BOXWELL WITH LEIGHTERTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, 12th OCTOBER 2026 at 7.00pm
MINUTES

Councillors:	Simon Gale, Chairman
	Frankie Gale, Responsible Financial Officer
	Clare Dixon
	Gary Mackenzie
	Dan Say
	Felicity White, Clerk
Guest:	Tony Slater, District Councillor, Avening and Gumbolds Ash

1. The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming those Councillors present.
2. Apologies were received from Tony Slater and Gary Mackenzie
3. The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd August 2026 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
4. **Financial Report** - FG provided an overview of the PCs current financial position. As previously reported, the restoration of the phone box has required a substantial proportion of funds. The Community Fund was recently used to pay for the refreshments and new bulbs during the tidy up of the Park/Playground.
5. **Planning Approval Applications** - SG reported on two applications received since the last meeting:

   (i) Shepherds Barn, Hillmist Place - approval has been sought to install a large solar panel behind the house which will be in direct view to a number of houses. Objections have been raised by village residents and the PC will also be raising its objections.

   (ii) Hillside Farm - approval has been sought to demolish the existing house and outbuildings and erect a new house, staff quarters, a swimming pool and poolhouse. The PC requires clarification on a number of issues, which will be raised to CDC.
6. **Park/Playground** - Thank you to those who helped with tidying up of the Park/Playground on 3rd October. It was identified that some of the internal handles on the wooden structure require sanding down and repainting or replacing, we will look into the most effective solution. Separately, the wooden board around the swing requires building up; the PC will purchase soil and grass seed and undertake the task.
7. **The Pond**

   7.1 Listed Status of wall is still awaited from GCC and therefore the PC will no longer report on this until news is received.

   7.2 As previously reported, further to the reduction of the larger fish population and the lower levels of water in the pond due to lack of rain, it enabled the PC to identify areas where an ‘island’ could be created for ducks

and wildfowl. Accordingly, this has now been built on the left hand side of the pond and straw added to help bed it in; in addition, further tidying up around the edges of the pond has been undertaken.

8. **Traffic & Roadways** - DS advised that he has still not received any update from Highways. Accordingly, the PC will be writing a further, formal letter copying CDC, advising that despite a number of 'chasers' the lack of communication from Highways is of great concern. DS was due to attend Hillsley and Tresham PC meeting post the BwL meeting in order to learn more about the steps they have taken. As previously highlighted, he has approached Leighterton Primary School in order to ask whether they would be prepared for the children to design some signs and is awaiting a response.
9. **Any Other Business**

   9.1 The Local Government Reorganisation which would, in effect, have meant that Gloucestershire would have been one Unitary Authority is now 'on hold' due to the legal challenge made to the Government by another county.

   9.2 Due to various commitments of those involved, it has proved difficult to set a date for the First Aid/Defibrillator training. However, late November/early December is looking likely and further information will be circulated via the village WhatsApp Groups.

   9.3 The PC has received a notification that a review of Polling stations is being conducted to assess the costs. Accordingly, the PC has been advised that it is likely that voters who have, hitherto, voted in Leighterton might be directed to Didmarton Village Hall. Confirmation is awaited but, in the meantime, the PC will seek guidance on how those who do not or cannot drive would be able to reach the polling station.

   9.4 The Christmas Market is due to be held on **Sunday, 6th December.** Further details will be provided via the usual channels. Martin Weaver has kindly offered to source a Christmas Tree, which will be erected on the green, as in the past two years.

   The PC proposes a 'Christmas Gathering' in the Park, for which a date will be circulated. We hope as many residents as possible will attend.

   9.5 The number of signs on the A46/Boxwell Road intersection seem to be increasing! The PC will write to Mackenzie Miller asking them to remove the one advertising property for sale, which has been erected without any prior consultation.
10. Date of next meeting - Monday, 11th January 2027