

LITTLE LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2020

- 1) Due to the COVID -19 pandemic the meeting was held in accordance with the Local Authority (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) (England) Regulations 2020.

Councillors Beecroft, King, Kirkland, McSweeney Tomlinson and Williamson were present. Apologies were tendered from Cllr Jones and Ward councillors Gibbon, Marshall and Wright.

- 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 Management Committee.

- 2) **Minutes of July meeting**

Resolution 1:10.09.20 The minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2020 were approved. Proposed Cllr King seconded Cllr Williamson voting unanimous.

- 3) **Clerks report**

- The village hall was reopening for risk assessed activities only.
- **Ash House Lane-** councillors had agreed to make a 50% contribution to the speed limit reduction scheme. The Clerk's application to Ward Members budgets for a contribution to the work had been successful.
- The Clerk was arranging signage for the defibrillators.
- The Clerk had responded to the consultation on Pop Up cycle routes emphasising the Parish Council's repeated request for a safe route to school from Barnton. Unfortunately the funds had all been spent on Chester and Winsford apart from cycle racks in Marbury Park. The Chairman and Clerk would draft a letter to the MP regarding the safe route to school.
- The village show had been cancelled but Cllr Jones had suggested a virtual pet show. Cllrs Jones, King and Tomlinson would discuss setting up a Facebook page for photographs, videos and drawings.
- Adoption of part of the Trent and Mersey canal would be postponed to spring in the light of the COVID 19 pandemic.

- 4) **Locations of additional kissing gates as per budget**

Councillors Beecroft and McSweeney reported that all the landowners consulted had consented to the installation of kissing gates on the circular walk. Once written confirmation had been received from all of them the Clerk would liaise with the CWAC Public Rights of Way officer to arrange the installations.

- 5) **Village hall management arrangements**

The Chairman would contact the Chairman of the Parish Council to discuss whether a written Memorandum of Understanding was actually necessary. The Parish Council as lease holders had the legal responsibility to keep the village hall insured and maintained whereas day to day running was the responsibility of the Village Hall Management committee.

6) **Potholes survey**

A total of 63 reports had been submitted to CWAC Highways. Some of the repair work had been rapidly undertaken, other repairs remained outstanding. Cllr McSweeney would email the local Highways Engineer to thank him for his work and would arrange to meet him to discuss the pavement near the school outside the Shutley Lane bungalows.

7) **Correspondence**

- Correspondence from CWAC, the Police ChALC and NALC had been circulated.
- The Clerk had responded to a survey on COVID and had sent information on Operation Sunshine.
- Information had been circulated on the proposed new Government planning regime.

8) **Litter picking**

Village litter pickers tend to be those already on the 'team' who prefer to litter pick individually or with a friend. The last two Group litter picking events had not been well attended. Councillors agreed that because of Covid 19 individuals should register individually for this event and should litter pick on their own chosen days within the September dates advertised. Cllr Kirkland had placed posts on the village Facebook page.

9) **Finance**

Resolution 2 :10.09.2020 The following receipts and payments were proposed by Cllr King seconded by Cllr McSweeney Voting unanimous

£800	Income Ward councillors Ash House Lane speed reduction scheme.
£69.30	Reimbursement for verge protection markers

- The balance in the account as at 30 August 2020 was £23,772.61 but the HMRC cheque remained unrepresented.

10) **Planning**

- Willowgreen Farm barns conversion to accommodation- pending. The MP had forwarded a letter from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government which suggested that the Planning Authority could make an Article 4 direction which would require a full planning application.
- Cllr McSweeney would write to the Head of CWAC Planning seeking this Article 4 direction and would also write to the Ward councillors seeking their help.
- Agricultural Building on Shutley Lane. The parish council had not been consulted. CWAC had approved the new application

11) Matters for next meeting- Highways defects, litter picking report, budget ofr 2021/22, new Government Planning regime, COVID 19 pandemic.

12) Date of next meeting 12 November. The meeting closed at 7.30pm.