

**LITTLE LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7PM ON 9 SEPTEMBER
2021 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

1) Attendance

- Councillors Beecroft, King, Kirkland, McSweeney and Tomlinson were present. Apologies were received from Cllr Jones and Ward councillors Gibbon, Marshall and Wright. Cllr Williamson had tendered her resignation so the Clerk had advertised a casual vacancy.

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) There were no Public submissions.

4) Minutes of July meeting

Resolution 1:090921 The minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2021 were approved. Proposed Cllr King seconded Cllr Tomlinson voting unanimous.

5) Clerk's report

- A complaint about the erection of a high fence in Shutley Lane had been referred to Cheshire West and Chester's planning enforcement team. No further action was necessary.
- The CWAC tree officer had visited Hole House Lane and judged one of the trees needed removing by the landowner at his expense.
- A village walk to Barnton had been held on 10 July. A cycle ride had been held on 31 July; both were part of the Little Leigh Active Travel strategy.
- The Dog Show had been cancelled.
- Cheshire West and Chester Highways were due to start work on implementing the Ash House Lane, Cogshall Lane and Heath Lane reduced speed limits.
- Cllr McSweeney had received a response from CWAC Highways regarding his email concerning the standard of repairs to potholes and pavements.

6) Hollybush public house

- The Hollybush public house and other buildings had been auctioned and sold. The Asset of Community Value listing was in place from 14 July but the site owner had lodged an objection to the listing of the Barn and Granary. The situation was complicated but it was thought that the new owner of the pub and part of the carpark had pulled out from the sale. A committee was being formed together with a company to negotiate with the original owner.

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

- Cllr Beecroft reported that the Little Leigh Active Travel working group was meeting with Cheshire West and Chester on 16 September with a view to initiating a feasibility study for a safe route to Barnton and Spacehive funding.
- Sustrans had indicated that they were planning a route from Chester to Northwich via Frodsham passing along the canal towpath from Little Leigh to Barnton although this might take years to come to fruition.
- Further letters of support had been received from the MP and British Cycling.
- Neighbouring parishes were considering the Little Leigh Active Travel Strategy over the Autumn.
- It might be necessary to form a towpath volunteers group in association with the Canal and Rivers Trust to improve the towpath. Local cycling clubs might be invited to assist.

8) **Community Resilience meeting**

The Parish Council was meeting with Cheshire West and Chester on 14 September to discuss drafting a Community Resilience plan. Cllr Mc Sweeney would circulate an agenda. CWAC had provided many advisory documents and exemplars.

The Parish Council was also meeting with CWAC to discuss local heritage lists. The Clerk would canvas suitable dates.

CWAC were holding a Flooding virtual meeting on 20 September.

9) **Autumn Festival**

- Cllr Jones had recommended that the Green Fair should be simplified into an Autumn Festival on 16 October. It would include coffee, a village walk, Harvest lunch and family activities.
- Cllr Jones was also organising a The Puppy Hunt (following the Easter egg hunt format) from the weekend of September 18th.

10) **Volunteers' party**

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

11) **Jubilee beacon 2 June 2022**

Cllr McSweeney would investigate purchasing a reusable beacon. The Clerk would also seek a quotation. A meeting of interested parties would be convened by Cllrs Jones and Kirkland.

12) **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.
- Details of COVID vaccination services and a long COVID study had been circulated.
- Individual councillors had responded to the CWAC waste strategy and bus strategy.
- Individual councillors would respond to the CWAC Local Plan consultation.

- The Clerk had responded to a query from a potential new resident about fracking licences.

13) **Finance**

Resolution 2 :09.09.2021 The following receipts and payments were proposed by Cllr Beecroft seconded by Cllr McSweeney Voting unanimous

£93.53	Mrs Cormick plants for planters-replacement cheque
£45	Anne O'Neil celebration cake deposit
£210	Vision ICT Ltd website hosting
£55.44	Clerk computer warranty

The balance in the account as at 8 September was £21,747.80

16) **Planning**

- Annexe to Glenroyd- approved.
- The Old Vicarage Stoneheyes Lane- CWAC decision awaited
- Stables and menage 43 Ash House Lane -CWAC decision awaited
- Burnside Runcorn Road -CWAC decision pending
- The Laurels Runcorn Road -CWAC decision pending
- 30 Church Road-CWAC decision pending
- Hunters Lodge extension -CWAC decision awaited
- 15 Ash House Lane extension-CWAC decision pending

The sale had been completed on The Horns Bella Napoli.

Councillors would consider engaging a consultant to review the Village Design Statement once the outcome of the Government Future Planning exercise was clearer.

17) **Matters for next meeting**

Volunteers party

17) Date of next meeting 11 November 2021

The meeting closed at 7.50pm