

BOXWELL WITH LEIGHTERTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, 10th MARCH 2025 at 7.00pm
THE ROYAL OAK, LEIGHTERTON
AGENDA

Councillors: Simon Gale, Co-Chairman
Martin Weaver, Co-Chairman
Dan Say
Carol Taffurelli, RFO
Felicity White, Clerk

1. SG welcomed Councillors to the meeting together with Gary Mackenzie, a resident of Leighterton and Stephan Fifield, Deputy Leader of GCC.
2. Apologies were received from Martin Weaver and Tony Slater.
3. The Minutes from the meeting held on 6th January 2025 were approved by SG
4. Update on Matters Arising from previous meetings:
 - 4.1 **Parish Plan Questionnaire**
 - 4.1.1 No matters were raised in respect of outstanding matters in relation to breakdown of the costs highlighted in previous meetings. **Item closed.**
 - 4.2 **Matters raised during Amenities Committee meeting re: Pond**
 - 4.2.1 Update on proposed protection of frog and toad spawn in the pond, including an offer by Sam Lambert to use some of the fish in water troughs. This is outstanding, but a member of PC will liaise with Sam Lambert, Whitewater Farm.
 - 4.3 **Traffic/Speed controls** through the village raised in Questionnaire and possible solutions discussed:

DS provided details of the meeting he had held with Gillian Portlock of GCC Highways, together with the Clerk from the school, in order to discuss solutions for reducing traffic speed, especially near the school.

Painting additional yellow lines would require a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), at a cost in the region of £15,000 and a new speed limit would require a similar outlay. It should be noted that the PC does not have access to funds of this nature. However, Gloucester Highways has confirmed that the existing yellow signs outside the school will be refreshed and SLOW signs painted on the road; both will be done in April.

The school is aware of the problem and is trying to address via 'phased arrivals' of pupils.

In the meantime, DS has liased with members of Sherston Parish Council (which has recently implemented a new speed limit), as well as our South Cotswolds MP. DS will meet with Tetbury Town Councillor, Ian Watson to discuss the issue further.

Stephan Fifield (SF) informed the meeting that the TRO is a Legal Instrument and advised that batching the matters into one TRO would be more effective. He also highlighted the fact that Road Safety is a separate department to GCC Highways and recommended contacting the former in order to discuss the process of road safety and speed management through the village, focussing on the primary school.

SG and DS thanked SF for his advice.

Action: DS

5 Financial Report

CT had circulated a detailed Financial Report to the PC members prior to the meeting. In addition, she referenced the annual payment to be made to GAPTC and also asked whether there had been a Wickstead inspection which required payment. The last inspection was conducted in Q4 2023 and SG believed these were undertaken every other year. Next inspection date to be established.

CT also advised that bank charges had been introduced on the PC account.

SG informed the PC that the sit-on mower is now fully taxed and insured for the forthcoming year; CT requested a VAT invoice, which SG will obtain for her. He also requested that comparative quotes were obtained for the next year.

6. Planning Applications update (SG)

6.1 Ref: 25/00372/FUL Middlemarch, 19 Tetbury Lane

Erection of a single and two storey extension and first floor side extension over existing garage and utility. No objections received from the PC.

6.2 Ref: 25/00428/CLEUD North Field House, Tetbury Lane Certificate of lawful use of existing use or Devt of lawful existing use to demonstrate that the works undertaken on site were in relation to permitted Planning Permission Ref 21/02701/FUL. No objections received.

6.3 Ref: 24/03815/FUL Whitewater Farm

Full application for the installation of above ground slurry storage for dairy farm on Whitewater Farm. The PC does not object to the installation of the slurry tank, however it will request that the tank is screened from the village by the planting of species trees.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 Poole Farm development. SG advised that Poole Farm House has now been sold separately. The Developers of the rest of the land have stated that they intend to comply with the Planning Permission granted in respect of the rest of the development.

Following the very wet Winter and Spring weather, concerns had been raised by residents about the natural springs on the farmyard site. In particular how these might be adversely impacted by the development and the water flow into the pond. The PC has written to the Developer, drawing attention to the concerns highlighted and awaits a reply.

7.2 SF referred to the Build Back Better scheme, which enables councils to build back their community's hubs. Funds are available and he recommended that DS review the signage required to manage traffic speed in the village, as some funds might be provided to assist with this expenditure.

8 Date of next Meeting

12th May 2025 AGM at 6.30pm in St Andrew's Church, Leighterton
followed by

PC Meeting at **7.00pm**

As the PC intends to dedicate a large proportion of this meeting to provide an update on the Parish Plan, we would encourage as many residents as possible to attend.