

LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 9th May 2023 Leigh Parish Council Annual General Meeting (7:30 PM) in Leigh Village Hall

	<u>COUNCILLORS PRESENT</u>
	Steven Humphries – Incoming Chairman SH
	Charlie Adey CA
	Alan Bennett – Outgoing Chairman AB
	Mark Read MR
	Julie Taylor JT
	Sam Vincent SV

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

1.	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> None.
2.	<u>ELECTIONS AND DECLARATIONS</u> 2.1 Cllr. AB proposed and Cllr. MR seconded the motion that Mr. Alfie Southwell be co-opted as a Leigh parish councillor. The motion was voted on and unanimously approved. 2.2 Cllr. AB proposed and Cllr. MR seconded that Cllr. SH be elected as Chairman for the year 2023/2024. The vote was unanimous in favour. Cllr. AB proposed and Cllr. MR seconded that Cllr. SV be elected as Vice Chairman for the year 2023/2024. The vote was unanimous in favour.
3.	<u>FINANCES AND ACCOUNTS</u> 3.1 The accounts for the year to 31 st March 2023 had been distributed to councillors in advance of the meeting. Cllr. SH proposed and Cllr. AB seconded that the accounts be approved. The vote was unanimous in favour. 3.2 The Governance Statement for the year to 31 st March 2023 had been distributed to councillors in advance of the meeting. Cllr. SH proposed and Cllr. AB seconded that the Governance Statement be approved. The vote was unanimous in favour. 3.3 The Asset Register for the year to 31 st March 2023 had been distributed to councillors in advance of the meeting. Cllr. SH proposed and Cllr. AB seconded that the Asset Register be approved. The vote was unanimous in favour. 3.4 The Risk Assessment Register for the year to 31 st March 2023 had been distributed to councillors in advance of the meeting. Cllr. SH proposed and Cllr. AB seconded that the Risk Assessment be approved. The vote was unanimous in favour.

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	<p>Cllr.AS volunteered to take over future responsibility for Risk Assessment. This was gratefully approved by the council.</p> <p>3.5 Cllr. SH proposed and Cllr. AB seconded that the current internal auditors, Barker-Fox Associates, be reappointed for the year 2023/2024. The vote was unanimous in favour.</p>
4.	<p><u>REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS AND REGULATIONS</u></p> <p>These were unanimously accepted and agreed while noting that the Financial Standing Orders are in the process of being brought up to date.</p>
5.	<p><u>DORSET ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS (DAPTC)</u></p> <p>It was unanimously agreed that the council renew its membership of the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils.</p>
6.	<p><u>COMMITTEES AND LEAD REPRESENTATIVES</u></p> <p>The meeting considered the topics listed below with regard to nominating associated Cllrs /champions/representatives to act as the lead for Leigh Parish Council on the respective issue. The following were endorsed:</p> <p>Boyle' Trust – Christopher Fox Finger Posts – Cllr. AB Climate Change initiatives – Champion Cate Dixon Flooding – Cllr. SV Highways and Byways, incl. Footpaths – Champion Rachel Graham Leigh Parish Church (St. Andrews) - Cllr. AB Planning – Cllr. JT Village Hall – Cllr. CA Community Speed Watch – Cllr. MR, with Champion Sarah Rudd Neighbourhood Plan – in abeyance Transport – NORDCAT – Cllr JT Play Park – Cllr. CA Village Green – Cllr. MR Defibrillator – Champion Graham Bugler Annual Litter Pick – Champion Andrew Little Candle Auction – Gordon Morris</p> <p>The Chairman expressed his appreciation for this support.</p>
7.	<p>There being no further business, the Annual General Meeting was closed, and the scheduled Leigh parish meeting immediately followed.</p>

Steve Humphries
Chairman, Leigh Parish Council
9 May 2023