

LITTLE LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Little Leigh village hall on Thursday 10 November at 7pm

1) Attendance

Councillors Ayre, Beecroft, Jones, King, Lawless and McSweeney were present together with Ward councillor Wright. Apologies were received from Cllr Tomlinson and 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. Cllr Ayre declared a personal interest in the item on planning and took no part in this discussion.

3) Public submissions

Cllr Jones had been approached about a further play area for the village. The Parish Council had investigated this idea on many occasions in the past but had been unable to identify a suitable site or funding. Instead resources had been put into upgrading Cheshire West and Cheshire's play area adjacent to the school in Shutley Lane. Further play areas were available in Barnton, Comberbach, Marbury and Anderton. The estate was subject to a 20mph speed limit and enforcement was a matter for the police.

4) Minutes of September meeting

Resolution 1 10.11.22 The minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2022 were approved *Proposed Cllr King seconded Cllr Beecroft voting unanimous*

5) Clerk's report

- The Hollybush pub and the bungalow were understood to have been sold at auction.
- The verges at the junctions with Shutley and Brakeley lanes and the A533 had been sown with wildflower seeds.
- The village show and dog show had been well attended and had received positive feedback from attendees and stall holders. The dog show had raised £150 for the charity Care for the Paw.
- Cllrs Gibbon and Wright had met CWAC senior officers regarding the prolonged closure of Soot Hill. Assuming CWAC cabinet approved funding work was due for completion in autumn 2023.
- The Chairman would write to the MP about broadband telecoms infrastructure.

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 meeting had been held with the Canal and River Trust regarding upgrading the Trent and Mersey canal towpath. Quarterly meetings were planned but had proved difficult to arrange. CRT had cut back some vegetation and were undertaking temporary repairs to canal edging. The Parish Council had purchased a picnic bench for the canal path to be installed by CRT.

8) Carols around the tree

This was planned for 17 December in the open air. Cllr Jones would organise refreshments.

9) Coronation celebration event on 6 May

Councillors agreed to hold an event potentially including lighting a beacon. The Chairman would approach the Horton family requesting use of their field near the village hall. Cllr Ayre would place an article on the village Facebook page seeking a site for a Coronation bench. The event would be preceded by a village clean up.

10) Correspondence

- Correspondence from CWAC, the Police, ChALC and NALC had been circulated.
- The PCSO's report had been circulated.
- The Clerk was a COVID Community Champion and had circulated information received from CWAC.
- The Clerk had circulated the Towards a Sustainable and Inclusive Cheshire report.

11) Finance

Resolution 2 :10.11.2022 The following receipts and payments were proposed by Cllr Beecroft seconded by Cllr Ayre Voting unanimous

£81.28	Income Barnyard dog show rosettes
£38.00	Clerk dog show expenses
£38.08	Clerk printer inks
£1144.00	Clerk salary July to November
£286.00	HMRC tax July to November
£607.00	Earth Anchors Picnic bench

The balance in the account as at 10 November was £17,398.28

The Clerk had applied for a VAT refund.

The NALC payscales indicated a pay rate of £14.75 per hour from 1 April 2022. Councillors agreed the Clerk was owed back pay.

Councillors agreed to pay the payroll provider £50 for completing the Pension Regulator's process which was necessary even though the Clerk did not receive a Parish Council pension.

Councillors noted the half year finance report prepared by the Clerk and agreed the Parish Council was in a good financial position.

12) Planning

- Hunters Lodge -appeal dismissed
- Long Barn Willow Green Lane -approved by CWAC
- Swallow Barn Willowgreen Lane -pending with CWAC
- Hydrogen pipeline-the Chairman had commented on behalf of the Parish Council
- Winnington Tata estate-pending with CWAC
- The Horns Warrington Road-pending with CWAC

- Agricultural building Shutley Lane- CWAC had granted prior approval
- Shutley Farm- pending with CWAC

13) Matters for next meeting

- 2023/24 precept
- Village clean up, Coronation bench and Coronation event.

14) Date of next meeting 11 January 2023

The meeting closed at 8pm