

## LITTLE LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Little Leigh village hall on Tuesday 19 March 2024 at 7pm

### 1) Attendance

Councillors Beecroft, Jones, King, Lawless, Littler and McSweeney were present with PCSO Wiggins. Apologies were received from Ward councillors Gibbon, Marshall and Wright. The Chairman welcomed 8 members of the public to the meeting.

### 2) Co option of new councillor

Following the resignation of Cllr Ayre parish councillors co- opted Cllr Geary onto the parish council. Mr Ayre was thanked for all his work as a councillor.

### 3) 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.

### 4) Public submissions.

Councillor Geary had offered to organise some First Aid training for residents.

### 5) Minutes of January meeting

*Resolution 1 19.03. 2024 The minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2024 were approved Proposed Cllr Beecroft seconded Cllr King voting unanimous*

### 6) Clerk's report

- The Grapevine newsletter had been produced and distributed in March.
- The consultant's report on the village hall beech trees had shown no work was needed at present but the survey should be repeated in 2026.
- Cllrs Jones, King and the Clerk had met with the Cheshire West and Chester CEO and senior officers on 29 February. Although the meeting had been interesting CWAC had failed to recognise that potholes meeting the intervention criteria for repair had not been marked up or repaired. A find and fix solution where the contractor would repair faults meeting the intervention criteria while on site was under consideration. Any repairs not to the required specification had to be rectified at the contractor's cost. Lack of public transport in the village had also been raised. CWAC was producing a Bus Service Improvement Plan to enhance connectivity between urban and rural areas. No figures were available on comparative spend per head of population in differing parishes. Bins were emptied on a frequency basis dependent on need.
- Abba tribute band- Cllr Littler was thanked for organising an enjoyable sell out event where people were able to meet fellow villagers.
- Cllr Jones had registered an interest in a scheme for installing an internet connection a the village hall.
- Sue Griffiths was the new litter picker co-ordinator.

### 7) PCSO /police report

- The police had executed a warrant at an address on Brakeley Lane. CWAC and Weavervale Housing were aware of issues with a caravan and car parked outside the property. Any concerns should be reported to the police.

**7) Ward Councillor's report-** To follow

**8) Green Festival 27 April**

Cllr Jones reported that this was a major whole village event aimed at raising awareness of eco- issues across the generations. Indoor and outdoor space would be used at the school and a wide audience was anticipated. Over 30 activities were planned. Flyers, posters, banners and Facebook posts were in hand. People were invited to start work on the Wildlife photography competition, junk modelling and a recycled tee shirt competition.

9)The village show and dog show would be held on 21 September.

**10) Correspondence**

- The Clerk had circulated correspondence from the police, CWAC, ChALC and NALC.
- The Consultation on the CWAC Local Plan had closed
- Consultation on the Cheshire and Warrington Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) runs until 31 March 2024

**11) Finance**

*Resolution 2 19.03. 2024 The following receipts and payments were proposed by Cllr Mc Sweeney seconded by Cllr Lawless Voting unanimous*

*Receipts*

£ 325                      *Abba ticket from tickets after paying band*  
£28.80 *reimbursement from Starboard Systems for Scribe accountancy package*

*Payments*

£64.56                      Clerk compost for planters  
£32.28                      More compost for planters  
£40                              Information Commissioner registration fee  
£1666                        Clerk salary to 31 March  
£416.60                      HMRC tax to 31 March  
£132                            Little Leigh village hall management committee rent 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.  
£23.93                        E Cormick replacement plants for flooded planter

The balance in the account as at 19 March was £14,732.01.

**15) Planning**

- Hydrogen pipeline-application delayed to 2025.
- Winnington Tata estate-pending with CWAC
- Swallow Barn Willowgreen Lane -approved by CWAC
- Shed at 4 Willowgreen Barns -approved by CWAC
- Chapel Farm stables-pending with CWAC
- Land at Hall Lane extension to stables and forge-pending with CWAC
- Development at Willowgreen Farm Barn -pending with CWAC.
- 5 Church Meadows-pending with CWAC.
- Crumleigh Heath Farm- pending with CWAC.

**16) Matters for next meeting**

End of Year Finance and Green Festival

17) Date of next meeting Finance meeting 16 April, 16 May 2024 AGM and Annual Parish Meeting. The meeting closed at 7.35pm