

Meeting of Little Leigh Parish Council held on 14 November 2019

Councillors Beecroft, Jones, King and Kirkland and were present together with CWAC councillor Marshall. Apologies were received from councillors McSweeney, Tomlinson and Williamson and CWAC councillors Gibbon and Wright. 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 other than a request for a defibrillator which was discussed at agenda item 9.

3) Minutes of Meeting held on 12 September 2019

Resolution 1 14.11.2019 : Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2019 as being a true record of that meeting.

Proposed Cllr King

Seconded Cllr Kirkland

Voting Unanimous

4) Clerks report

- The Clerk had invited the Canal and River Trust to the January parish council meeting to discuss the canal adoption and volunteering scheme further.
- 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.
- The Chairman and Cllr King had attended a meeting between parish councils and **Highways** on 29 October. The problem with getting the Hole House Lane hill swept had been raised.
- The **village show** had raised £156 for the village hall and the dog show had raised £44 for the charity Care for the Paw which provided veterinary care for the dogs of homeless people. There had been multiple entries from a small number of people rather than wider participation. Councillors agreed the event should remain annual but the entry system should be reviewed. The next show would be held on 12 September.
- **Potholes survey** The Clerk had written to CWAC Highways and ward councillors about the poor condition of pavements in the village.
- A quotation of £90 had been accepted for **Pruning the village hall Oak Tree**
- Work had commenced on implementing the **40mph speed limit on Smithy Lane**. The £600 grant application to Ward Members Budgets for the speed limit reduction had been successful.

5) **Bingo night 30 November**- Cllr Jones had organised the event. A sum of £30 was agreed for prizes. *Proposed Cllr Kirkland seconded Cllr King*

6) **Volunteers party**

The event would be held on 19 January. Cllr Kirkland would organise refreshments

7) **Carols around the tree 21 December**

The Clerk would purchase refreshments with Cllr Jones organising childrens' refreshments.

8) **Village hall porch**-the Clerk and Cllr King had lodged a planning application. A quotation of £3500 had been received for the erection of a glass porch.

9) **Defibrillator at the Leigh Arms**

Councillors agreed that the Leigh Arms would be a very suitable location for a further defibrillator and agreed to fund the purchase and installation if an application to ward councillors was not successful. The licensee would be asked to perform the routine battery checks and to organise training for first responders.

10) **Correspondence**

- Police and Police commissioner newsletters
- ChALC e bulletins
- CWAC had planted 500 daffodil bulbs which had been provided by ward councillors. The Clerk had suggested the junctions of the A533 and Brakeley and Shutley Lanes.
- CWAC consultation on Play your Part –individual councillors would respond.

11) **Finance**

Resolution 2: 14/11/2019 The following receipts and payments was proposed by Cllr Kirkland and seconded by Cllr Beecroft voting unanimous:

£1786.16	income from HMRC VAT return
£84	G Hampton village show printing
£210	Vision ICT website provision
£49.89	Clerk plants for village hall garden
£39.47	E Cormick plants and spring bulbs for planters
£126	Vision ICT website modification
£117	CWAC planning application village hall porch

- The bank balance as at 30 October was £21,668.82

12) **Monitoring the 2019/20 budget**

Expenditure was on track. Funds for the new defibrillator and the village hall porch had been included in the current financial year.

Proposed Cllr Beecroft seconded Cllr Kirkland

13) **2020/21 budget**

Councillors agreed the draft budget which the Clerk had prepared.

Proposed Cllr Jones seconded Cllr Kirkland

14) **Planning**

- 15 Ash House Lane - application approved by CWAC planning
- Hilbre Smithy Lane - application approved by CWAC planning
- Burnside Runcorn Road- councillors had no objections

- Old Timbers -councillors had no objections
- Hunters Lodge extension-pending but a smaller extension had previously been refused at appeal on grounds of green belt and over development
- Willowgreen Farm barns- a further permitted development application had been received. CWAC Cllr Marshall would contact CWAC planning.
- The Horns pub- planning enforcement had replied to the Clerk indicating that the site was not sufficiently untidy to warrant enforcement action. There was no further news on the pre- application advice for further development. CWAC Cllr Marshall would contact CWAC planning

15) **Matters for next meeting**

- Canal and River Trust information
- Volunteers event
- The Horns pub

16) Provisional future meeting dates which are subject to change:

9 January 2020, 12 March, 21 April Finance, 14 May Annual Parish Meeting, 9 July, 10 September, 12 November. The meeting closed at 8pm