

## Meeting of Little Leigh Parish Council held on 12 September 2019

Councillors Beecroft, Jones, King, Kirkland, McSweeney, Tomlinson and Williamson were present together with CWAC councillors Gibbon and Wright. Apologies were received from CWAC councillor Marshall. 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) There were no public submissions.

### 3) Minutes of Meeting held on 11 July 2019

*Resolution 1 12.09.2019 : Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2019 as being a true record of that meeting.*

*Proposed Cllr McSweeney Seconded Cllr Tomlinson*

*Voting Unanimous*

### 4) Clerks report

- The Clerk and Cllr King had met with representatives of the **Canal and River Trust regarding the adoption of the length of the Trent and Mersey canal between Bridge 204 and Saltersford Tunnel in Little Leigh**. CRT had identified many varied improvements that could be made including clearing vegetation and painting metalwork, wooden railings and bollards.
- Widening and stoning paths was another option.
- CRT would provide all equipment, materials, protective clothing and risk assessments together with advice and supporting personnel.
- Cllr Gibbon advised that in her experience there were practical issues with the support provided. The Clerk would invite CRT to a parish council meeting in early spring to discuss the scheme further.
- 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 had written to CRT praising the quality of the work.
- Cllr Tomlinson would act as the Community representative for 2 Shutley Lane to provide a channel for communications with **Footsteps a Path for Change**. She would email the organisation regarding the pending Ofsted application.
- **Maintenance of CWAC's Shutley Lane play area** new screening had been erected and the sandpit had been refilled but nettles and hedging needed cutting. Cllr Tomlinson would report this to CWAC.
- **Right of Way improvements** Kissing gates had been installed on the Stone Heyes Lane footpath and a kissing gate would be moved to replace a stile at Deslay Heath farm.
- ChALC had organised a meeting between parish councils and Highways for 29 October. The Chairman and Cllr King would attend.

5) **Village show 14 September**

Judges had been organised for the main show and the dog show. Schedules had been distributed to every household and the event had been publicised in Grapevine and the village Facebook page. Volunteers and raffle prizes had been organised.

6) **Potholes survey**

Four councillors had surveyed roads and pavements. There had been an additional 25 individual reports. They had found some stretches of pavement were in acceptable order but many metres were in poor condition with little evidence of routine maintenance. The same seemed to apply to gutters and the only maintenance appeared to be localised, safety-critical repairs. The Clerk would write to Highways Department about these issues.

7) **Pruning the village hall Oak Tree**

Cllr King would thank the resident who had volunteered to do the work. However as quite a lot of work was needed and this work would be at a height risk assessments, safety equipment and procedures would be required so quotations would be sought from a tree surgeon.

8) **Correspondence**

- Police and Police commissioner newsletters
- ChALC e bulletins
  
- CWAC enforcement consultation- individual councillors would respond indicating that the parish was too small to take on enforcement responsibilities. No one wished to be trained to do the work and enforcement responsibilities could lead to disputes with residents.
  
- Manchester Airport airspace consultation- councillors would respond individually
  
- **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. The Clerk had obtained details of the incidents where the police had been involved.
  
- The hedges near the A533/Smithy Lane junction were due to be cut in the near future. The Chairman had met with Highways to relay the parish council's views to them but Highways wished to allow time for a 40mph speed limit on Smithy Lane to be implemented. A resident had offered to keep a record of all accidents as not all incidents received police attendance.
  
- The Clerk would make a grant application to Members Budgets for the speed limit reduction.

9) **Finance**

*Resolution 2: 12/09/2019 The following payments was proposed by Cllr Kirkland and seconded by Cllr Williamson voting unanimous:*

- £181 CWAC election charges
- £556.86 Clerk salary 12 July to 12 September
- £139.20 HMRC tax 12 July to 12 September

- £63.10 Tyrella Rosettes dog show rosettes
- £13 Clerk -gifts to dog show judge and Mr & Mrs Horton for loan of the field
- The bank balance as at 12 September 2019 was £21,129.82.

10) **Planning**

- Schmitz Cargo Bull canopy at petrol station- Councillors had no objections. CWAC had not yet determined the application.
- 15 Ash House Lane extension- Councillors had no objections. CWAC had not yet determined the application.
- The Horns pub- the Clerk had written complaining about the untidy nature of the site. CWAC planning enforcement officers could take up to 3 months to visit, in the meantime it was believed that the owners had approached planning for pre- application advice on further development. Cllr Kirkland would report flytipping at the site.
- Willowgreen Farm barns- Cllr McSweeney would draft a letter to the MP

10) **Matters for next meeting**

- The Horns public house
- 2020 2021 budget
- Bingo night provisionally on 30 November

11) Provisional future meeting dates which are subject to change:  
14 November. The meeting closed at 8.15 pm