

## LITTLE LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

Little Leigh 128th Annual Parish Meeting held in accordance with the Local Authority (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) (England) Regulations 2020 @ 7:00pm on Friday 7th May 2021

- 1) Due to the COVID -19 pandemic the meeting was held in accordance with the Local Authority (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) (England) Regulations 2020.
- 2) Councillors Beecroft, Jones, King, Kirkland and McSweeney were present. Apologies were received from Cllr Tomlinson and Williamson and Ward councillors Gibbon, Marshall and Wright.
- 3) Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Councillors elected Cllr Beecroft as Chairman proposed Cllr King seconded Cllr Jones and Cllr McSweeney as Vice Chairman, proposed Cllr Beecroft seconded Cllr King.

- 4) Little Leigh Parish Council Chairman's report-see attached.
- 5) Nominations for working groups
  - Planning sub committee- Cllrs Beecroft, McSweeney and King
  - Festivals and entertainment sub committee- Cllrs Jones, Kirkland, Tomlinson and Williamson
  - Finance sub committee- Cllrs Beecroft, McSweeney and King
  - Village hall sub committee- Cllr Jones
  - Environment sub committee- Cllr Beecroft, King, Kirkland and Williamson
- 6) There were no Public Submissions from Little Leigh groups and organisations.

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- 1) Declarations of interest- As all the parish councillors lived in the village they all had personal interests. In addition Cllr Jones was a trustee of the Little Leigh Community Trust and Councillors Jones was also a trustee of the Village Hall Management Committee. Cllr Tomlinson was a Governor of Little Leigh school.
- 2) Public submissions
  - The Hollybush public house and other buildings were to be auctioned in separate lots on 7 June. The Clerk had requested the legal pack.  
*Resolution 1: 07.05.2021 Councillors decided that in view of the degree of public interest they would apply for the pub and its buildings to be listed as an asset of community value. This would allow a 6 month moratorium for a company to be formed to purchase the pub. Proposed Cllr McSweeney seconded Cllr Beecroft.*

3) Minutes of April meeting  
*Resolution 2:07.05. 2021 The minutes of the meeting held on 22 April 2021 were approved. Proposed Cllr King seconded Cllr Beecroft voting unanimous.*

4) Clerk's report

- The PCSO had been informed of damage to graves in St Michaels churchyard
- CWAC had been informed of further falling trees in Hole House Lane
- All other matters were covered in agenda items.

5) Walking, riding and cycling strategy

A working group had been formed to develop a strategy for the parish. CWAC had been awarded £161k from government funds and it was vital that Little Leigh should receive a fair share. The Government document Gear Change was a useful starting point and Government momentum was with the parish strategy. Cycle racks would be provided at the village hall. Councillors were encouraged to walk or cycle to meetings where possible.

6) Village walk and village cycle events

Cycle event 19 June

Village walk 10 July.

Both events to be publicised on the village Facebook page.

7) Village walk information

A working group had been formed to map and publicise the main walking routes in the parish.

8) Volunteers' party

This would be planned for November

9) Wildflower planting-

Locations could include the Brakeley Lane triangle and Runcorn Road verges.

10) Repair workshop and swapshop- the Green festival would be used to canvas interest and skills. Topics might include cycle repairs, electrical repairs, repurposing items and upcycling.

11) Green festival

This would be held on 16 October. The Clerk would purchase a freestanding whiteboard for the village hall to publicise events.

12) A dog show might be organised for 4 September with refreshments, photographs from the All Creatures Great and Small competition and pet related stalls. The Clerk would organise a judge and rosettes. Cllr McSweeney would ask the Hortons for loan of the field.

13) Potholes survey

Cllr McSweeney would email details to councillors. The survey should include potholes, pavement defects and blocked gullies. He would also email CWAC Highways about the quality of repairs. Councillors were encouraged to walk or cycle to complete the survey and to use the CWAC Reportit app. The survey should be completed by the July parish council meeting.

14) Correspondence

- Correspondence from CWAC, the Police, ChALC and NALC had been circulated.
- The Clerk was a COVID Community Champion and had circulated information received from CWAC.
- The Clerk would write to the Hope Childrens hospice indicating that no funding was available.
- Cllr Jones would speak to the Hourglass charity which was aimed at preventing abuse to elderly people.

14) Finance

- The end of year finance had passed the internal auditor.
- *Resolution 3 :07.05.2021* Councillors agreed to seek exemption from the external audit as neither the gross income or expenditure exceeded £25k.

*Resolution 4 :07.05.2021 The following receipts and payments were proposed by Cllr Beecroft seconded by Cllr Kirkland Voting unanimous*

£17 Clerk stamps  
£85 Chris Swallow Ltd internal audit  
£312 Clerk £6 per week working at home allowance.

The balance in the account as at 30 April was £23,792.70.

15) Planning

- Annexe to Glenroyd- CWAC decision awaited.
- The Old Vicarage Stoneheyes Lane- CWAC decision awaited
- Menage at Hall Lane- CWAC decision awaited
- The Horns Bella Napoli- no further news.

16) Matters for next meeting

Potholes and defects survey report  
A533 corridor relief road report.

17) Date of next meeting 8 July 2021

The meeting closed at 7.45pm