 3.1 Richard Smith was not present to be co-opted.
4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
 - 4.1 It was agreed "THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 14th JANUARY 2015 BE APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN with the amendment at 4.8 with the correct spelling of Cllr Bugler." Unanimously agreed.
5. FINANCIAL MATTERS
 - 5.1 Clerks salary for 2 months due. Total: £305.94. Proposed: Cllr Bugler 2nd: Cllr Bennett Unanimously agreed.
 - 5.2 Clerks invoice for 2 months broadband at £5 per month due £10. Proposed: Cllr Bugler 2nd: Cllr Bennett. Unanimously agreed.
 - 5.3 Invoice for Village Hall rental £234.00. Proposed: Cllr Bugler 2nd: Cllr Bennett Unanimously agreed.
 - 5.4 Cllr Bugler agreed to find a low cost scoop for grit bin.
6. AWARDING GRANTS
 - 6.1 Process of awarding grants was discussed and it was agreed that a note should be put in the Wriggle Valley Magazine and on the website to request application for grants. It was agreed that this would request parties to apply in writing for a maximum amount with a deadline to apply by. Any applications will then be discussed at the May meeting. 2 grants in line to consider, one to support the welcome pack and the other to support Speed Traffic Patrol. There is a statutory duty to support graveyard maintenance. Cllr Scutt is awaiting to contact individuals who have expressed an interest in the speed watch project.
7. PLANNING MATTERS
 - 7.1 Neighbourhood Planning Seminar on Tuesday 24th March from 10am to 3.30pm at Leigh Village Hall, Leigh, Near Sherborne
 - 7.2 Discussed the use and needs of developing a Neighbourhood plan.
8. SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT
 - 8.1 Councillors considered the proposal of putting in place a service level agreement for clearing of byways by Dorset Rights of Way. Looking at an extra service of footpaths will get both spring and autumn cuts and will keep the paths wider open. 2 paths are suggested:- down along Pound Farm, down to the stile, the other would be past

Fudges and northwards. Criteria for selection would be footpaths that are easily accessible from the village and regularly used. Cost of this would be in the region of £24 per year. It was agreed that the two footpaths identified by Trevor Evans would enter into a Service Level Agreement for the forthcoming year with an anticipated cost of approximately £24. This money would be found from contingency monies. Cllr Scutt to sign paperwork generated by Dave Ackley on advice from Trevor Evans. They will look at identifying further areas for attention over the forthcoming years.

- 8.2 Discussed the transposing of stiles for gates and if there is a need for them. Cllr Bennett wondered if the PC should not under guidance of Trevor Evans, identify potential stiles that could be changed for the benefit of parishioners. 2 stiles behind Miz May down to Batcombe were thought to be suitable— £120 per gate. Trevor Evans agreed to discuss with landowner and bring back to the meeting. It may be possible to purchase the gates under a grant scheme from CCllr Bevan. He will investigate if the gates fall within the remit.
- 8.3 Trevor Evans has succeeded in getting a tree preservation order in place down Sievers Lane. He is going to map ancient trees in the land next week.
- 8.4 Bailey Drove is now in the hands of the Supreme Court.

9. UPDATE ON BOUNDARY COMMISSION.

- 9.1 Parliamentary commission has requested all correspondence with the Parish Council, which has been duly forwarded for their consideration. Parliamentary Ombudsmen has now informed the Parish Council, that because we are a public funded body that they cannot consider Leigh's objection.
- 9.2 Discussed different methods of objections, ie petition from the village. Cllr Scutt to enquire from Oliver Letwin about the petition. She will also enquire from WDDC to which District potential councillors should be putting on their nomination forms.

10. EMERGENCY PLAN

- 10.1 The Parish Council reviewed if Leigh Parish Council should provide an Emergency Plan and generate a sub group to develop to review possible grants ie Grin. Cllr Bugler had in the past worked on an emergency plan and will resurrect the paperwork and bring back to the next meeting. Cllr Stillitano offered to help work on updating the plan. Cllr Bugler and Cllr Stillitano to discuss and bring back to the next meeting..

11. TRAFFIC SPEED PATROL IN LEIGH – no update available.

12. ELECTIONS 7TH MAY 2015

- 12.1 Councillors to review nomination pack and complete as appropriate. Nominations may be submitted on or after the 16 March 2015 and the deadline for their receipt in the Elections Office will be **4pm on Thursday, 9th April 2015.**

13. NEW RESIDENTS MEETING

- 13.1 Table at the meeting has been booked. Cllr Bugler will attend for 2 hours.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

- 14.1 Local government financial settlement consultation email circulated.
- 14.2 Sherborne Area Housing Forum Agenda & Minutes circulated.
- 14.3 Peoples Health Trusts
- 14.4 Calendar of DAPTC courses circulated.
- 14.5 Dorset Highways' Provisional Capital Program 2015/16

- 14.6 DAPTC Chief Executive's Circular
- 14.7 AGM Sherborne branch of CPRE
- 14.8 SAP Quarterly Report for February 2015
- 14.9 The Care Act - County Council consultation
- 14.10 DAPTA emailing reminding Councillors to use website.
- 14.11 WEST DORSET, WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND LOCAL PLAN MAIN MODIFICATIONS CONSULTATION
- 14.12 Mobile Library Schedules.- copy on website.
- 14.13 Reflector post repair/replacement on Totnel Road reported. Ref:1032817. Some have been replaced.
- 14.14 Correspondence regarding Sievers Lane continues.

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

- 15.1 Cllr Bennett raised the issue of the percentage increase in precept and emphasised the need to keep the percentage increase at a minimum without good explanation.
- 15.2 Phone call from Di Morris requesting funding from the Parish Council in the region of £50 to help with the cost of framing and hanging a tapestry of the whole village done for the village hall. It was agreed that this grant would be considered at the May meeting. Cllr Stillitano would inform Ms Morris of this.

16. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

- 16.1 Cllr Bevan, CC were given divisional budget of £5000 for specific divisional projects. £400 has been left over and can be carried over to next year. This is for projects that are one offs and not for further monies. First come basis as of 5th April 2015. To review if gates for footpaths would fall within the remit for this grant. Cllr Bevan to check and come back to Clerk.
- 16.2 Dick informed the meeting that there were still GPO posts that needed removal, one on the right hand side of Totnel Corner and others in the village that needed to go. Unfortunately it is not within the powers of the PC to have them removed, though previously Cllr Scutt attempted to find out who to contact.
- 16.3 A request was made that the Parish Council give consideration to providing a dog waste bin. Clerk explained the process of acquiring a bin and difficulties at present due to Dorset Waste Partnership takeover. It was agreed that Cllr Scutt would contact the Village Hall Committee to see if it would be possible to site a waste bin by the noticeboard. If they are in agreement, then to pursue from there.
- 16.4 Mrs Penfold, outlined the new villages in the Frome Valley Ward. Cllr Bugler indicated the reasons for his concerns at the ward boundary changes.
- 16.5 Format for Village meeting at 7pm 19th May 2015 discussed. Cllr Scutt to contact Village Hall Committee and put notice on board, on the website and put a piece in the Wriggle Valley Magazine.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Village Meeting 19th May 2015 at 7.00pm.

Followed by Full Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm.