

LITTLE LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Little Leigh village hall on Thursday 12 January at 7pm

1) Attendance

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

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) **There were no public submissions.**

4) Minutes of November meeting

Resolution 1 12.01.23 The minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2022 were approved Proposed Cllr King seconded Cllr Mc Sweeney voting unanimous

5) Clerk's report

- Balfour Beatty had been appointed to carry out the work on Soot Hill. Councillors agreed to sign a joint letter with neighbouring parish councils regarding the delays and award of the contract.
- The Chairman would write to the MP about broadband telecoms infrastructure.
- A meeting with Canal and River Trust regarding towpath improvements was planned for 18 January.
- The Carols round the tree event had been successful.
- The Chairman would email his spreadsheet of highways defects to Cllr Wright and CWAC Highways.

6) Coronation celebration event

It was understood that the Palace did not wish beacons to be lit on 6 May. Further information was awaited from the Pageant Master. Cllr Jones would organise a meeting of interested parties in the village.

Cllr Ayre had consulted the school and nearby residents and had identified a site for a coronation bench to the right of the school. The idea had been positively received. The Clerk had contacted Highways who advised a street furniture licence was required. Cllr Ayre would organise a village clean up to be held on the weekend of 22 April.

7) Village Parking Issues

A working group would be formed to deal with the issue of poor parking in the village. The school Head teacher had written again to parents and the police were performing spot checks to educate drivers.

8) Village Hall Leadership

Mr Screen was stepping down as Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee. A recognition event would be held and representatives of the Village Hall Management Committee and the Parish Council would meet in January to discuss succession and allocation of duties.

9) Correspondence

- The Clerk had circulated correspondence about the election.
- Correspondence from CWAC, the Police, ChALC and NALC had been circulated.
- The Police and Crime Commissioner was consulting on a further 6.4% increase to the Police Precept. Individual councillors would reply.
- The Clerk was a COVID Community Champion and had circulated information received from CWAC.

10) Finance

Resolution 2 :12.01.23 The following receipts and payments were proposed by Cllr King seconded by Cllr Ayre Voting unanimous

£79.38	E Cormick plants for planters
£22.80	Clerk stamps
£21.60	Vision ICT new email address for Clerk
£510	St Michaels Little Leigh church account rent
£187.95	<i>Income VAT refund</i>
£121.40	Earth Anchors VAT for picnic bench
£45	Cllr Jones refreshments carols round the tree

The balance in the account as at 30 December was £15,367.97

Resolution 3: 12.01.23 Councillors agreed a precept of £8,641 for 2023/24 which would maintain the same Band D level of precept as the previous year.

11) Planning

- 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-approved by CWAC
- Shutley Farm- pending with CWAC
- Bluegrass Kennels -pending with CWAC
- Willowgreen Farm - pending with CWAC.

13) Matters for next meeting

- Village clean up, Coronation bench and Coronation event.

14) Date of next meeting 9 March 2023

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm