

LITTLE LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7PM ON 16 APRIL 2024 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

1) Attendance

Councillors Jones, King, Lawless and McSweeney were present. Apologies were received from councillors Beecroft, Geary and Littler and from Ward councillors Gibbon, Marshall and Wright.

2) Declarations of interest

- As all the parish councillors lived in or near the village they all had personal interests. In addition Cllr Jones was a trustee of the Little Leigh Community Trust and Councillor Jones was also a trustee of the Village Hall Management Committee.

3) Public submissions

- There were no public submissions

4) Minutes of March meeting

Resolution 1:16.04.24 The minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2024 were approved. Proposed Cllr King seconded Cllr Lawless voting unanimous.

5) Clerk's report

- Cllr Beecroft would attend the presentation on the route of the proposed CO2 pipeline.

6) Green festival 27 April

Cllr Jones reported that the banners had been erected and the event had been publicised on the village and school Facebook pages and in Grapevine. A diverse range of participants, workshops and activities was planned.

7) Correspondence

- Correspondence from CWAC, the Police, ChALC, NALC and Neighbourhood Watch had been circulated.

8) Finance

Resolution 2 :16.04.23 The following receipts and payments were proposed by Cllr Jones seconded by Cllr Mc Sweeney Voting unanimous

£9555	Income CWAC precept
£174.42	ChALC membership fee
£8	Mid Cheshire footpath society membership fee
£312	Clerk working at home allowance 2023/24
£213.60	PQR Ltd payroll provision
£874.78	Zurich Municipal insurance
TBC	prizes for Green Festival

The balance in the account as at 16 April was £22,333.48

Councillors agreed unanimously that the Clerk would be paid for 6 hours per week at the rate of £16.02 per hour, scale point 21.

- *Resolution 3: 16.04.2024 Councillors completed the Annual Governance statement certificate of exemption ended 31 March 2024 and the Chairman and the Clerk signed the relevant parts of the form
Proposed Cllr Lawless seconded by Cllr McSweeney Voting Unanimous*
- *Resolution 4 16.04.2024 Councillors completed section 1 of the annual return for the year and the Chairman and Clerk signed the form.
Proposed Cllr Jones seconded by Cllr McSweeney Voting Unanimous*
- *Resolution 5: 16.04.2024 Councillors reviewed and approved the assets register produced by the Clerk for 2022/23
Proposed Cllr King seconded Cllr Lawless Voting unanimous*
- *Resolution 6: 16.04.2024 Councillors reviewed and agreed the 2023/24 risk assessment. Proposed Cllr McSweeney seconded Cllr King Voting unanimous*
- *Resolution 7: 16.04.2024 Councillors approved the statement of receipts and payments for 2023/24 produced by the Clerk as presenting fairly the financial position of the Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2024
Proposed Cllr Lawless Seconded Cllr McSweeney Voting Unanimous*
- *Resolution 8: 16.04.2024 Councillors approved the bank reconciliation produced by the Clerk for 2023/24
Proposed Cllr Lawless seconded Cllr McSweeney Voting unanimous*
- *Resolution 9: 16.04.2024 Councillors reviewed and approved the significant variations between the years ended March 31 2023 and 2024
Proposed Cllr Lawless seconded Cllr McSweeney Voting unanimous*
- *Resolution 10: 16.04.2024 Councillors approved the Accounting statements for 2023/24 and the Chairman and Clerk signed the form
Proposed Cllr Lawless seconded Cllr McSweeney Voting unanimous*
 - *Resolution 11 16.04.2024 Cllrs agreed that Mr Swallow be appointed as the internal auditor.*

11) **Planning**

- Hydrogen pipeline-pending with CWAC
- Winnington TATA estate-pending with CWAC
- Chapel Farm stables Shutley Lane-pending with CWAC
- Land at Hall Lane extension to stables and forge-pending with CWAC
- Willowgreen Farm Barn-withdrawn.
- 5 Church Meadows-approved by CWAC
- Crumleigh Heath Farm-pending with CWAC

12) Cllr Lawless resigned from the Parish Council at the end of the meeting. He was thanked for nearly 30 years contribution to the village.

13) Date of next meeting 16 May 2024 Annual General Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting

14) Matters for next meeting- potholes, Runcorn Road speeding, condition of paths, lanes and gullies.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.