

**LITTLE LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7PM ON 13 JANUARY
2022 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

1) Attendance

Councillors Beecroft, Jones, King, Lawless, McSweeney and Tomlinson were present together with one member of the public. Apologies were received from Ward councillors Gibbon, Marshall and Wright.

2) Co -option of new councillor

Mr Ayre was co- opted as the new councillor.

Proposed Cllr Lawless seconded Cllr King 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 Councillor Jones was also a trustee of the Village Hall Management Committee. Cllr Tomlinson was a Governor of Little Leigh school. Those councillors who lived in the village declared a pecuniary interest in the agenda item on setting the precept.

4) Public submissions

In response to complaints from members of the public reports had been sent to Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWAC) regarding a damaged grit bin, mud on Hole House Lane, damaged and missing dog waste bins and potholes.

5) Minutes of November meeting

Resolution 1:13.01.22 The minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2021 were approved. Proposed Cllr King seconded Cllr McSweeney voting unanimous.

6) Clerk's report

- The CWAC tree officer had informed the Clerk that the tree at the end of Hole House Lane would be removed on 14 January 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. Speed limit signs on Runcorn Road would be cleaned or replace.
- 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. An encouraging level of financial pledges had been received and funds had been arranged to cover publicity such as leafletting.
- The Active Travel meeting with CWAC had been postponed to 20 January.
- Carols around the Tree had been held socially distanced in the open air on 18 December. It had been well attended.

- LSEP incinerator application – CWAC had objected to the application to increase the size but the final decision would be made by Government. Correspondence on this issue had been received from CHAIN.
- The volunteers party had been held on 18 November.
- A sound system and hearing loop had been installed in the village hall.

7) Community Emergency Plan and Local Heritage lists.

- The first draft of the Community Emergency Plan had been circulated.
- Due to COVID the Clerk had postponed the attendance of the Built Environment Officer Conservation and Design. A virtual meeting would be arranged for February.

10) Jubilee beacon 2 June 2022

The Clerk was seeking a quotation for a beacon. A meeting of interested parties and organisations would be convened by Cllr Jones on 4 February. Cllr Mc Sweeney had registered the event with the Pageant Master as an event for the local community.

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.
- The Clerk had written to Hope Hospice indicating that the Parish Council would not be making a donation.
- The Crime Commissioner was consulting on the police budget and was seeking a further increase in the precept. Individual councillors would reply.
- CWAC had not put forward any Little Leigh sites for wildflowers. It might be possible for the Parish Council to fund some sites.
- A tree planting event was planned for 11 March to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.
- Negotiations had started regarding a potential community orchard and allotment.
- Correspondence had been circulated regarding the Warm Homes Grant.

12) Finance

Resolution 2 :13.01.22 The following receipts and payments were proposed by Cllr Beecroft seconded by Cllr Tomlinson Voting unanimous

£562.60	<i>income HMRC VAT reclaim</i>
£1111.68	Cllr Kirkland volunteer party refreshments
£48.79	E Cormick plants for planters
£505	St Michaels Church rent for village hall
£1355	Kirkpatrick Sound engineering hearing loop for village hall.
£32.75	Cllr J Jones carols round tree refreshments
£8.93	Clerk sign for village hall bike rack

The balance in the account as at 13 January was £20,314.53

Resolution 3: 13.01.2022 Councillors agreed the 2022/23 Parish Precept should remain at the same Band D equivalent rate as the 2021/22 precept which would result in a request for £8514.

Proposed Cllr Lawless seconded Cllr King

16) **Planning**

- Stables and menage 43 Ash House Lane -approved by CWAC.
- Burnside Runcorn Road -approved by CWAC
- The Laurels Runcorn Road -CWAC decision pending
- 30 Church Road-approved by CWAC
- Hunters Lodge extension -refused by CWAC
- 15 Ash House Lane extension-CWAC decision pending
- Blue Grass cottage-CWAC decision pending

17) **Matters for next meeting**

- Local heritage lists
- Community orchard and tree planting
- Wildflower verges

17) Date of next meeting 10 March 2022

The meeting closed at 7.30pm