

**MINUTES OF THE LEIGH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026  
AT 8.00PM IN THE SMALL HALL, HIGH STREET, LEIGH**

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**PRESENT:** Cllr J. Kaye, (Chairman), Cllr R. Britain, Cllr G. Rogers, Cllr S. Smith, Cllr R. Swallow and Cllr B. Williams  
**APOLOGIES:** Cllr A. Backlog, Cllr A. Holt, Cllr G. Marchant  
**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs L. Kleinschmidt (Clerk), County Cllr R. Mayall, District Cllr M. Silander and 58 members of the public.

Cllr Kaye welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. To approve Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025  
Cllr Williams proposed that the minutes be approved, this was seconded by Cllr Britain, and all were in favour.
2. To hear report by Kent Police on local policing matters  
Unfortunately, Kent Police officers were unable to attend the meeting.
3. To welcome Dawn Carnes, Community First Responder and Team Leader for Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells  
Cllr Kaye welcomed Dawn to the meeting. Dawn said that if someone is having a cardiac arrest due to choking or an asthma attack for example, a Community First Responder will attend the scene and manage the situation until the Ambulance Service arrives. The first 8 to 10 minutes after cardiac arrest is crucial. Statistics show that there is an 8% chance of survival for more than 30 days if a defibrillator is used and CPR, this is increased to 11% in the South-East. Cardiac arrest is when the heart stops beating and a heart attack is when there is a blockage. If someone you know has a cardiac arrest it is essential to dial 999 and check if the patient is breathing. If the patient is not breathing an ambulance will be dispatched immediately. In a rural community it is important that properties are clearly signposted and lit up at night. Usually if a patient is in cardiac arrest they will not be breathing and will be unresponsive. The things to check are known as DRAB – this means  
D = danger – make sure you are in a safe location  
R = responsiveness – the patient can be shaken to see if they respond  
A = airways – check for obstructions  
B = breathing – check for breathing  
Then call 999 and start compressions. Send someone to get a defibrillator. The 999 operator will inform you where the nearest defibrillator is located and the code to access the cabinet.  
Dawn then gave a demonstration on how to do CPR and how to use a defibrillator.
4. To hear update on the Renovation Project for Leigh Village Halls  
Cllr Kaye welcomed Paula Beresford and Jacqui Wordsworth from the Leigh Village Halls Renovation Committee. Jacqui gave a presentation, which included the following facts:  
**Project Aims**  
**Project Objectives**  
To redevelop LVH into technically sound and maintainable building fit for the next 50 years.  
To provide a community services hub that meet the cultural, social and health needs of Leigh Parish and surrounding areas.  
**Refurbishment of the Halls aims to deliver the following benefits:**  
Improved customer experience for those utilising the space  
Reduced maintenance and unexpected repair costs  
Expanded community offer of range of activities and services available  
**Core Scope Elements**  
**Mechanical / Electrical / Systems**  
Improved heating – main hall and small hall  
Electrical upgrade throughout site

Improved lighting – main hall, small hall  
Improved acoustics, hearing support  
Fire compliance measures  
Improved communications (wifi)  
Improved security measures  
Inclusion of renewable energy measures (solar/ heat pumps)

#### **Building Fabric**

Improved energy efficiency including insulation, window glazing  
Improved storage facilities  
Improved kitchens and bathrooms  
Improved accessibility - including pathways, entrances & disabled parking  
Building fabric repairs (walls, flat roof, internal decoration)

#### **Options under consideration**

##### **Main Hall**

New two storey structure behind main hall, with stairs to meeting rooms on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Reconfiguration of toilets / storage and therapy rooms on ground floors.  
Café facility on ground floor served by existing kitchen (with access to main hall, ground floor with possible extension over garden area)  
Covered link to Club via existing or new doorway.  
Front door entrance – lobby on inside. Move main door towards back of building  
Inclusion of foyer space – for exhibitions / arts

##### **Small Hall**

Upper room above small hall for Nursery use (infants) with WC  
Stairs to small hall internally  
Reconfigure kitchen, toilets & access to garden.

##### **Club / Flat**

Steward's flat altered with rear entrance / extension over Club  
Lobby and stairs to small hall mezzanine to provide separate access.  
New door and link between club and main building with separate WCs

#### **Want to get involved?**

If you have expertise in the following:  
Developing small business plans and financial modelling  
Running a café or catering business  
Running a theatre or arts centre  
Managing heritage or commercial building construction projects  
Fundraising  
Community engagement & communications  
To find out more, email [Jacqui.Wordsworth@btinternet.com](mailto:Jacqui.Wordsworth@btinternet.com) for an informal chat!

#### **5. To hear report of Leigh Community SpeedWatch**

Cllr Williams reported that there is a group of about 9 volunteers and we want to increase the number of sessions we do and so we would welcome more volunteers. There has been a concern about speeding vehicles but the evidence generated from the SpeedWatch sessions show that speeds are not as bad as people think they are. For example, on Penshurst Road, less than 1% of drivers were found to be speeding. 14 sessions have been carried out to date and 53 people have been found to be speeding in either the 30mph zone or the 40mph zone. The information captured by the volunteers is sent to Kent Police who send a letter to the registered keeper of the vehicle. If the vehicle is found to be speeding again, the driver will receive a visit from the Police.

#### **6. Chairman's Report of Activities in 2025/26**

Cllr Kaye gave the following report:  
Your Parish Council meets on the first Monday of every month here in the small village hall. These meetings are open for everyone to attend, and attendees are always welcome. So, please, if you have any concerns please do come to a meeting.

This note summarises a few issues that have taken up time or been causes for concern. Minutes are on the Parish Council website or feel free to speak to any councillor.

## **Planning**

This remains one of the key areas of activity, the Parish Council of course only has an advisory role but with the help of our District Councillor we are able to influence planning decisions. Our Chairman of the Planning Committee is Bruce Williams. Please remember that neighbour comments are taken very seriously by the SDC committee. The Parish Council considered 48 applications, of which they supported 7, opposed 6, had no objection to 20 and submitted a no comment response on 15. We submit a no comment response when members feel that there is no specific comment to submit, or we decide to leave the decision to specialist officers at Sevenoaks District Council – such as the tree officer or conservation officer for listed building applications.

The most material planning issue in the past year was the rejection of the appeal raised by Whitehall Homes against SDC's refusal of planning for 39 dwellings on land to the south of Greenview Avenue. The Parish Council put every effort into resisting this development and we are very relieved that the appeal was dismissed. It is of note that the Planning Inspectorate accepted that the field is in The Green Belt but concluded that the development would not fundamentally undermine the purpose of The Green Belt across the whole of Sevenoaks District which is indicative of the way the concept of the Grey Belt may impact us. The objection that the Inspectorate upheld to the development was Highway Safety. This was around the Construction Management Traffic Plan which was imaginative to say the least with proposals to suspend parking in various locations, have banksmen located near the school and the junction of The Green Lane with The Green, and a one way system up The Green Lane and down Greenview Avenue. I noted the Inspectors comment that "it is likely that banksmen would need to be permanently located at those stations .... As such, in my view it would be unreasonable to rely on this to make access to the development acceptable during construction". Imagine such an arrangement ever happening in real life. It is also helpful that The Green is narrower than 4.8m in places and that the Parish Council owns the land on either side of it. The Parish Council did engage consultants to review the swept path analysis provided by the developer which highlighted these issues so we are glad that we did this. It is important that we do not take any actions that suggest that more land could be given over to the road - for example any pavements could be interpreted to be part of the road which is in part why we continue to put up with rutting in The Green outside Elizabeth cottage. It is the luxury of planning applicants that they can submit alternative proposals so we should be mindful of this possibility, and we remain opposed to development on this site specifically because of access issues.

Land behind Penshurst Road. I'm sure most of you know that a consultation process has been launched for a proposed development of up to 64 houses on this site. I have seen a number of comments regarding this on the Leigh Community Facebook page, with shall we say differing views. I am mindful that the objection upheld with regard to Greenview Avenue was with regard to access. This site has rather better access. The Parish Council has just last week been approached by the developer to request a meeting to discuss the proposal. No more information at the moment, but we will advise you on our website and social media if and when a planning application is submitted.

## **Local Government reorganisation**

As I'm sure you know government wants to reorganise local councils to provide unitary authorities that deliver all services in one area. This does not affect Parish or Town councils. There are a number of proposals put forward; KCC wants very little change suggesting just one unitary authority for the whole of Kent with three area assemblies. This will keep social services and other key functions under one roof. SDC and other district and borough councils are suggesting a West Kent unitary authority which will join SDC with Tonbridge & Malling, Tunbridge Wells and Maidstone Borough Councils. Under this proposal there would be 4 unitary authorities in Kent. The Government is considering options and will announce their decision in the summer and the unitaries should be in place in April 2028. It is of interest that different district councils have differing amounts of debt, we are told that Ashford for example has £260m whilst others including Tunbridge Wells and Tonbridge have none, and according to AI Sevenoaks has £14m. Who assumes these liabilities is one of the (no doubt) many issues to be resolved.

### **Sevenoaks Local Plan - Regulation 18 consultation**

This consultation with regard to the Local Plan for the next 15 years is ongoing. It seeks to provide new dwellings whilst retaining the character of the area and landscape. There will be a second public consultation – Regulation 19 – in the summer. I'm sure you are all aware that as part of this consultation, sites were put forward with a potential site for 351 houses in Chiddingstone Causeway. This drew much attention though this involves sites being offered for inclusion as a possible development in the Local Plan, and in no way is it a planning application. It is of note, and this is from a conversation I had with planning officers at the meeting in the Causeway, that SDC was very surprised to be instructed by central government to provide 17,460 new homes in the district. This is a district with around 50,000-60,000 dwellings so to suggest building an increase of some 30% is extraordinary, realistically simply not practical, and as our MP said in Parliament, is just beyond the capacity of our infrastructure.

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

We are contemplating this but the above consultation and the possible reorganisation of SDC into a larger assembly means we are putting this on hold. A Neighbourhood Plan allows us to prepare policies for our parish, highlighting where we would like to see development for example, our views on car parking, recreation, land use and dark skies. The policies have to be in line with national and regional policies but once adopted Neighbourhood Plans become statutory planning documents and do carry weight in the planning process. I think it's fair to say that we will be looking for volunteers to help in this exercise when we proceed.

### **Village Halls**

The Village Halls Committee has been working hard on options for modernisation work on the village halls. We are grateful to the Committee for its work and Jacqui's participation this evening.

### **Affordable Housing**

No progress on this in the last year. We still seek sites for affordable housing, though no new suitable sites have been identified; though clearly the previously mentioned proposed development will impact this.

### **Roads and footpaths**

Speed is an issue on roads and our SpeedWatch volunteers are out on a regular basis. I think it fair to say that by and large during these surveys traffic is complying with the speed limit, though a number of letters have been issued by the police to those who have been driving excessively fast, so the process does have an impact - thank you to our volunteers and we do seek more please.

We did meet with the highways authority last year to seek speed reductions on Hildenborough Road and Ensfield Road and this was followed by speed monitoring. Rather surprisingly the average speed on Hildenborough Road was around 40 mph and on Ensfield Road around 38 mph. The authority was not able to support a speed limit but are planning a few measures to encourage traffic to slow down. These are SLOW carriageway markings on the road and a "pedestrian in road" warning sign, and vegetation to be trimmed back around existing signs.

The works on the flood barrier by the Environment Agency continue and I note that in May 25 we were advised that the fence would be removed in a couple of months and hedges replaced on the embankment beyond the arch as you enter the water meadows from The Green. We have had to push VolkerStevin to honour their promises on multiple occasions, those have yet to be met, but we have at least managed to get the promised defibrillator from them - in a little photo ceremony at the construction site. This defibrillator will shortly be installed on the cricket pavilion, and thank you to the cricket club for this and for providing the electricity supply. You may have seen the work going on there which is progressing, and a large amount of effort appears to be going into the construction of the eel run. Did you know that eels spawn in the Sargasso Sea in the North Atlantic and travel 4000 miles to coastal waters and rivers. They have declined by 95% due to obstructions in rivers and some 500 such eel runs are being installed in the UK.

The Parish Council has had the path from Kiln Lane to Well close relaid and the overgrown trees removed. This is a great improvement both visually and from a safety point of view following a resident's very unfortunate fall on the roots there.

Once again we have carried out two litter picks during the last year and there are also numerous people in the village who regularly put on a high visibility jacket and go and collect litter. Thank you to all of you, it is really appreciated. Both times in the past year Graham Marchant has brought a small lorry to (i) protect litter pickers on the busier roads (Ensfield Road in particular) and (ii) to collect the sheer volume of rubbish and fly tipping that we suffer. I notice that Ensfield Road outside the parish is much tidier now and thanks to those who did that, I'm afraid I don't know who it was but I'd wager that it was a Leigh resident.

### **Leigh Green and Charcott Green**

We go to considerable expense to maintain The Green and are grateful to those who put in the effort to keep it that way. In particular thanks to Ian Bishop who acts for the Parish Council in assessing the work needed on The Green and arranging the work with Estate and Field, in close coordination with the Parish Council. Ian does this on an entirely voluntary basis and I strongly urge people to support him and to talk to him about the work needed. We have had incidents of residents questioning the contractor in somewhat assertive terms when they have been working on The Green. Please speak to me or any member of the Parish Council if you want to understand what or why work is being done.

We have had a couple of dry summers and wet winters which have meant that the grass is terribly worn in areas - to the extent that it won't just recover given the heavy use it gets. As part of managing The Green we have liaised with the school asking them to restrict use in wet conditions to particular areas, and after the recent seeding we asked the school not to use it for sport for a couple of weeks. I stress that we never said the children cannot go on The Green which is what the inevitable chat in the village suggested. We made a specific request for a specific period only.

As many of you will know we vertidraind The Green in March. This involves spiking the ground with approx 20cm spikes, and frustratingly for so many residents one of these spikes penetrated an internet cable. This cable in places was literally only the depth of the turf, a couple of inches, below the surface. It clearly needed relaying and this has been done though the manner in which the connections were severed and replaced was, shall we say, less than optimal with numerous residents suffering outage for multiple weeks.

We have done some tidying around the bottle bank area and sometime this year the bottle banks will be removed and we will all get 4 bins for general waste, recycling to include bottles, and two food bins. Food waste will be collected weekly and the others on alternative weeks; we understand by the end of this year.

### **The Shop**

We are glad to see the shop thriving under its new ownership and that it is well liked, and hopefully well supported, and it is useful that it is open until 8pm. I hope everyone uses at least a reasonable amount to ensure its presence for years to come.

### **The Fleur pub**

We are very glad that Shaun Gilchrist, the owner of Hall Place, had bought the pub and look forward to the very extensive refurbishment being completed and its opening. We must all resolve to use it to ensure its viability.

### **APDs**

We have a new tenant in number 1, following the sad death of Ian Linstead. Both are in very fair condition, though we continue to build and hold reserves in order to maintain these two bungalows and to ensure that we keep these dwellings occupied by eligible village residents. It is fairly clear that at some point we will need to spend some money to upgrade and we will need to ensure that they have an EIPC rating of C or better.

## **Trees**

The Parish Council owns some 40 trees and has them all surveyed every year – generally they are in good condition, and minor works were carried out during the year. The veteran oak has attracted much attention over recent years and we continue to take the advice of arborists in its care and have had a light trim back of the crown to control the weight.

## **Gatwick**

It would appear that Gatwick is on our Government's agenda with a renewed vigour. Time spent contacting the local MP with regard to proposals, and responses to consultations are to be strongly encouraged. The Parish Council continues to be a member of GACC Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign, and I'd encourage everyone to join and to refer to their informative website. We are also members of the Aviation Environment Federation. GACC has started judicial review proceedings against Gatwick Airport's proposal for use of the northern runway, and the court's decision is awaited.

## **Coffee Corner**

The Parish Council has taken this over and it has been held in the Scout Hut with some excellent turnouts. Thank you, Louise, for driving this and to the Leigh Ladies Choir and Leigh Performing Arts who help from time to time. If any parish group would like to run this occasionally it would be appreciated.

## **Website**

We moved our website and emails to the gov.uk domain which is more secure. Hopefully anyone who has tried to get in touch with us has found the new addresses the important one is [clerk@leighkentparish.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@leighkentparish.gov.uk)

## **Finance**

The financial year to 31<sup>st</sup> March is now complete and a finance report is circulated tonight. The accounts were on the whole to budget. Councillors decided to increase the parish precept for 2026/27 to £58,000 to cover the ongoing needs of the Parish. This amounted to a 5.7% increase over 2025/26, or £3.24 for a band D property. The precept for Leigh Parish remains one of the lowest of all the parishes in the Sevenoaks district. Our internal auditor once again notes that "systems and procedures at Parish Council are well established and followed".

## **Concluding Remarks**

During the year Graham Southwell resigned as a councillor; thank you Graham for your work. We are very pleased to welcome Rob Swallow back as a councillor after a break of some 12 years or so. My thanks to all our councillors, Graham Marchant, Sue Smith, Richard Britain, Glynis Rogers Amy Holt, Alice Backlog, Bruce Williams and of course Rob.

It does take time and commitment to be a councillor and please do remember that councillors are just volunteers with no particular training or powers, here to help but actually on a fairly narrow remit. Please do get in touch with concerns, but as I say every year, please do keep it mild.

Thank you to Councillor Robert Mayall, our County Council representative, for his representation for our parish. Also thank you to Malcolm Silander for being our district councillor.

Most importantly thank you to Louise, our Parish Clerk. Louise works very hard on behalf of us all and she continues to be pleasant and helpful to everyone at all times. Louise we are lucky to have you.

## **7. To announce the recipient of the Leigh Community Award 2026**

Cllr Kaye announced that the Leigh Community Award 2026 will be awarded to David James, for providing exceptional and longstanding volunteer work to Leigh Primary School, spanning countless years and generations of pupils. He is an integral part of school life, and we thank him for your contribution. David is not here tonight but will collect his award at our May Parish Council meeting.

8. Report by County Cllr Mayall

County Cllr Mayall reported as follows:

I was elected as a Reform Party candidate almost a year ago (1 May 2025) as the Kent County Councillor for the division of Sevenoaks Rural South. This was slightly to my surprise although I was delighted with the result. This includes the Parish Councils of Cowden, Penshurst, Leigh, Sevenoaks Weald, Hever, Chiddingstone and Edenbridge Town Council. I was not the only Reform candidate to be surprised for the same reason. This meant that on the Saturday following the election 57 new Reform councillors met up for the first time at a hotel in Maidstone, we were crammed into a meeting room that had been previously booked that was intended to accommodate around 30 people.

The initial criticism of the new administration was that we wouldn't have a clue how to run a county council being all new boys and girls. Having been in power for nearly 12 months now, we are of the opinion that the previous Conservative administration didn't know how to run the Council either despite being in power for nearly 30 years. We got the impression that it was the Council officers who were basically running it for them.

On taking office, we inherited a debt of £732 million which meant KCC was paying interest of £84,000 a day. In the first 6 months we reduced the debt by £67 million and £100 million of savings and income targets have been implemented with an addition of £40 million of future savings. We were able to ensure a balanced budget for 2026/2027 and no cuts in services. The Council Tax was increased by 3.99% which is less than any time in the last 14 years. Now that Reform has passed its first budget, we can say that Reform is now fully in charge of the finances.

There have been a few bumps in the road where certain individuals in the Reform group attempted to destabilise the leadership of our elected leader, Linden Kemkaren. This included the leaking of the "Suck It Up-gate" video to The Guardian. The rebels were removed from the Party and are now mostly members of the Restore Party although we like to call them "The Inbetweeners". Their behaviour since their expulsion has been a little erratic as they seem to want to oppose anything Reform wants to do regardless of any political principle or ideology. Another former Reform councillor is in prison.

Another big issue on the agenda is LGR (Local Government Reform). The Reform administrations favoured scheme is for what is known as Option 1A which would mean Kent would continue as one unitary authority with the councillors in the authority making up 3 regional assemblies that would deal with certain issues in their locality such as libraries and housing. This is without doubt the cheapest and least disruptive option as it would not require the disaggregation of services such as adult social care and education. This option will save £69 million a year and the transition cost will be £99 million and will pay for itself within 3 years. Reform's view is the whole thing is a waste of time and money and there is still a good chance that it won't happen if the government is overwhelmed with bigger problems which is quite possible.

One final issue is that KCC has signed a contract with a Company called Ringway which is used by Transport For London and National Highways to maintain the Kent's roads. The contract should hold them up to far greater levels of scrutiny than has previously been the case.

8. To hear report by District Cllr Malcolm Silander

District Cllr Silander reported as follows:

**Local Government Reorganisation:** Sevenoaks District Council is limping towards Local Government Reorganisation (LGR). The structure of the new unitary council is expected in July, with elections in May 2027 and vesting day in May 2028. Current indications point to a West Kent unitary authority including Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells, and potentially parts or all of Maidstone, with recent national decisions favouring smaller geographies.

**Planning and Development:** The Local Plan remains a significant area of work and continues to face opposition across a number of proposed development sites, including Chiddingstone Causeway. While no development is allocated within the Chiddingstone, Penshurst and Fordcombe ward, approximately 350 homes are proposed for Chiddingstone Causeway and around 3,000 for Edenbridge. Affordable housing in Bough Beech and Chiddingstone Causeway represents 2/3 of the affordable housing schemes in the district in the last ten years. Penshurst represents the other 1/3. We are fortunate for these schemes for local people. Alongside this, the recent opening of new affordable homes at Bough Beech provides a local example of delivery against identified housing need.

**Service Changes:** Waste collection arrangements are being updated. General waste will move to fortnightly collection, and a kerbside glass collection service will be introduced. Further details are available in the latest *In Shape* magazine. There will be new food waste collections.

**Governance and Finance:** The Council's accounts have been disclaimed by external auditors for the second consecutive year.

**Political Position:** Political instability has continued, with a third Leader appointed in three years, Councillor Kevin Maskell. The Council is currently operated by a minority Conservative administration. Conservatives retained seats in recent by-elections in Hextable and Knockholt, although there have been two defections to Reform UK and nine to the West Kent Independents.

**Planning:** I sit on the SDC planning committee and he has to be wary of pre-determination. Although both The Greenview Avenue site and the site to the rear of Penshurst Road are in The Green Belt, The Greenview Avenue site is not in the National Landscape. The appeal at this site was dismissed on highways grounds. The site to the rear of Penshurst Road is in the National Landscape but due to the increased housing targets there is scope for developers to apply for permission to develop the land.

Cllr Kaye said that the Parish Council also has to be wary of pre-determination until a planning application is submitted. Developers have to prove that they have carried out an adequate public consultation exercise. Emotion needs to be kept out of discussions and comments made on planning applications must be on planning policy grounds only. There have been a lot of new houses built in Leigh in recent years, there are now 980 dwellings in the parish. Cllr Williams said that it is very important that residents respond to the consultation and send comments their comments into SDC. The Parish Council will send in their own comments when the consultation period opens and it is hoped that a meeting will be arranged with the developers.

Cllr Smith thanked Cllr Kaye very much for chairing the Parish Council and Cllr Kaye thanked everyone very much for attending.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

## **LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL**

### **FINANCE REPORT FOR YEAR 2025-2026**

The Parish Council's financial year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> April until 31<sup>st</sup> March. The precept for the year 2025-26 was £55,250. This sum, which is generated from residents' Council Tax, is paid to the Parish Council by Sevenoaks District Council. The precept for 2026-27 has been increased to £58,000, this is an increase of 5.696% and an increase for a Band D property of £3.34 per annum. Our grateful thanks go to Mulberry & Company for undertaking our internal audit, and the Annual Return will be approved at our Parish Council meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> May before being sent off to Mazars, our external auditor, for review.

Annual memberships have been renewed to the following:

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| Kent Association of Local Councils | £827.00 |
| CPRE                               | £60.00  |
| Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign | £10.00  |
| Society of Local Council Clerks    | £180.00 |
| Aviation Environment Federation    | £36.00  |
| Information Commissioner's Office  | £47.00  |

Grants have been awarded as follows:

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|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Leigh Village Horticultural Society | £500.00   |
| Leigh School                        | £351.36   |
| Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign  | £1,000.00 |
| Leigh Tennis Club                   | £800.00   |
| Leigh in Bloom                      | £400.00   |



Below is a summary of the Parish Council's Income and Expenditure for the year 2025-26:

| <b>INCOME</b>               | <b>£</b>         | <b>EXPENDITURE</b>        | <b>£</b>         |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| Precept                     | 55,250.00        | Salaries                  | 15,638.29        |
| APD rental                  | 17,620.00        | PAYE                      | 7,392.70         |
| Coffee Corner               | 273.79           | Pension contribution      | 8,808.32         |
| Interest on Investments     | 278.83           | Mileage and petty cash    | 1,017.45         |
| Ocado (damage to The Green) | 385.00           | Stationery                | 119.05           |
| Wayleave                    | 7.30             | Telephone/broadband       | 354.07           |
|                             |                  | Office Expenses           | 1,206.42         |
|                             |                  | Bank charges              | 73.00            |
|                             |                  | Website                   | 713.38           |
|                             |                  | Verges                    | 461.28           |
|                             |                  | Insurance                 | 2,267.69         |
|                             |                  | Audit/Accountancy         | 750.95           |
|                             |                  | Chair's Expenses          | 25.00            |
|                             |                  | Courses                   | 205.00           |
|                             |                  | Memberships/subscriptions | 1,160.00         |
|                             |                  | Hall hire                 | 220.00           |
|                             |                  | SpeedWatch                | 992.40           |
|                             |                  | Defibrillators            | 1,169.00         |
|                             |                  | Christmas events          | 114.30           |
|                             |                  | Village Green & trees     | 15,758.65        |
|                             |                  | Old Burial Ground         | 600.00           |
|                             |                  | Litter / dog bins         | 2,415.13         |
|                             |                  | Grants                    | 3,051.36         |
|                             |                  | APD                       | 3,872.35         |
|                             |                  | Play event                | 335.00           |
|                             |                  | Repairs & maintenance     | 7,266.96         |
|                             |                  | Coffee Corner             | 584.52           |
|                             |                  | Advertising & Publicity   | 50.00            |
|                             |                  | Entertainment             | 8.75             |
|                             | <b>73,814.92</b> |                           | <b>76,631.02</b> |

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