

Meeting of Little Leigh Parish Council held on 11 July 2019

Councillors Beecroft, King, Kirkland, McSweeney, Tomlinson and Williamson were present with apologies from councillor Jones and CWAC councillors Gibbon, Marshall and Wright. Two members of the public were present. The Chairman opened the meeting at 7pm.

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.**

A resident had requested measures be taken to reduce traffic speeds in the village. Councillors decided not to fund costly interactive speed signs or to start a community speed volunteer scheme due to the lack of efficacy and risks to individuals as there were no suitable escape routes or lines of sight. Instead the Clerk would ask local PCSOs to monitor speeds in the village during peak traffic flows.

3) **Minutes of Meeting held on 9 May 2019**

Resolution 1 11.07.2019 : Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2019 as being a true record of that meeting.

Proposed Cllr King Seconded Cllr Tomlinson

Voting Unanimous

4) **Clerks report**

- The annual **spring village walk** held on 11 May had been well attended.
- The **Family race day** held on 29 June had attracted older people rather than families. A schedule of planned events would be prepared in January to enable families to forward plan and avoid date clashes. The schedule of events would be publicised in Grapevine and on the village Facebook page. Feedback would be sought. Cllr Williamson would email Grapevine to councillors prior to distribution.

5) **Village show 14 September**

Judges had been organised for the main show and the dog show. Schedules were ready for distribution to every household and the event had been publicised in Grapevine and the village Facebook page. Volunteers would be needed on the day and raffle prizes would be welcome. Councillors would inform Cllr Jones of their availability to attend the event.

6) **Potholes survey**

Four councillors had surveyed roads and pavements. There had been 52 reports in total. Cllr McSweeney's collated report showed 28 road potholes, 23 edge deteriorations and one pavement fault on Shutley Lane between the school and Brakeley Lane. Councillors noted that Highways had swiftly repaired some potholes, others were marked for action. Councillors would report any additional pavement faults and the exercise would be repeated in the spring.

7) **Correspondence**

- Police and Police commissioner newsletters
- ChALC e bulletins
- Cllr Tomlinson would act as the Community representative for 2 Shutley Lane to provide a channel for communications with Footsteps a Path for Change.

The house and garden had now been maintained and an Ofsted application was pending.

- The parish council would volunteer to adopt the length of the Trent and Mersey canal in Little Leigh. This would potentially involve litterpicking, wildflower planting etc.
- Bridge 204 at the bottom of Hole House Lane had been repaired by the Canal and River Trust and the railings had been painted. The Clerk would write to CRT praising the quality of the work. A decision as to whether volunteers would be sought to paint the bare patch of brickwork under the bridge using CRT boats, paint and risk assessments would be deferred to the September meeting.
- Councillors decided not to fund the Minerva Arts project but to inform the organisers that the 'Farmers Boy' song had been penned in the village.
- Smithy Lane Ash House Lane A533 junction- Highways were of the opinion that poor visibility was not thought to be a factor in the latest accidents. Councillors were of the opinion that the visibility at the junction was poor and that the hedges near the A533/Smithy Lane junction needed cutting or preferably removing. In addition carriageway markings could be improved, eg by painting double white 'no overtaking' lines on the A533 on the approach to the junction. Highways would be asked to illuminate the road signs. A resident had offered to keep a record of all accidents as not all incidents involved the police. The Chairman would meet with Highways to relay the parish council's views to them. He would seek Cllr Gibbons support.

8) **Finance**

Resolution 2: 11/07/2019 The following payments was proposed by Cllr McSweeney and seconded by Cllr Tomlinson voting unanimous:

- £75 C Swallow internal auditor
- £10 Clerk flowers for church anniversary
- £1010.62 Clerk salary April to 11 July
- £252.60 HMRC tax April to 11 July
- £90.89 E Cormick plants and soil for planters
- £298.80 Little Leigh village hall committee defibrillator battery.
- Mr Screen would continue to monitor the battery condition as it would need replacing in approximately 4 years.
- The bank balance as at 28 June 2019 was £22,792.73

9) **Planning**

- Willowgreen Farm poultry sheds proposed change of use to residential accommodation- councillors had objected to the proposal but CWAC had decided that prior approval was not needed. The Clerk would write seeking more information.
- Schmitz Cargo Bull canopy- Councillors had no objections. CWAC had not yet determined the application.
- 15 Ash House Lane extension- CWAC had not yet determined the application.

10) **Matters for next meeting**

- Maintenance of CWAC's Shutley Lane play area
- Village show arrangements.

11) Provisional future meeting dates which are subject to change:
12 September, 14 November. The meeting closed at 8.10 pm