

Meeting of Little Leigh Parish Council held on 8 September 2016 in Little Leigh Village Hall at 7.15pm

Attendance Councillors Jones, King, J and L Lawless, Tomlinson and Williamson were present with apologies from Cllr Mc Sweeney and CWAC councillors Gibbon and Wright. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Tomlinson to her first meeting and opened the meeting at 7.15 pm.

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 J Lawless were trustees of the Village Hall Committee. Cllr L Lawless was the editor of Grapevine.

2) **Public submissions**

There had been a near miss accident at the entrance to Brakeley Lane. The Clerk would investigate getting the hedges and the undergrowth at the base of the hedges cut back.

3) **Minutes of Meeting held on 7 July 2016**

Resolution 1 08.09.16 : Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2016 as being a true record of that meeting.

Proposed Cllr L Lawless Seconded Cllr King

Voting Unanimous

4) **Clerks report**

- CWAC Highways were due to survey residents regarding the speed limit reduction signs along Runcorn Road.
- Fibre broadband was due in the village in December 2016.
- Progress was being made with the website.

5) **Correspondence**

- The Chairman had sent a condolence card to Mrs Duffield in remembrance of Julian Duffield who had been a past parish council Chairman.
- Claire House Hospice had written to the village thanking them for the £120 donation raised at the Queen's birthday party.

6) **Village show and dog show**

- The event had been publicised with banners, posters and a leaflet drop to every household.
- The Clerk had purchased rosettes for the dog show and the categories for the main show had been agreed. Judges and volunteers had been identified.
- Cllr Jones had requested that raffle prizes be donated.
- A bakeoff had been arranged to replace the workshops.
- The entry fee would be replaced with a voluntary donation tin.

7) **Village hall update and arrangements for celebration party 12 November**

- The new meeting room and storeroom had been built and a hatch formed from the kitchen to the meeting room. New access ramps had been added. The project had been completed to time and budget.
- Cllr King would investigate purchasing furniture and noticeboards for the meeting room and racks and storage boxes for the storeroom.
- A cleaner had been employed for Tuesday and Friday afternoons

- There would be a small increase in the rent.
- Quotations had been sought for decorating the hall.
- Future projects might include exterior decorating, renewing Lord Leigh's plaque, repairing the clock and fitting solar panels if a grant could be obtained.
- The Chairman and Clerk had submitted an application to the lottery fund for funding an afternoon celebration party on 12 November to mark the reopening of the hall. A further meeting would be held on 12 September and the school choir, local businesses and Barnton Silver Band would be invited.

8) **Finance**

Resolution 2 08.09.2016 Council approved the following receipts and payments: Proposed Cllr Williamson seconded Cllr L Lawless Voting unanimous

- £3324 Income CWAC section 106 grant for tree seat and railings
- £120 BDO LLP external audit
- £42.77 Tyrella rosettes dog show
- £1200 Simon O'Rourke 50% deposit for tree seat

- The Clerk informed Councillors that the Co operative bank was requiring more information to allow the change of signatories to proceed
- *Resolution 3 08.09.2016 Councillors approved and accepted the annual external audit return and auditors certificate. No matters requiring attention had arisen. Proposed Cllr L Lawless seconded Cllr J Lawless*

9) **Planning**

- The amended application at The Horns was awaiting a decision. The Clerk had contacted the planning officer to discuss progress.
- The amended application at 327 Runcorn Road had been approved.
- The outline application for housing at Ash Tree Farm had been refused.
- An application at 144 Ash House Lane had been approved.
- Councillors had no objections to the carport at Ashcroft Shutley Lane.
- Cllrs agreed to seek more information from Cllr Gibbon on the Winnington Bridge issue to allow comment on the Local Plan part 2.
- It was understood that some of the 9 parishes in Marbury ward had decided not to participate in a Marbury Ward wide Neighbourhood Plan.

10) **Matters for next meeting**

- Feedback on events
- Letter from Chairman to the school headteacher regarding improving liaison and dialogue with the school.

11) Date of next meeting 10 November 2016 at 7.15pm. The meeting closed at 8.30pm