

LITTLE LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7PM ON 8 JULY 2021 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

1) Attendance

- Councillors Beecroft, Jones, King, Kirkland and McSweeney and Tomlinson were present. Apologies were received from Cllr Williamson and Ward councillors Gibbon, Marshall and Wright. All but one councillor walked or cycled to the meeting as part of the Little Leigh Active Travel strategy.

2) 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.

3) Public submissions

A complaint about the erection of a high fence in Shutley Lane was referred to Cheshire West and Chester's planning enforcement team.

4) Minutes of May meeting

Resolution 1:080721 The minutes of the meeting held on 7 May 2021 were approved. Proposed Cllr King seconded Cllr Kirkland voting unanimous.

5) Clerk's report

- The CWAC tree officer had visited Hole House Lane and judged one of the trees needed removing by the landowner.
- The editor of Grapevine had been advised of the General Data Protection Regulations and why her idea of having a village directory publishing individuals' details was not feasible or legal. The Parish Council could not support the idea.
- Cllr Beecroft had taken photos of suitable locations for wildflower planting including the shady Brakeley Lane triangle and Runcorn Road verges.
- The Clerk had attended a virtual meeting about the Dog Control Order and had circulated the slides.
- Cllr Kirkland had attended a virtual meeting about the Local Enterprise Partnership and had circulated information on Macclesfield.
- A meeting was planned for the Autumn on the Community Resilience Plan.
- An enjoyable cycle ride to Crowton had taken place on 12 June. A further ride was planned for 31 July, provisionally to Whitley and Antrobus.
- The village walk planned for 10 July would use the route to Barnton which had been upgraded with kissing gates.
- The Chairman and Clerk were attending a crowdfunding meeting on 15 July.
- Cllr McSweeney was attending a Local Plan meeting on 15 July.

6) **Hollybush public house**

- The Hollybush public house and other buildings had been auctioned and sold. The Asset of Community Value listing was due on 14 July. A committee was being formed and Cllr King was a member.

7) **A533 Winnington Bridge consultation**

Cllr Beecroft and the Clerk had attended a virtual meeting. The Parish Council had favoured option C in the consultation as this gave the best outcome for Active Travel for pedestrians and cyclists.

8) **Walking, riding and cycling Active Travel strategy**

- Cllr Beecroft reported that the Little Leigh Active Travel working group had held its first meeting with the terms of reference 'to facilitate and promote all forms of active travel in Little Leigh'.
- CWAC had indicated that previous work on the route from Little Leigh to Barnton had concentrated on the canal path.
- The working group was developing a strategy starting with an assessment of the current situation. This would be finalised and shared with councillors, neighbouring parish and town councils, government and other interested parties.
- Building a safe route to Barnton was the first priority.
- A cycle rack had been provided at the village hall. Councillors were encouraged to walk or cycle to meetings where possible.

9) **Dog show**

The dog show had been organised for 4 September with refreshments, photographs from the All Creatures Great and Small competition and pet related stalls. The Clerk had secured a judge and rosettes would be sponsored by Barnyard of Daisy Bank. The Hortons had agreed to loan their field. Cllr Mc Sweeney or the Chairman would organise the mowing of the field for the show.

10) **Green Festival**

This would be held on 16 October. It would be used to canvas interest and skills. Topics might include cycle repairs, electrical repairs, repurposing items and upcycling together with events aimed at children. Cllr King had purchased a whiteboard for the hall to publicise events. Cllrs Jones, Tomlinson and Williamson would form a working group to organise the event and would involve the school.

11) **Volunteers' party**

This was planned for 21 November. Cllr Kirkland would organise refreshments.

12) **Jubilee beacon 2 June 2022**

Cllr McSweeney would investigate purchasing a reusable beacon.

13) **Potholes survey**

- Cllr McSweeney reported that the survey was almost complete with 76 reports submitted.

- Around half of the reports had been deemed not to meet the criteria which seemed overly restrictive. The safety of walkers and cyclists should be considered in addition to motorists.
- Overall there was thought to be some improvement in Little Leigh and the surveys were worthwhile.
- Cllr McSweeney would email CWAC Highways about the quality of repairs

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.

15) **Finance**

- The end of year finance had passed the internal auditor and been acknowledged by the external auditor.

Resolution 2 :07.08.2021 The following receipts and payments were proposed by Cllr Beecroft seconded by Cllr Tomlinson Voting unanimous

£388.80	Big Dug Ltd cycle rack
£109.80	Shires Pay Services Ltd- payroll services
£20	Cheshire Community Action membership fee
£929.66	Clerk salary
£232.20	HMRC tax
£93.53	Mrs Cormick plants for planters
£47.90	Cllr King whiteboard
£12.49	Cllr King Resin applicator for bike rack bolts

The balance in the account as at 30 June was £22,694.78.

16) **Planning**

- Annexe to Glenroyd- CWAC decision awaited.
- The Old Vicarage Stoneheyes Lane- CWAC decision awaited
- Menage at Hall Lane- approved
- Land at Shutley Lane- returned to applicant by CWAC
- Hunters Lodge extension -CWAC decision awaited
- The Horns Bella Napoli- no further news.

17) **Date of next meeting 9 September 2021**

The meeting closed at 7.50pm