

LITTLE LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

To be held in Little Leigh village hall on Thursday 8 September at 7pm

1) Attendance

Councillors Ayre, Beecroft, Jones, King, Lawless, McSweeney and Tomlinson were present together with Ward councillor Wright and 4 members of the public. Apologies were received from Ward councillors Gibbon and Marshall.

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 member of the public had complained about new telegraph poles which had been erected by Freedom Fibre in Ash House Lane. The Clerk had contacted CWAC's Broadband co Ordinator who had advised that no consultation was necessary as Freedom Fibre had Code Powers meaning that they did not need permission to add poles on public land. Provided Freedom Fibre had considered all the options ie use of existing poles or the existing ducting there was nothing to prevent them from installing poles as they wished. Freedom Fibre had advised they had a mandate from government to install fibre.
- Members of the public had complained about the planning application for prior approval for permitted development of an agricultural building in Shutley Lane. The parish council had objected to the application. The complainants were advised to comment to CWAC on the application either using the Planning Portal or by email. Cllr Wright would contact CWAC planning about the application.

4) Minutes of July meeting

Resolution 1 08.09.22 The minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2022 were approved *Proposed Cllr King seconded Cllr Beecroft voting unanimous*

5) Clerk's report

- Cllr Ayre was thanked for replacing the bollards at the Brakeley Lane Church Road verge.
- The bungalow at the Hollybush pub site had been offered for auction.
- CWAC was due to strip the turf from the A533 verges at the junctions with Shutley and Brakeley lanes to enable the Parish Council to sow the wildflower seeds it had purchased.
- CWAC had advised that they could not release the names of landowners for footpaths and bridleways due to data protection legislation.

6) Potholes survey

The survey was incomplete but around 60 highways defects had been reported to CWAC. The Chairman would email his spreadsheet of defects to Cllr Wright and CWAC Highways.

7) **Active travel**

Cllr Beecroft reported that a short cycle ride had been organised to Dutton Locks on 17 July. A further ride would be organised in the Autumn.

A meeting with the Canal and River Trust regarding upgrading the Trent and Mersey canal towpath had been postponed yet again and was now due to be held on 12 September. The new route was proposed after CWAC had refused to upgrade the A533 path. CRT would be encouraged to talk with CWAC and Sustrans.

8) **Village show and dog show 17 September**

The dog show would run as in previous years and Barnyard would sponsor the rosettes. A new resident in the village had sponsored the dog show prizes.

The village crafts and produce show would be non-competitive. People would be offered stalls for £5 to sell produce, cakes and handicrafts with profits going to charity. 12 tables had been sold. Refreshments would be available. The village would be leafleted.

9) **Correspondence**

- Correspondence from CWAC, the Police, ChALC and NALC had been circulated.
- The new Police and Crime Plan was out for consultation.
- The PCSO had indicated there were no reports of incidents in Little Leigh.
- Barnton Post Office was to remain closed as no alternative venue would be identified.
- The Clerk was a COVID Community Champion and had circulated information received from CWAC.
- The Clerk had circulated information on the proposed Winnington bridge project. The Chairman would write to the MP supporting the project but seeking active travel links to the neighbouring villages and the potential for increased traffic in Barnton.
- Preparation for work courses and a job fair had been publicised on the village Facebook page.
- Libraries were to be available as warm refuges in the winter months.
- Councillors agreed not to fund Hope Hospice.
- Cllr Gibbon and Wright were meeting CWAC senior officers regarding the prolonged closure of Soot Hill.
- A resident had complained about traffic at the school. Cllrs Wright and Ayre would meet to discuss the issue.

10) **Finance**

Resolution 2 :09.09.2022 The following receipts and payments were proposed by Cllr Beecroft seconded by Cllr King Voting unanimous

£85.41	E Cormick plants for planters
£81.28	Tyrella Rosettes Ltd dog show rosettes
£304.50	Boston Seeds wildflowers
£247.36	Vision ICT website hosting

The balance in the account as at 30 August was £17,702.64

- 11) Planning
- Ruscot Hole House Lane-approved
 - Long Barn Willow Green Lane -pending
 - Land at Shutley Lane stables-approved
 - Hydrogen pipeline-statutory consultation started 12 September with consultation events which the Chairman would attend.
 - Winnington Tata estate-pending
 - 9 Orchard Drive extension-pending
 - Beaumont Runcorn Road sunroom -approved
 - Land off Warrington Road-withdrawn
 - The Horns Warrington Road-pending
 - Agricultural building Shutley Lane-pending
- 11) Matters for next meeting- mid year finance
- 12) Date of next meeting 10 November 2022
The meeting closed at 8pm

Little Leigh Parish Council is saddened at the passing of our late Sovereign, Queen Elizabeth the Second. Our sadness at this time is shared by people across the globe, as we remember with affection and gratitude the lifetime of service given by our longest-reigning Monarch.