

**LITTLE LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7PM ON 11 NOVEMBER  
2021 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**1) Attendance**

Councillors Beecroft, Jones, King, Kirkland and McSweeney were present. Apologies were received from Cllr Tomlinson and Ward councillors Gibbon, Marshall and Wright.

Cllr Kirkland resigned due to family reasons but would remain a member of the Active Travel group.

**2) Co option of new councillor**

Councillor J Lawless was co opted as the new councillor.

*Proposed Cllr King seconded Cllr Beecroft voting unanimous.*

**3) Declarations of interest**

- As all the parish councillors lived in or near 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.

**4) There were no public submissions.**

**5) Minutes of September meeting**

*Resolution 1:11.11.21 The minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2021 were approved. Proposed Cllr King seconded Cllr McSweeney voting unanimous.*

**6) Clerk's report**

- The CWAC tree officer had visited Hole House Lane and had placed a priority order for a tree surgeon to remove one of the trees at the landowner's expense.
- Cheshire West and Chester Highways were due to start work on implementing the Ash House Lane, Cogshall Lane and Heath Lane reduced speed limits.
- The Hollybush Pub Ltd company was now dealing direct with CWAC regarding the Asset of Community Value listing. News was awaited on whether the Barn and Granary were included in the ACV listing.
- The Active Travel meeting with CWAC had been postponed at CWAC's request.
- The Autumn Festival had been held but afternoon attendance by families had been disappointing. The finances had broken even.
- The Puppy Hunt had been enjoyed by those who attended.
- A Christmas gifts workshop was planned for 25 November
- Carols around the Tree was planned for 18 December, COVID permitting.

- A limited number of printed copies of Grapevine would be distributed for those who could not use Facebook. It would consist of a calendar of events and contact phone numbers.
- The WI president had planted bulbs purchased by the Parish Council in the village hall side garden.
- Bins - two new bins will be delivered in January / February to all households to replace the two recycling boxes. They will be the same colour with different coloured lids. Residents can opt in or opt out of the £40 green bin charge which will be collected by direct debit.
- Flooding- the long- awaited report would go to CWAC Cabinet on the 15th November.
- Minister Meeting – Ward Cllr Gibbon had been granted 30minutes with MP Rebecca Prow, accompanied by Esther McVey MP on the 30th November. They would be discussing the impact of flooding on Northwich, Acton Bridge and Weaverham; how responses to general maintenance and urgent issues should be more timely, and how partnership working to address issues could be improved and monitored.
- Winnington Bridge - no decision had been made on which option would be taken forward. Section 106 funding towards the new bridge might be forthcoming from the Tata application for the proposed 1500 homes on the new Winnington site. All three Ward councillors would not be supporting without the accompanying infrastructure.
- LSEP incinerator application – Ward Cllr Gibbon was working with the Shakerly councillor on objections to increasing the tonnage and nearly doubling the number of HGVs.

## **7) Community resilience and Local Heritage lists.**

- The Clerk and Cllr King would prepare a first draft of the Community Resilience plan following a virtual meeting with CWAC.
- The Clerk had attended a Teams meeting with the Built Environment Officer Conservation and Design. In addition to the Nationally listed heritage buildings and structures there were Locally Listed buildings and structures. These had no statutory protection but were material considerations in planning applications. They were shown on the website [local-heritage-list.org.uk/cheshire](http://local-heritage-list.org.uk/cheshire)
- The Clerk had referred the officer to the Village Design statement where appendix 2 listed distinctive buildings and structures. The task was to identify whether locally listed buildings and structures were still there, whether they should be on the list and whether the list should be expanded. Local residents should be involved in the process. The Clerk had invited the officer to the January meeting to discuss the issue further.

8) **Volunteers' party**

Invitations had been sent out for 21 November. Cllr Kirkland would organise refreshments.

9) **Hearing loop for village hall sound system**

*Resolution 2 11.11.2021 Councillors agreed to fund the hearing loop at a cost of £1355.*

*Proposed Cllr King seconded Cllr Beecroft Voting unanimous*

10) **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 and organisations would be convened by Cllr Jones in January. Cllr Mc Sweeney would register the event with the Pageant Master.

11) **Correspondence**

- Correspondence from CWAC, the Police, ChALC, NALC and Neighbourhood Watch had been circulated.
- The Clerk was a COVID Community Champion and had circulated information received from CWAC including details of COVID vaccination services.
- Manchester airport was conducting a consultation.
- The Police and Crime Plan had been circulated.
- The Crime Commissioner was consulting on police and crime.
- CWAC were consulting on their Land Action Plan, their budget and pharmacy services. Individual councillors would respond.
- Bus routes had been revised but Little Leigh still had no service. Ward councillor Gibbon will endeavour to lobby with the appropriate person on the Transport Task Group, to ascertain how routes were approved. The lack of public transport provided further evidence of the need for a safe walking and cycling route to Barnton.

12) **Finance**

*Resolution 3 :11.11.21 The following receipts and payments were proposed by Cllr Beecroft seconded by Cllr Kirkland Voting unanimous*

£45	Anne O'Neil celebration cake balance
£22.99	Clerk paper
£51.93	Clerk bulbs for village hall side garden
£1124.04	Clerk salary
£281	HMRC tax

The balance in the account as at 11 November was £21,369.37

Councillors noted the half year accounts report.

16) **Planning**

- The Old Vicarage Stoneheyes Lane- approved
- Stables and menage 43 Ash House Lane -CWAC decision pending
- Burnside Runcorn Road -CWAC decision pending

- The Laurels Runcorn Road -CWAC decision pending
- 30 Church Road-CWAC decision pending
- Hunters Lodge extension -CWAC decision pending
- 15 Ash House Lane extension-CWAC decision pending
- Blue Grass cottage-CWAC decision pending

17) **Matters for next meeting**

- Local heritage lists

17) Date of next meeting 13 January 2022

The meeting closed at 7.40pm