

**Little Leigh 124th Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 11 May 2017 in  
Little Leigh Village Hall at 7:00pm**

- 1) The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting including 9 members of the public. It was his last parish council meeting after service stretching over 2 decades. Cllr McSweeney thanked him for all he had achieved for the village.
- 2) Attendance Councillors Jones, King, J Lawless and McSweeney were present with CWAC councillors Gibbon and Wright and apologies from councillors Williamson and Tomlinson and CWAC councillor Hammond.
- 3) Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman
  - Chairman Cllr R McSweeney proposed Cllr King, seconded Cllr Jones voting unanimous
  - Vice Chairman Cllr King proposed Cllr McSweeney, seconded Cllr Jones voting unanimous.
- 4) Co Option of new councillors  
Cllr Beecroft proposed by Cllr McSweeney seconded by Cllr King voting unanimous  
Cllr Kirkland proposed by Cllr King seconded by Cllr McSweeney voting unanimous
- 5) The Chairman reported on the parish council and the village hall management committee activities (see attached).
- 6) Nominations for working groups: The following councillors were unanimously elected:
  - Village hall sub committee- Cllrs Jones, King, and McSweeney
  - Environment sub committee- Cllr King
  - Festivals and entertainment sub committee- Cllrs Jones, Kirkland and Williamson
  - Finance sub committee- Cllrs King and McSweeney
  - Planning sub committee – Cllrs McSweeney and Cllr Beecroft
- 7) Public Submissions from Little Leigh groups and organisations

The Parish Council received reports from the Friendly Club, the Film Club, the Coffee Morning, the Drop in Monday Club which was celebrating its 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday, the Knit Natter and Nibble Club which had sent garments all over the world and the Youth Club which had written thanking the parish council for its grant and which would have use of the school playing field over the summer.

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The new Chairman opened the meeting at 7.25pm.

1) 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, King and McSweeney were also trustees of the Village Hall Committee.

2) Public submissions.

**Winnington Bridge** –CWAC Cllr Gibbon reported that a further traffic survey on the Northwich Infrastructure was to be conducted by consultants. She had requested that traffic flows to Marbury Park and the Anderton Boat Lift be included. An upgraded bridge would simply increase the traffic through Barnton and Little Leigh so a solution for traffic to exit via the Weaverham roundabout was her preference. Marbury ward councillors were hoping to be on the working group. Residents were angered that a senior councillor was charging to provide a presentation at Winnington hall and felt that the information should be available to residents without charge.

**Marbury Lane-** One resident felt that the lane should be reopened to traffic but it was now leased to CWAC.

**Willowgreen Lane rat run-** the Clerk had contacted Highways and the PCSO about the removal of the access only signs which had been put in place while the A49 bridge was being repaired. She would copy her email to a concerned resident.

3) **Minutes of Meeting held on 31 March 2017**

*Resolution 1 11.05.17 : Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 31 March 2017 as being a true record of that meeting.*

*Proposed Cllr King*

*Seconded Cllr Jones*

*Voting Unanimous*

4) Connecting Cheshire

- Navin Sankersingh and Dean Burrows attended in the absence of Andrew Arditti. There was no representative from BT to answer technical questions and it appeared Connecting Cheshire had no high level technical competence to oversee the contract with BT.
- Phase 1 started in 2012, phase 2 added 10k premises and phase 3 should add 6k premises by 2018. Phase 4 would be opened to other suppliers by summer 2017 but would take another year to mobilise. The latter phases included a service level agreement that at least one premise per postcode should receive at least 30 Mbps.
- To date no one attending the meeting Leigh had fibrebroadband coverage and the spreadsheet of postcode against service contained major errors.
- Comberbach 2 cabinet should go live in summer 2017 but at least 125 premises in Little Leigh were too far from the cabinet to gain the improved service. Aluminium wires, uncertain routing and too many joints were further complications. Premises next door to the cabinet were projected to gain an uplift only to 8 Mbps.
- Another cabinet closer to the village was needed. Connecting Cheshire promised to inform the Clerk of a date by which this cabinet would go live. This could be subject to phase 4 of the rollout.
- Connecting Cheshire would send details of the Community Fibre Solutions initiative which allowed solutions from other providers. Vouchers for £350 per property were available for those with less than 2Mbps and these could be aggregated.
- BT would be invited to the July meeting to explain their appalling performance on the Little Leigh broadband provision

5) **Clerks report**

- The Clerk had purchased another 12 verge markers for installation in June.
- Highways had advised that a limited waiting traffic regulation traffic order could be applied to the laybys to prevent overnight parking but that enforcement would fall to CWAC's civil parking enforcement officers and not to the police. The Clerk had sought a limited waiting traffic order from Highways.
- Work on erecting the new speed limit signs for Runcorn Road was due in June.
- The clerk had purchased a small microwave oven for the village hall kitchen.
- Volunteers would cut the hedge, sweep the car park and form a new border in the front of the village hall on 23 May. The Clerk would submit a grant application for forming a community space in front of the village hall. This would involve removing the railings which divided the front garden of the village hall to form a more usable space. The conifer hedge would be replaced with railings to widen the drive to assist tanker deliveries to neighbouring properties and the hazardous step would be removed. The Clerk was obtaining quotations.
- CWAC councillors advised that it would be prudent to make a submission to the boundary commission regarding staying in Marbury Ward rather than waiting to comment on proposals they would put forward in the autumn. The Clerk would draft ideas to circulate to councillors for comment.

6) A litter pick would be advertised in Grapevine for 8 July.

7) **Family funday**

- This would be postponed to a Harvest supper to link in with the church. Cllr Jones would contact the church and would feedback to the July parish council meeting.

8) **Village show 16 September**

Schedules would be similar to last year and would be circulated for comment. Art and photography would be promoted. Judges were B O'Donnell, E Murphy, J and L Lawless. A judge was being arranged for the dog show which would be held on Mr Horton's field. A planning meeting would be held after the schedules had been agreed.

9) **Correspondence**

- Police and Police commissioner newsletters
- ChALC e bulletins
- Email from Mr Byrne regarding the Tata waste incinerator which had been given planning permission.
- Letter from Mrs Cormick requesting funding of up to £100 for plants for planters.
- *Resolution 2 11.05.2107 Councillors agreed this funding, proposed Cllr King seconded Cllr Jones voting unanimous.*

6) **Finance**

*Resolution 3 11.05.17 Council approved the following receipts and payments: Proposed Cllr McSweeney seconded Cllr Jones Voting unanimous*

£9800	<i>income CWAC precept and Council Tax Reduction Scheme grant (£150)</i>
£54.99	<i>Clerk microwave</i>
£8	<i>Mid Cheshire Footpath Society</i>
£72	<i>Cheshire Community Development Trust payroll services</i>
£546.57	<i>Community Lincs Insurance Services</i>
£170.45	<i>Cheshire Association of Local Councils</i>
£129.99	<i>Clerk printer/scanner</i>
£210.96	<i>Clerk verge marker posts</i>
£65	<i>C Swallow internal audit</i>
£19.98	<i>Clerk paper</i>
£9.72	<i>Cllr King domain name registration</i>

*The Clerk had submitted an application to the Transparency fund to replace the broken printer/scanner*

- *Resolution 4 11.05.17 Councillors noted that the parish council would continue to use the Co operative bank and that Cllrs Williamson, Jones and Tomlinson would be added as a signatories*
  - *Councillors noted the accounts have passed the internal auditor.*
  - *The Clerks pay award resulted in a salary of £11.66 per hour from 1 April 2016*
  - *The balance in the accounts as at 28 April was £29,957.57*
- 7) Planning
- Residential development Beech Haven Church Road decision pending
  - Ash Tree Farm result of appeal pending
- 8) Matters for next meeting
- Village show
  - Internet
  - Harvest supper
- 9) Date of next meeting 6 July 2017. The meeting closed at 8.30pm