

## Meeting of Little Leigh Parish Council held on 8 March 2018 in Little Leigh Village Hall

Attendance Councillors Jones, King, Kirkland, McSweeney and Tomlinson were present with 2 members of the public and CWAC Cllr Wright. Apologies were received from Cllrs Beecroft and Williamson and CWAC councillor Gibbon.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.15pm.

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) There were no new public submissions other than litterpicking which was taken under the relevant agenda item.

3) **Minutes of Meeting held on 11 January 2018**

*Resolution 1 08.03.2018 : Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2018 as being a true record of that meeting.*

*Proposed Cllr Tomlinson*

*Seconded Cllr King*

*Voting Unanimous*

4) **Clerks report**

- **Litter picking** Councillors Kirkland and Tomlinson had placed repeated articles in Grapevine and Facebook regarding adopting roads for litter picking. 10 responses had been received and some roads had been adopted. School children had designed posters for placing in littered areas and were performing litter picks. This had been publicised in the Northwich Guardian. Book tokens would be awarded to the winner and runner up with certificates for commended.
- Cheshire West and Chester staff had advised that litter picking should not be carried out on roads with a speed limit above 40mph and that volunteers might need to sign waivers. The Clerk would continue to report any problems with litter on the A roads. Cllr Kirkland would send the Clerk details of the safety measures in place for volunteers so she could check insurance cover.
- Cllr Kirkland would obtain further advice from CWAC on issues such as collection locations for the litter and obtaining equipment. Mr Horner would arrange for self-adhesive posters to be printed for wheelie bins; posters would also be put on posts on private land in littered areas. The littering problem was thought to originate primarily from passers through the village rather than residents.
- Volunteers would get together in the village hall at 1.30pm on 7 April to decide the way forward and a substantive discussion would be held in the May Annual parish meeting. A village litter pick would be held on 7 April at 2pm.

## Highways issues

- **Gritting** Highways had explained that only the A49 and A533 met their criteria for pre-emptive gritting and the centre of the village was no longer regularly gritted as there was no school bus.
- Cllrs Kirkland and Williamson would identify potential locations for additional grit bins but CWAC should remain responsible for the gritting.
- **Speed limit assessments** for the centre of the village and Hole House Lane were expected by end April 2018 with an implementation date of late summer/autumn.
- The landowner was amenable to using post and wire fencing to improve visibility at the Smithy Lane/A533 junction although no funds were available for Cheshire railings.
- The Clerk and councillors had repeatedly reported the mud and potholes on Hole House Lane hill; the mud had been scraped as it was too thick to be swept and the potholes were scheduled for repair. The Clerk would continue to pursue the matter of the defective street light and clearing the grass from the A533 pathway to Barnton.
- The Chairman would organise a visit to Fire and Rescue services hub at Lymm at 1.30pm on 23 March; the invitation would be extended to Anderton with Marbury councillors.
- The Chairman would organise a survey of potholes and report them to CWAC. Cllr Wright commented that the issue was common to all 9 parishes in Marbury ward.

### 5) Broadband update

- Fibre to the cabinet in Cogshall Lane was in place. Cllr King reported that although some properties in the village including the estate would receive fibre to premises which should result in good speeds not all areas would benefit. The infrastructure was in place and it was hoped a service would be offered by Easter.
- Cllrs Beecroft and King had complained to Ofcom, BT, BT Openreach, Connecting Cheshire and the MP regarding the misinformation, errors, delays and poor service. As a result it was likely that Hole House Lane could be connected to Fibre to Premises but no date was forthcoming.
- People who thought they might not receive a service could also make complaints. It was possible that further properties would be covered in the next phase of Connecting Cheshire funding.
- VISPA, an alternative supplier of microwave based systems could be interested in providing a service if enough people showed an interest.

### 6) Correspondence

- Police and Crime Commissioner newsletters
- ChALC e bulletins
- Friends of Anderton and Marbury newsletters

- CWAC Consultation on Dog Control Orders-individual councillors would respond
- CWAC boundaries review had concluded that Little Leigh should remain in the enlarged Marbury ward from May 2019.
- The Clerk would contact the Canal and Rivers Trust again regarding repairs to bridge 204.

7) **November 2018 World War 1 Beacon event**

- The church had agreed to ring the bells at 7.05pm on 11 November and would be holding a memorial service at 10.45am. The names of people who fell in the 2 world wars would be read out.
- Councillors would light a beacon at 7pm on 11 November and would hold events to be decided with the events committee. The Chairman had registered the event, was seeking permission to use Mr Horton's field and would contact the licensee of the Leigh Arms to see whether she could provide a bar in the village hall.
- The fire basket was ready for use and an electricity pole had been sourced.

8) **Village events**

- Golden oldies film and lunch 14 March
- Village walk 14 April starting 2pm village hall
- Quiz evening 24 March 6.45pm
- Walk and family Fun day 23 June. Councillors agreed £150 funding
- Village show date 8 September
- Beacon event 11 November
- Carols round tree date 22 December

9) **Finance**

*Resolution 2 08.03.2018 Council approved the following receipts and payments: Proposed Cllr Tomlinson seconded Cllr King Voting unanimous*

£300	<i>Income Marbury Ward councillors grant to village hall for railings</i>
£1130.80	<i>Clerk salary November 2017 to 31 March 2018</i>
£346.40	<i>HMRC tax November 2017 to 31 March 2018</i>
£35	<i>Information commissioner registration</i>
£100	<i>Grant to Little Leigh Youth Club</i>

Councillor details were updated for the Co operative bank

- The balance in the accounts as at 28 February 2018 was £23,537.98

10) **Planning**

Cllr Beecroft had attended a planning training course organised by ChALC

11) **Matters for next meeting**

- Litterpicking
- Broadband
- Potholes

12) **Date of next meeting and AGM 10 May 2018 at 7:15pm.**

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Future meeting dates 5 July, 13 September, 8 November 2018.