

**Little Leigh 123rd Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 26 May 2016 in
Little Leigh Village Hall at 7:00pm**

- 1) The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2) Attendance Councillors Jones, King, McSweeney and Williamson were present with CWAC councillor Gibbon and apologies from councillors J and L Lawless and CWAC councillor Wright.
- 3) Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman
 - Chairman Cllr Lawless proposed Cllr King, seconded Cllr McSweeney voting unanimous
 - Vice Chairman Cllr King proposed Cllr Jones, seconded Cllr McSweeney voting unanimous.
- 4) In the absence of the new Chairman the vice chairman reported on the parish council and the village hall management committee activities (see attached).
- 5) Nominations for working groups: The following councillors were unanimously elected:

Village hall sub committee- Cllrs Jones, King, and J Lawless

Environment sub committee- Cllr King

Festivals and entertainment sub committee- Cllrs Jones and Williamson

Finance sub committee- Cllrs King and J Lawless

Planning sub committee – Cllrs McSweeney and L Lawless

- 6) Public Submissions from Little Leigh groups and organisations

The Parish Council received reports from the Friendly Club, the Film Club, the Drop in Monday Club, the new Knit Natter and Nibble Club and the Youth Club which had written thanking the parish council for its rent grant.

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The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.15pm.

- 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 Cllr Screen was Chairman and Treasurer of the Little Leigh Village Hall Committee. Councillors Jones, King and J Lawless were also trustees of the Village Hall Committee. Cllr L Lawless was the editor of Grapevine.

- 2) There were no public submissions.

- 3) **Minutes of Meeting held on 28 April 2016**

Resolution 1 26.05.16 : Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 28 April 2016 as being a true record of that meeting.

Proposed Cllr King

Seconded Cllr Jones

Voting Unanimous

- 4) **Clerks report**
- A meeting had been held to plan the Queen's birthday party on 11 June. There would be a tea at 3pm, a documentary at 5pm and a party and hot dog supper at 7pm. The school choir would attend, the parish council would fund the marquee and the event would be advertised with posters and flyers.
 - The Clerk had contacted BT for an update on fibre broadband installation.
 - The Clerk and councillor King had attended the Marbury Ward forum.
 - Cllr McSweeney would attend a 7 June neighbourhood planning meeting
 - The protocol for dealing with planning applications would be held in July
 - Cllr McSweeney had attended a presentation on 10 May by INEOS shale on shale gas and fracking and made a short report. Licences had been granted but to develop a site CWAC planning would be required. The infrastructure could damage the area in the short term but in the longer term sites would be limited to a well head and would be repaired. It would be difficult to make progress due to local opposition. The CWAC view was that the Health and Safety Executive should be involved, communities should be safeguarded, communities should derive benefit and sites should be tidied up at the end of the process. Development on brownfield sites might be more acceptable. INEOS were offering 4% of sales to landowners and 2% to the local community,
- 5) Correspondence
Councillors noted numerous emails from CWAC
- 6) Finance
Resolution 2 26.05.16 Council approved the following receipts and payments: Proposed Cllr McSweeney seconded Cllr Williamson
Voting unanimous
- £60 Chris Swallow Ltd Internal auditor fee
 - £19.98 Clerk paper for Grapevine
 - £62.82 E Cormick plants for planters
 - £2983.13 FCC recycling (UK) Ltd contribution to phase 2 of village hall refurbishment project
 - *Resolution 3 16.05.16 Councillors noted that the parish council would continue to use the Co operative bank and that Cllr McSweeney would replace Cllr Screen as a signatory*
 - Councillors noted the accounts have passed the internal auditor and had been sent to the external auditor
 - The Clerks pay award resulted in a salary of £11.66 per hour from 1 April 2016
- 7) Planning
- 9 & 11 Ash House Lane extension had been approved
 - The application at The Horns was awaiting a decision
 - The application at Brookfield Hall Lane had been approved
 - The application at 327 Runcorn Road was awaiting a decision. The Clerk had been contacted by the applicant and the neighbour from 325 Runcorn Road.
- 8) Matters for next meeting
- Village show
 - Planning protocol
- 9) CWAC Cllr Gibbon updated councillors on local developments.
- 10) Date of next meeting 14 July 2016. The meeting closed at 7.45pm