

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

Present: Cllr Scutt, Cllr Stillitano, Cllr Bennett, Cllr Smith, DCllr Penfold, Diana West, the Clerk and 3 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Vincent, Cllr Bugler
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
3. Cllr Bennet Regarding Planning at point 7.6
4. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES
- 4.1 It was resolved "THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 15th SEPTEMBER 2015 BE APPROVED AND SIGNED BY CHAIRMAN". Unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman.
4. MATTERS ARISING, NOT ALREADY ON AGENDA.- nothing noted.
5. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR
- 5.1 It was resolved "THAT DIANA WEST WAS CO-OPTED ONTO THE COUNCIL".
Proposed: Cllr Scutt. 2nd: Cllr Bennett. Unanimously agreed. Forms were given to Cllr West to sign and accept the code of conduct and complete the Business Interest forms.
6. FINANCIAL MATTERS
- 6.1 Clerks salary for 2 months - £305.94. Unanimously agreed.
- 6.2 Superfast broadband has increased the cost of internet Clerks invoice for 2 months will now be £10 per month, £20. Proposed: Cllr Bennett, 2nd: Cllr Stillitano. Unanimously agreed
- 6.3 Cllr Scutt discussed the idea of a subcommittee to discuss the budget. It was resolved THAT CLLR BENNETT AND CLLR SMITH WOULD FORM A SUBCOMMITTEE WITH THE CLERK AS SUPPORT. Proposed: Cllr Scutt, 2nd: Cllr Smith Unanimously agreed. 2 meetings to be agreed each year one before the July meeting to discuss end of year accounts and one before the November meeting to discuss budget. Any other meetings as required.
- 6.4 The precept and costing were discussed. Concern was raised that the Parish Council should fund the Play Area on a regular basis without any commitment from any other body to raise funds or have a plan of cost. There was support on the concept of the play area and there was some understanding that the PC should make a substantial commitment to the funding of this. The lease expires in 2017. Cllr Scutt agreed to send a letter to the Chairman of the Play Area to identify plans for the playground and what the possible costs may be.
- 6.5 It was agreed that the gates and paths would continue to be developed.
- 6.6 It was resolved "THAT THE PRECEPT FOR THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR WOULD BE £5500". Proposed: Cllr Bennett, 2nd: Cllr Smith. Voted Unanimous.
7. PLANNING MATTERS
- 7.1 The Planning Inspectorate – letters sent in relation to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Section 53.
- 7.2 Correspondence from Gordon Morris regarding Buy to Let policy were circulated.
- 7.3 Hastoe housing information circulated, Cllr Scutt to formulate a response from contributions of Councillors. .
- 7.4 West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Local Plan 2011-2031 has now been formally adopted.

<p>APPLICATION NO: WD/D/15/001874 PROPOSAL: Erection of detached 2-bay garage. Extension of driveway. LOCATION: STONE HOUSE, TOTNELL, LEIGH, SHERBORNE, DT9 6HT No objection, submitted 16/9/15.</p>
<p>APPLICATION NO: WD/D/15/001841 PROPOSAL: Install standalone solar Photovoltaic modules, access, cable route and associated infrastructure. LOCATION; LAND AT ALTON MEAD LANE, LEIGH, YETMINSTER. PC Comments:- Leigh is not objecting to having this solar farm, although on a 4-2 split in favour. We would wish before approval is given, for them to indicate where they propose the connection to the National Grid , substation, cabling and any roadwork's required. We would also request that access to the site is not through the village, but from the lane at Bailey Ridge, avoiding both Yetminster and Leigh villages. If WDCC can satisfy themselves on these points, we would like to be assured.</p>
<p>APPLICATION NO: WD/D/15/002098 PROPOSAL: Outline applications to erect 2 no. new dwellings with double garages. LOCATION; LAND SOUTH OF BACK DROVE, LEIGH. PC Comments: Submitted 29/10/15 Leigh PC have unanimously objected to this development. We believe it to be against the 2006 Local Plan, which is current until 2016. This development would be against section 5.5.4 of the plan which restricts development outside the defined development boundary and in particular Policy SS3 DEVELOPMENT OUTSIDE DEFINED DEVELOPMENT BOUNDARIES. Although there is evidence on ancient maps of the area showing a building on the site, it was 1847. Policy HS7 does not permit development to replace existing dwellings this does not apply where the dwelling is derelict, in the case of a building on this site, no remains are visible, and therefore development would not be permitted under this policy. The junction of South Street/Back Drove has very recently had a collision, demolishing the road sign. Since this junction is considered difficult, further traffic would not be encouraged.</p>
<p>APPLICATION NO: WD/D/15/002213 PROPOSAL: Cover existing yard/silage clamp LOCATION; CROSS FARM LEIGH. SHERBORNE DT96HP PC Comments: No objection unanimously agreed at Council meeting 17/11/15</p>

8. PLAY PARK

- 8.1 Email from Cllr Bugler to indicating that the lease was ending and the committee has also had some money donated by the Rotary Club.
- 8.2 Discussions on where the playground might be placed..
- 8.3 Cllr Scutt to ask Cllr Bugler for clarity regarding the position and responsibility of the PC and the Play Area.

9. BOYLES TRUST

- 9.1 Cllr Smith gave a background of the Trust. He has now been accepted onto the board. This year there were 11 applicants. Suggested that a more appropriate advertising of funding be done to generate more demand for grants.

10. GATES

- 10.1 Trevor Evans updated the meeting that there are 6 gates being installed, where money has already been allocated sites checked and contracts signed. They are awaiting delivery and WDDC will put them in. There is one area where there may be a gate donated but if not then there may be a request for further funding for a gate. It was suggested that an article be written to advertise what the PC has done with regards this project. Trevor informed the meeting that the furniture is the responsibility of the owners, but the surface is the responsibility of the

County. Footpath 52 and 54 and a bit of 56 are the ones that are being concentrated on at present with consideration in identifying other footpaths.

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- 11.1 Cllr Scutt introduced David Torrance from Yetminster. The concept of a Neighbourhood Plan was discussed. Cllr Scutt explained that working with different localities would allow Leigh to benefit from the advantages of scale while also being able to localise to accommodate the needs of Leigh.
- 11.2 David Torrance giving a perspective of Yetminster's view on a Neighbourhood plan. The desire for having a Neighbourhood plan to give a legal argument for the local area, so that they have control over their planning and development. Having a wider consultation with the local areas would be of benefit regarding communication, consultation and work load.
- 11.3 Cllr Stillitano was concerned that a wide ranging area for the neighbourhood plan would dilute the Leigh perspective.
- 11.3 It was resolved "THAT LEIGH WILL DEVELOP A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN, THAT CLLR SCUTT AND CLLR SMITH WOULD DEVELOPE A STEERING GROUP TO MOVE THE PROJECT FORWARD AND TO DISCUSS WITH NEIGHBOURING PARISH COUNCILS".
Proposed: Cllr Scutt, 2nd Cllr Bennett. Voted: Unanimous.

12. WASTE BIN

- 12.1 This has been ordered, Cllr Scutt to chase.

13. INSURANCE

- 13.1 Cllr Smith and Cllr Bennett will review the insurance documents and report back to the next committee.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

- 14.1 Sherborne Area Housing Forum
- 14.2 Grit Bin Re-fills
- 14.3 Working Together Report – response by 30th November 2015.
- 14.4 ELECTORAL REVIEW OF DORSET: FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS
- 14.5 Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils (DAPTC) - AGM Saturday 7th November 2015
- 14.6 Salt bag application forms and process
- 14.7 Siever's Lane correspondence, the lane will now be downgraded to a Bridle Way.

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

16. DISCUSSION PERIOD.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Suggested dates for next year subject to booking. Meeting will be at 7.30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

19th January 2016

15th March 2016

17th May 2016

Annual Village meeting at 7pm

19th July 2016

20th September 2016

15th November 2016