

Meeting of Little Leigh Parish Council held on 7 July 2016 in Little Leigh Village Hall at 7pm

Attendance Councillors King, J and L Lawless, Mc Sweeney and Williamson were present with apologies from Cllr Jones.

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 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) Co option of new councillor

Councillors discussed the application from Rachael Tomlinson and agreed to co opt her onto the parish council.

Resolution 1 07.07.2016 Proposed Cllr McSweeney, seconded Cllr King

4) **Minutes of Meeting held on 26 May 2016**

Resolution 2 07.07.16 : Council approved the amended minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2016 as being a true record of that meeting.

Proposed Cllr King Seconded Cllr McSweeney Voting Unanimous

5) **Clerks report**

- The Queen's birthday party on 11 June had been supported by the school and the afternoon tea had been well attended and had raised £100 for village hall funds. The evening disco and karaoke had been enjoyed particularly by the children and had raised £110 for Claire House hospice. The Clerk would write to thank the DJ.
- The Clerk had contacted BT for an update on fibre broadband installation. It was due by late 2016.
- The Clerk had complained to CWAC about the removal of the dog waste bin from the canal at the bottom of Hole House Lane. She had informed CWAC that the bin would be frequently used over the summer and hoped that it might be possible to get the bin reinstated particularly as residents had complained.
- Marbury Ward councillors had agreed to fund the £1000 community contribution to the speed limit reduction signs along Runcorn Road.

6) Procedures for dealing with planning applications

Councillors discussed the advice provided by the Cheshire Association of Local Councils on visits to sites of planning applications. Councillors were of the opinion that the parish council involvement with the village in planning applications was positive and that they should advise neighbours that they could make comments to CWAC. Comments should be even handed favouring neither applicants nor objectors and should consider local knowledge and fit with the Village Design Statement. The Clerk would amend Standing orders giving the process and deadlines for dealing with applications. Photographs and details of parish councillors should go on the website and Grapevine. Councillor King would take the photographs.

- 7) Correspondence
- Councillors noted numerous emails from CWAC.
 - The Clerk read out a thank you letter from Bob Screen the retired ex chairman.
 - Heath Lane would be closed for a day on 20 July to enable trees to be cut.
 - Councillors should send any comments on the Community Infrastructure Levy consultation to the Clerk

8) Village show and dog show
Mike Flannery was unavailable to judge the dog show so Nigel Woodall of Oscars Petfoods would perform the task. Mrs Horton had agreed to lend their field near the village hall for the dog show and parking would be available at Church Farm. The Clerk would purchase rosettes. A planning meeting had been held to agree categories for the main show.

- 9) Finance
Resolution 3 26.05.16 Council approved the following receipts and payments: Proposed Cllr Williamson seconded Cllr J Lawless Voting unanimous
- £830.33 Clerk salary
 - £207.40 HMRC tax
 - £120 Acton Marquees Ltd tent for Queen's birthday
 - £600 Vision ICT Ltd website work
 - The Clerk informed Councillors that the Co operative bank was requiring more information to allow the change of signatories to proceed

- 10) Planning
- The amended application at The Horns was awaiting a decision. The Clerk would contact the planning officer to discuss progress.
 - The amended application at 327 Runcorn Road was awaiting a decision. The Clerk would contact the planning officer to discuss progress.
 - The Clerk had written objecting to the outline application for housing at Ash Tree Farm
 - An application had been received for 144 Ash House Lane
 - Cllr McSweeney had been unable to attend a 7 June neighbourhood planning meeting but hoped to attend the follow up meeting in October. The Localism Act contained the possibility of community involvement in planning the future of where they live. The 9 parishes of Marbury Ward might develop a Neighbourhood Plan using a 5 step process although the activity was optional.

12) Matters for next meeting
Neighbourhood plan

11) Date of next meeting 8 September 2016 at 7.15pm. The meeting closed at 7.45pm