

Meeting of Little Leigh Parish Council held on 10 January 2019 in Little Leigh Village Hall

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

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 8 November 2018**

Resolution 1 10.01.19 : Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2019 as being a true record of that meeting.

Proposed Cllr McSweeney

Seconded Cllr Beecroft Voting Unanimous

4) **Clerks report**

- Work had been completed on the village hall heating system and rear door lights. Notices would be posted in the hall and in Grapevine asking people not to interfere with the radiator settings as random reprogramming could prevent them from heating.
- 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. A group litterpick was planned for 23 March. Flyposting had been removed from the Shutley Lane Runcorn Road junction.
- The Clerk had written several emails to the Canal and River Trust regarding the actions of a boater near bridge 206 on the Trent and Mersey Canal.
- In a recent incident the boater had been seen throwing bags of rubbish over the hedge into a farmer's field. When the person who had witnessed the incident had challenged the boater she had tried to get her dog to attack him and had harassed him using abusive language. The PCSO was visiting the boater again regarding the aggressive dog; people experiencing further difficulties with the dog were encouraged to report incidents to the police.
- The Clerk would write a formal letter to the Canal and River Trust asking questions aimed at expediting a solution. The Parish Council would submit incident reports to the Canal and River Trust for all the incidents that had occurred in the last 7 months.
- Carols around the tree event on 22 December had been well supported.
- Fibre to premises was available for 21 premises along Runcorn Road and Hole House Lane although people would need to place orders.
- 20mph speed limits had been implemented in the centre of the village and in Hole House Lane. A 40mph limit was likely for Smithy Lane. Ash House Lane would also be monitored.

- The Remembrance event on 11 November had been very successful with good attendance and positive feedback.
- 5) **Volunteers event 20 January**
- Litter pickers, Grapevine editor, deliverers and other volunteers had been invited to an event on 20 January. Around 50 volunteers were expected; food and drink had been organised by the Clerk and councillor Kirkland.
- 6) **Spring event**
- A champagne quiz would be advertised for 9 March.
- 7) **Date of village show- 14 September**
- 8) **Survey of potholes and pavements**
- The Chairman would initiate a survey of pavements and minor roads as several were in poor condition, including the footpath from Hole House Lane to Barnton.
- 9) **Correspondence**
- Police and Police commissioner newsletters
 - ChALC e bulletins
 - Cheshire police were consulting on a proposal to increase the police precept by a further £24 per year per band D equivalent property due to the lack of central government funding. The Clerk informed councillors that residents were already paying in the region of £200 a year for the 2018/19 precept which represented a 7.3% increase over the previous year; the proposed increase for 2019/20 was an estimated further 12%. The proposed precept was in the region of 7 times the precept levied by the parish council.
 - Councillors decided that although they wished to support the police the service had deteriorated. The Clerk would respond to the survey opposing the increase and would also contact the local MP.
- 10) **Finance**
- Resolution 2 10.01.19 Council approved the following receipts and payments: Proposed Cllr Beecroft seconded Cllr King Voting unanimous*
- £400 *Income Marbury Ward councillors grant for double glazing the village hall*
 - £5015.16 *Eric Johnson of Northwich Ltd village hall heating and lights*
 - £43.40 *Clerk refreshments carols around the tree 22 December*
 - £505 *St Michaels Little Leigh village hall rent*
 - £35.98 *Clerk refreshments volunteers event*
 - £TBC *Cllr Kirkland refreshments volunteers event*
 - £150 *J Hughes for Familiar Tones band 25 January event*
- The balance in the accounts as at 28 December was £16842.50
 - Councillors approved the amended 2019-2020 budget which the Clerk had prepared.
Proposed Cllr McSweeney seconded Cllr King voting unanimous

The Clerk's salary should be £12.012 per hour from 1 April 2018 then £12.39 from 1 April 2019.

Councillors agreed that the 2019/20 precept should be set at the same level per band D property as in 2018/19 which resulted in a precept request of £9528.

11) **Planning**

- Holly Cottage low voltage supply- parish councillors had no objections.
- 2 Shutley Lane- request for lawful development certificate. CWAC planners were awaiting further information as to whether a planning application would be required if the house was to become a care home rather than a family home. The Clerk would maintain contact with the planners.

12) **Matters for next meeting**

- Survey of potholes and pavements.

13) **Date of next meeting 28 February 2019.** The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Future meetings 25 April, 9 May, 11 July, 12 September. 14 November.