

LITTLE LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Little Leigh village hall on Tuesday 11 July 2023 at 7pm

1) Attendance

Councillors Ayre, Beecroft, King, Lawless, Littler and McSweeney were present with ward councillor Gibbon, Di Wiggins PCSO and 10 members of the public. Apologies were received from Cllr Jones and Ward councillors 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

3) Public submissions.

Agricultural building on Shutley Lane.

Two members of the public spoke on this item and others commented. The speakers informed the councillors that they had contacted Cheshire West and Chester planning enforcement to report that the Brierly- Jones shed had not been built in accordance with the CWAC approved plans and that additional hardcore and soil had been bought onto the site. The mixed waste being bought onto site could potentially include controlled waste. A track was being built alongside the hedge and the building ridge height exceeded that of the adjacent building. There was a concern that the planning officer might not have visited the site; ward Cllr Gibbon would seek evidence that this site visit had occurred and would request that if the building had not been built in accordance with the granted permission CWAC would act. The building could only be used for the storage of feed and agricultural equipment.

The Chairman assured the public that the Parish Council supported the concerns and had objected to the development. The Clerk had also written to the planning enforcement officer and Cllr Ayre had emailed the MP. Cllr Gibbon would request that the MP should seek to get the Permitted Development Rights for agricultural developments amended as they were being misused.

4) Minutes of May meeting

Resolution 1 11.07.2023 The minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2023 were approved Proposed Cllr Littler seconded Cllr Mc Sweeney voting unanimous

4) Clerk's report

- The village walk had been well attended
- Councillors had attended virtual meetings on Climate Change issues and also on Highways. Slides would be circulated.

5) Ward Councillor's report

- Delyth Curtis was being appointed as the new CWAC Chief executive.
- New Ward Plan is being developed around 4 themes, Highways, Environmental, Education and Health all linked to communities and will provide a ward picture with actions to pursue. Will circulate once completed.
- Live Well website online directory, for social isolation and other forms of help for everyone, the elderly, the young and the vulnerable. Self-help and CWaC help on outcome focused planning

- HS2 - CwaC have withdrawn their petitioning from the Select Committee, as they think they have secured written watertight assurances in 23 out of 25 areas mitigation.
- PCC meeting LG requested that PCSO reports should include the outcomes / achievements of their interventions from the list of incidents and issues – this was agreed as a positive way forward and would be addressed to get the message out to the communities.
- Police - Leroy Moss is the Northwich Inspector/ Jason Mountford is the Beat Officer/ Dianna Wiggins and Michelle Giles are our PCSOs and Rob Simpson is the Rural Crime Officer.

Highways

- No PROW officers in place as both left to join Cheshire East, back log of enforcements and maintenance
- Positive visit with Jayne Black Head of Highways on key areas for action on white lines, potholes, key junctions and providing a general overview Marbury as a rural ward
- Soot Hill, supposed to be on time and on budget
- Winnington Bridge, awaiting meeting on new bid proposals we want to ensure that the Shoots and a bridge for Marbury Hollows is on the agenda for discussion/ inclusion to improve the walking and cycling routes around the area
- Colas, new contractor has made a good start on delivering quality repairs, keep an eye on repairs and report if they are not good
- Trees not being cut back, causing very dark and dangerous lengths of road
- **Planning**
- Still backlog of 700 planning application
- Be aware of an increase in permitted development barns, but they can't store anything other than agricultural equipment or grain.

6) PCSO's report

Little Leigh remained quiet and police patrols had been carried out at the school to monitor parking. Concerns remained about friction between residents and parents regarding inappropriate parking and people throwing litter from cars while collecting children.

7) Highways Survey 2023

The Highways defects survey using the CWAC Report it app was $\frac{3}{4}$ way through. 56 reports had been made to CWAC including many potholes on Hole House Lane where the surface had broken up and edge defects on country lanes. Many of the reports had been judged to not meet the CWAC criteria and would therefore not be actioned. CWAC was said to be the third worst authority in the country for highways defects.

8) Dog show and village bazaar on 9 September

A judge, stewards and sponsor had been organised for the dog show and a bazaar would be held in the village hall to raise funds for the hall.

9) Green Festival 2024

Councillors provisionally agreed on 20 April for the event. A planning meeting would be held on September.

11) Correspondence

- The Clerk had circulated correspondence from CWAC, the Police, ChALC and NALC.
- Information had been received on holding an event to celebrate the 6th June 2024 80th anniversary of D-Day.

12) Finance

Resolution 2 11.07.23 The following receipts and payments were proposed by Cllr Lawless seconded by Cllr McSweeney Voting unanimous

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| £156.60 | Shires accountants payroll services |
| £1038.40 | Clerk salary April to July |
| £259.60 | HMRC tax April to July |
| £17.60 | Cllr King oil for Coronation bench |

The balance in the account as at 11 July was £20,324.93

13) Planning

- Parklands Willowgreen Lane -pending with CWAC
- Hydrogen pipeline-the Chairman had commented on behalf of the Parish Council. There would be a further round of consultation in view of proposed route changes.
- Old Post Office-pending with CWAC
- Winnington Tata estate-pending with CWAC
- Willowgreen Farm - pending with CWAC
- The Horns-removal of planning condition -approved by CWAC
- The Granary at the Hollybush -pending with CWAC
- The Barn and Bungalow at the Hollybush-pending with CWAC
- Leigh Cottage-approved by CWAC
- Crumleigh Heath Farm -pending with CWAC

13) Matters for next meeting-

- Final arrangements for dog show and bazaar
- Highways defects.

14) Date of next meeting 7 September

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm