

LITTLE LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 24 September 2024 @ 7pm

1) Attendance

Councillors Cook, King, Littler and McSweeney were present with apologies from Cllrs Beecroft, Geary and Jones and ward councillors Gibbon, Marshall and Wright. Eight residents were present.

2) Declarations of interest- As all 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 the Village Hall Management Committee.

3) There were no public submissions

4) Minutes of July meeting

Res 1 24.09.2024 The minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2024 were approved. Proposed Cllr King seconded Cllr Mc Sweeney voting unanimous

5) Clerk's report

- Cllr Beecroft had requested details from residents of low water pressure incidents. Water pressures had since appeared to have improved but Cllr Beecroft would contact complainants again. United Utilities escalations team had said there was nothing flagged to indicate a deliberate lowering of the water pressure.
- The village walk on 9 August had used the Little Leigh circular walk including the new footbridge to the rear of Crumleigh Heath Farm.
- First Aid training- the CPR/Defibrillator training was very well received and appreciated and was found to be very useful. The session was over-subscribed so Cllr Geary would arrange another early next year. The village hall CPR pads have been replaced and now included pads for children. Cllr Geary was checking the defibrillator on a monthly basis.
- Village show and dog show- attendance was disappointing but the standard of entries was high. Barnyard had sponsored the rosettes.
- Village planters- the Womens Institute was taking over responsibility for planting with a volunteer from the estate doing the watering. Mr and Mrs Cormick were thanked for their many years of excellent maintenance of the planters.
- Village hall beech trees- these were subject to tree protection orders. CWAC's tree officer had indicated that pruning or removal of large limbs should only be carried out as a last resort. An inspection by a tree surgeon had shown that no work was needed.
- Wi Fi had been installed in the village hall and should shortly be operational.

6) Councillors were concerned about the tragic fatal accident that had occurred on 18 July on the A533 Runcorn Road. It was understood that a driver had pleaded guilty to causing death by dangerous driving.

7) There was no Ward Councillors report

8) Little Leigh Strategic plan

Councillor Cook had been contacted by a villager who wished to join the Steering Group to canvas residents' views on a new strategic plan. Questionnaires, focus groups and workshops would be used with differing methods of consultation to

encourage a wide range of participation. The surveys would be publicised in Grapevine. Whitley Parish Council was undertaking a similar exercise and offered to share their question set.

9) **Music event**

- Following the success of the Abba event Cllr Littler had booked the highly rated Ragdolls for a Jersey Boys performance on 30 November. 55 tickets had already been sold with 20 remaining.

10) **Highways Potholes drains and gullies survey**

- Councillor McSweeney reported that Councillors Cook, McSweeney and Geary had surveyed potholes, drains and gullies and to date 189 actionable defects had been reported to CWAC via the Report it app. It was laborious to assess the status of reports on the CWAC website but it appeared only a few had been repaired.
- It was thought that a Marbury Ward approach to CWAC might be productive.

11) **Correspondence**

- The Clerk had circulated correspondence from CWAC, NALC, ChALC, and the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- The Clerk had responded to the Government consultation on proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework.

12) **Finance**

- *Res 2 24.09.24:* Councillors approved the following expenditure
Proposed Cllr Cook seconded Cllr Littler voting unanimous
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| £273.76 | Vision ICT website hosting and email accounts. |
| £101.94 | Clerk soil for planters |
| £533 | Cllr Littler band deposit for 30 November event |
| £55 | Village hall management committee rent for band event |
| £22 | Cllr Geary rent for village hall first aid training |
| £37.07 | Tyrella rosettes dog show rosettes |

*Res 3 16.07.24: Councillors agreed to amend bank account signatories
The balance in the account on 23 September was £18035.45*

13) **Planning**

- Hydrogen pipeline-consultation for this area expected 2025
- Winnington Tata estate-pending with CWAC
- CO2 pipeline- consultation planned for end 2024
- Land at Hall Lane extension to stables and forge-pending with CWAC.
- The Barn and Bungalow at the Hollybush- the appeal had been upheld for short term lets.
- The Granary at the Hollybush- the appeal had been dismissed.
- Ash House Ash House Lane- CWAC planning enforcement had requested a planning permission application by 25 September. The Clerk would write about the lack of enforcement action.
- Wallerscote solar farm- CWAC had refused the planning application.
- Chapel Farm Shutley Lane- CWAC planning enforcement officers were organizing a further site visit.

14) The meeting closed at 8pm. Date of next meeting 26 November 2024