

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

Attendance Councillors Beecroft, Jones, King, Kirkland and McSweeney and CWAC councillor Wright were present with apologies from councillors Tomlinson and 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 13 September 2018**

Resolution 1 08.11.18 : Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2018 as being a true record of that meeting.

Proposed Cllr McSweeney

Seconded Cllr Beecroft Voting Unanimous

4) **Clerks report**

- Cllr King had obtained quotations for work on the village hall heating system and rear door lights. Councillors decided to appoint Eric Johnson of Northwich Ltd.
- Litter pickers, Grapevine editor, deliverers and other volunteers would be invited to an event after the January parish council meeting. Cllr Kirkland would determine a date and time and would circulate a list of potential attendees to ensure no-one was missed. Light refreshments would be provided.
- Cllr Kirkland had requested a further litter bin for outside the village hall and would follow up the request. She would also request a further green bin.
- The Clerk and Cllrs Beecroft and Williamson had contacted the Canal and Rivers Trust and the PCSO again regarding people living on a boat near bridge 206 on the Trent and Mersey Canal. The Canal and Rivers Trust were taking action although Data Protection legislation prevented them from releasing details. The PCSO was giving the issue of the aggressive dog passing attention; people experiencing difficulties with the dog were encouraged to report incidents to the police.
- The Clerk had written to the Salvation Army declining their invitation to site a clothes bank on the village hall carpark in view of limited space.
- Christmas events- carols around the tree 22 December. Mulled wine and mince pies would be served. The event was usually well supported.
- Spring event- to be discussed at January meeting.
- The Chairman had written to Highways about the lack of progress on repairing potholes on smaller roads. He would initiate a survey of pavements as several were in poor condition, including the footpath from Hole House

Lane to Barnton. Cllr Wright advised that the new CWAC CEO was visiting the ward on 22 November.

5) **Broadband update**

- Fibre to premises was being installed for 21 premises along Runcorn Road and Hole House Lane although no-one knew the planned completion date.
- Residents in Smithy Lane had raised funds for a Community Fibre Partnership which might involve connecting to a property which already had fibre to premises installed and which was in line of sight of Smithy Lane. It was not known whether this would provide sufficient bandwidth.

6) **Speed limit assessments**

- 20mph speed limits were being implemented in the centre of the village and in Hole House Lane in the current financial year. A 40mph limit was likely for Smithy Lane. Ash House Lane would also be monitored.

7) **Remembrance event 11 November**

- Plans were in place and the event had been publicised in Grapevine, the village Facebook page and in posters around the village.
- The beacon would be erected in the afternoon of 11 November together with tape to keep people at a distance.
- Councillors would be issued with Hi Vis tabards.
- Mulled wine would be provided rather than a full bar service and the parish council would fund light refreshments.
- Workshops to make ceramic poppies had proved popular and the school was also making poppies and other work. The poppies would be displayed in the village hall front garden and Councillors Beecroft and King would provide lighting for the area.
- Cllr Beecroft would take photographs.
- Help would be needed on 12 November to dismantle the tent and beacon and to remove the poppies to a safe place.

8) **Correspondence**

- Police and Police commissioner newsletters
- ChALC e bulletins
- Cheshire Fire authority draft Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) 2019/2020 consultation-individual councillors would respond.
- Invitation to Police Commissioner meeting with parish councils- no one was available for the 13 November meeting but minutes would be circulated in due course.

9) **Finance**

Resolution 2 08.11.18 Council approved the following receipts and payments: Proposed Cllr Beecroft seconded Cllr King Voting unanimous

- £900 *Income Marbury Ward councillors grant for double glazing village hall*
- £1164.97 *Income VAT reimbursement*
- £125 *A Hurst childrens' entertainer Family Funday*
- £19.98 *Clerk paper*
- £85 *Mathew Ross deposit sausage rolls for Armistice event*
- £40.40 *Clerk Armistice day refreshments*

- £1017.84 Clerk salary July to November
 - £254.40 HMRC tax
 - £39.94 G Hampton lanterns for village events
 - £38.20 Clerk cheese and biscuits for Armistice event
 - £35.46 E Cormick spring planter materials
 - £50 Barnton Silver Band Armistice musician
- The balance in the accounts as at 30 October was £23,322.28
 - Councillors noted the budget monitoring for November 2018 and decided that there were sufficient funds to commission new heating for the village hall in the current financial year.
Proposed Cllr Beecroft seconded Cllr Kirkland voting unanimous
 - Councillors approved the 2019-2020 budget which the Clerk had prepared.
Proposed Cllr McSweeney seconded Cllr Beecroft voting unanimous

10) **Planning**

- Extension at Hunters Lodge-appeal pending.
- Ashcroft Shutley Lane –application approved.
- Holly Cottage low voltage supply- parish councillors had no objections.
- The Chairman had written to CWAC for a second time regarding the untidy site at Cherry Tree nursery. CWAC planners had advised that there were insufficient grounds to take legal action as some work had been carried out to improve the site's appearance. The Parish Council would continue to monitor the site and would contact CWAC if the situation deteriorated further.

11) **Matters for next meeting**

- Spring and other events
- Final budget and precept
- Date of village show
- Survey of potholes and pavements

12) Date of next meeting **10 January 2019**. The meeting closed at 8.05 pm