

LEIGH PARISH

Minutes of the 9th May 2023 Leigh Parish Annual meeting (7:00 PM) in Leigh Village Hall

1.	<p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>None. 10 residents of Leigh parish were in attendance.</p>
2.	<p><u>WELCOME</u></p> <p>Parish Council Chairman Alan Bennett was accepted as the 'by default' Facilitator/Moderator. He explained the purpose of the meeting and welcomed those attending in the hall.</p>
3.	<p><u>TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE RECORDS</u></p> <p>Alan Bennett drew attention to the minutes of last year's parish annual meeting, held on the 17th May 2022. From the floor of the hall, Mark Read proposed acceptance and approval of the record. Steve Humphries seconded this motion. There were no dissenting voices.</p>
4.	<p><u>MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION ON THE AGENDA</u></p> <p>Christopher Cook, the Clerk to the meeting, reported that no matters had been notified to him for inclusion on the agenda.</p>
5.	<p><u>REPORT BY LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL</u></p> <p>Alan Bennett referred to the attachment to the agenda. This gave an overview of the parish council's achievements during the past 12 months. In particular, he singled out ex Councillor Cate Dixon for her leadership regarding the creation and delivery of the Leigh talks! series of Climate Change lectures. In a similar vein, he praised the efforts of the Playpark committee (led by Cllr Charlie Adey) in raising sufficient funds and proposing the current playpark expansion work (due to be completed this summer).</p> <p>He similarly expressed the parish council's appreciation of the late Graham Fudge's leadership of Leigh's Fingerpost restoration team – the associated programme was now effectively complete.</p> <p>The assembled community endorsed these feelings.</p>
6.	<p><u>REPORTS BY LEIGH COMMUNITY GROUPS</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>
7.	<p><u>ANY OTHER MATTERS</u></p> <p>Issues raised included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the speed of traffic at Totnell Corner, and elsewhere in the village.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Any accidents or 'near misses' should be reported to Dorset Police (there is an associated portal on their website). Recording of such incidents aids the parish council in getting associated traffic calming measures implemented.• the ongoing tussle with Dorset Council regarding their resistance to extend the Totnell 40mph limit to include Three Gates.

LEIGH PARISH

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concern was also expressed regarding Dorset Council's apparent ongoing 'planning blight' with regard to applications for any new homes. <p>Alan Bennett explained that all these topics remained on the parish council's agenda of ongoing issues. He expressed his dissatisfaction at Dorset Council's apparent ongoing disinterest of issues that were of perennial concern to small parishes such as Leigh.</p>
8.	<p><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>The date is set for Tuesday 14th May 2024.</p>

The meeting ended with a unanimous vote of thanks to all the many volunteers within Leigh parish who are the supporters, doers and leaders with regard to the many initiatives that have run (and continue in many cases to run) within the Parish over the past year. It is they who continue to enable the Parish to function as well as it does, and for successful delivery of so many of the activities and events that have taken place throughout the year.

Alan Bennett
Chairman, Leigh parish council
9 May 2023