

LITTLE LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Little Leigh village hall on Thursday 14 September 2023 at 7pm

1) Attendance

Councillors Ayre , King, Lawless, and McSweeney were present with ward councillor Gibbon. The Chairman welcomed 13 members of the public to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllrs Beecroft, Jones, Littler 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.

- The Clerk had responded to a complaint about speeding on Ash House Lane and had requested that the police should carry out speed enforcement monitoring in addition to writing to Highways.
- The Clerk had referred a complaint about the hedge overgrowing the Runcorn Road pathway to the landowner.

4) Minutes of July meeting

Resolution 1 14.09.2023 The minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2023 were approved Proposed Cllr King seconded Cllr Mc Sweeney voting unanimous

5) Clerk's report

- The dog show and bazaar on 9 September had seen few attendees due to the hot weather but those who had entered had enjoyed the show. The bazaar raised £212 for village hall funds and the dog show raised £80 for the charity Care for the Paw.
- A burglary had occurred on Church Road. The police had attended, had carried out a residents' voice survey and had offered selecta DNA to residents in the area.
- Freedom Fibre had awarded the parish council a £350 grant to establish a wildlife hub on the Brakeley Lane /Shutley Lane triangle.

6) Ward Councillor's report

General

- Members Budgets - request applications/ideas
- WRAC concrete no schools in Cheshire West
- Solar Together – CwaC working with other councils on group buying scheme to make it cheaper, check the website.
- Parish Clerks Teams Channel setup for distributing information
- Digital invites requested for Cllrs to PC Meetings
- PROW 3 new officers recruited, will take a while to settle in and get to know the area

- Skills- confidence building for the economically inactive – provision in local parish halls is sought if PCs identify what they/residents would like delivered, help with promoting learning something new, linked to Work Zones provision for further training if required in Northwich
- Marbury 10-year plan for major/ other highways projects to help improve ward infrastructure submitted – We now await the outcome of whether any projects will be included

Crime

Community Police- reports now include the outcomes to incidents.

Consultations:

- Participate Now -for Residents and PCs join on line
- Asset Management Strategy
- Join the Conversation on the Borough Plan 2024 to 2028- pinpoint your community's strengths.

Highways

- General Road Repairs – plenty of activity across the ward/this is driven by both the regular surveys and reports through the App (encourage residents to keep reporting)
- A556 – Closure / drain collapse –24hr shifts over weekend - tarmac Monday should open Tuesday, should have repaired potholes/repainted white lines.
- Soot Hill – On track for December.
- Grids and Gulley Maps available for reference and addition. PM to arrange to circulate Maps.

Planning:

- Still over 12 months wait – with 700 waiting when told it had been reduced to 500

7) Highways Survey 2023

Four councillors had surveyed all the roads and pavements in the parish.100 defects had been reported to Highways using the CWAC Report it app. Only 17 reports had been judged to meet the CWAC criteria. CWAC was said to be the third worst authority in the country for highways defects.

8) Green Festival 2024

Councillors provisionally agreed on 20 April for the event. A planning meeting would be held late October or early November.

9) D Day event 6 June 2024

This would be discussed at the November meeting.

10) Correspondence

- The Clerk had circulated correspondence from CWAC, the Police, ChALC and NALC.

12) Finance

Resolution 2 14.09.23 The following receipts and payments were proposed by Cllr Lawless seconded by Cllr Ayre Voting unanimous

£1404	Northwich Town Council bench (covered by Lottery Grant)
£27	Clerk paper and minutes display book
£268.96	Vision ICT website and email hosting
£134.72	E Cormick plants and soil for planters
£82.73	Tyrella Rosettes Ltd dog show rosettes (To be reimbursed by Barnyard)

The balance in the account as at 30 August was £17,326.97

13) Planning

- Parklands Willowgreen Lane -approved by CWAC
- Hydrogen pipeline-pending with CWAC.
- Old Post Office-approved by 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
- Chapel Farm stables-pending with CWAC
- Hilltop Farm utility room extension -approved by CWAC

13) Matters for next meeting-

- Green Festival
- D day anniversary event
- Highways survey
- Half year finance report

- Planning enforcement officers were dealing with the complaints about the new adjoining developments on Shutley Lane. Investigations were ongoing. The parish council had objected to the application for brick built stabling at Chapel Farm. A member of the public questioned the planning history of other equestrian developments in the parish.

14) Date of next meeting 9 November

Due to disruptive language the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30pm