

## **Meeting of Little Leigh Parish Council held on 5 July 2018 in Little Leigh Village Hall**

Attendance Councillors Beecroft, Jones, King, Kirkland, McSweeney and Tomlinson were present with CWAC councillor Wright and apologies from councillor Williamson and CWAC councillors Gibbon and Hammond.

### 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 Public submissions.**

### 3) **Minutes of Meeting held on 10 May 2018**

*Resolution 1 05.07.18 : Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 10 May 2018 as being a true record of that meeting.*

*Proposed Cllr King*

*Seconded Cllr Tomlinson*

*Voting Unanimous*

### 4) **Clerks report**

- The Clerk would commence work on new standing orders.
- Work on the village hall electricity supply had been scheduled for week commencing 16 July. The lowest of 3 quotations had been selected.
- Two quotations had been received for double glazing the village hall windows. Councillors decided to appoint ID Glass and Glazing Ltd  
The Clerk had submitted a grant application on behalf of the Village Hall Committee for £1500 to Marbury ward councillors.
- Councillors and the Clerk had visited the steamship Daniel Adamson.

### 5) **Potholes update**

Councillors had reported around 70 potholes to Cheshire West and Chester Highways. Many had since been marked for repair. The Chairman would write to Highways thanking them for the amount of activity that had occurred.

The contractor would reinstall the road studs in the centre of the road at the A49 Acton bridge. The temporary ramp ahead signs and 30mph sign on the bridge were due to bridge works carried out by the Canal and River Trust and there was an issue with the surfacing on the bridge deck near to the joints.

Various sections of the surface of Smithy Lane were also being repaired and yellow lines had been painted at the Leigh Arms.

### 6) **Broadband update**

Fibre to premises was now available in much but not all of Little Leigh which should enable good broadband speeds to be achieved in some locations. VISPA were also interested in 4G applications. Councillors would monitor progress.

### 7) **Litterpick update**

- Stickers were available for wheelie bins and litter picking kits had been distributed to 20 road adopting litter pickers. Marbury Ward councillors planned to fund the kits. Continued contact would be maintained with adopters to keep them motivated eg via Grapevine articles.

- An article would be placed in Grapevine regarding the increase in dog waste in the village.
- The Clerk would contact CWAC regarding the full litter bin on the canal at bridge 204.
- Cllr Kirkland would request a further litter bin for outside the village hall.

8) **Family Funday 23 June**

The Funday had been successful with approximately 60 people attending. The ponies had proved popular with children and adults. Those who came on the walk had enjoyed it although numbers were low. The event had broken even which was an excellent result. Thanks were due to councillor Jones in particular; the Clerk would write to non- Parish Council helpers.

9) **Village show 8 September**

- A planning meeting had been held and draft schedules would be emailed to councillors.
- Judges had been appointed for the classes and dog show and the school would be approached to provide an arts and photography judge.
- Schedules would be delivered to households and placed in pockets on the lamp posts. The school would be asked to place an article advertising the show in the school newsletter.
- The parish council would fund dog show rosettes if a sponsor could not be found and would also fund small gifts for judges.
- Help would be needed for the set up on 7 September.

10) **Remembrance event 11 November**

National Battles Over events were planned. Little Leigh would have a beacon and activities on 11 November. The Chairman would circulate a list of ideas, would place an article in Grapevine and would try to engage a bugler.

9) **Correspondence**

- Police and Police commissioner newsletters
- ChALC e bulletins

10) **Finance**

*Resolution 2 10.05.18 Council approved the following receipts and payments: Proposed Cllr King seconded Cllr Tomlinson Voting unanimous*

£623.64	Community Lincs insurance services
£347.78	HMRC tax November to March replacement for lost cheque
£293.75	Cllr Kirkland litter picking equipment
£97.69	E Cormick plants for planters
£50	Clerk reimbursement of payment for ponies for Family Funday
£125	Childrens entertainer Family Funday
£923.64	Clerk salary 1 April to 5 July
£173	HMRC tax 1 April to 5 July
£TBC	Johnson Electrical village hall electrical work
£TBC	ID Glass and Glazing deposit for double glazing village hall windows

- Councillors noted the accounts had passed the internal auditor and were with the external auditor.
- The balance in the accounts as at 30 June was £27,564.91

- 11) **Planning**
- Garage Parklands Willow Green Lane-approved
  - Extension at Hunters Lodge-pending
  - Extension at Kingsley Runcorn Road -approved
  - The Chairman had contacted CWAC regarding the untidy site at Cherry Tree nursery. Work had been carried out to improve the site's appearance but more clearance work was needed. The Chairman would monitor the situation and liaise with CWAC planning enforcement.
- 12) Matters for next meeting
- Broadband
  - 11 November Remembrance event
  - Christmas events
  - Quotations for heaters and further electrical work on the village hall.
  
  - Sadly the Youth Club had closed due to lack of numbers of regular attendees. A farewell party was planned for 20 July. Councillors thanked Cllr Jones for her many years of managing the club.
- 13) Date of next meeting 13 September 2018. The meeting closed at 8.25pm