

Leigh Parish Council – statement of intended use of the 4.03 acre field adjacent to Leigh Village Hall

On successful purchase of the 4.03 acres immediately to the west of the Leigh Village Hall, the intent of Leigh Parish Council (LPC) would be to create a Village Green of some 2 acres on the north section, with the unused south section remaining as agricultural land. It would thus secure the area as a green space in the centre of Leigh village for future generations.

Village Green (north section) – intended use

1. To create a c.2 acre (exact proportion yet to be determined) mowed grass area, bordered where appropriate by a post-and-rail fence (or equivalent).
2. To seek in due course to have this area formally registered as a Village Green (as defined by the Commons Act 2006)
3. To be an open space that anyone could enjoy for short-term occasional activities such as: village events; picnics, informal family games and other such activities that families without access to a suitable garden might otherwise not be able to enjoy in the village.
4. To complement the community-based purpose of the existing Leigh Village Hall, and work in conjunction with it and its events, as agreed with the Leigh Village Hall committee.
5. To authorise, for specific events only as approved by LPC, the erection of temporary sporting equipment, marquees, stalls and similar facilities in support of the above aims.
6. To be entitled to establish occasional park benches at suitable points around the perimeter.

Remaining agricultural land (south section) – intended use

1. To remain as agricultural land, with the right to let this area for agricultural purpose.
2. To be entitled to plant a hedge along the dividing border with the Village Green section, and to plant occasional trees (eg. Oak, beech and the like).
3. To use on occasion as an 'overflow car park' for associated Village Hall / Village Green events.

General to both sections - presently unidentified future needs

That LPC in future, on identification of a new material enduring recreational or agricultural need of the village, be free to seek approval from the freeholder their agreement to incorporate this additional need. Such request by LPC to be in writing, and the change only commenced after receipt of the freeholder's written agreement, which would not be unreasonably withheld or delayed if the request is in the spirit of the above intended use.

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