

LITTLE LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Little Leigh village hall on Thursday 9 March at 7pm

1) Attendance

Councillors Ayre, Beecroft, King, Lawless and McSweeney were present. Apologies were received from Cllr Jones and Tomlinson and Ward councillors Gibbon, Marshall and Wright.

2) **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 was also a trustee of the Village Hall Management Committee. Cllr Tomlinson was a Governor of Little Leigh school. Cllr Ayre declared a personal interest in the item on planning and took no part in this discussion.

3) **There were no public submissions.**

4) Minutes of January meeting

Resolution 1 09.03.2023 The minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2023 were approved Proposed Cllr King seconded Cllr Mc Sweeney voting unanimous

5) Clerk's report

- An encouraging meeting had been held with Canal and River Trust regarding towpath improvements. Work had commenced on installing the picnic bench purchased by the Parish Council.
- The Chairman had emailed his spreadsheet of highways defects to Cllr Wright and CWAC Highways and had written to the MP regarding telecommunications poles.
- Responsibilities for running the village hall had been shared out.
- The village clean up had filled 14 bags of litter. Thanks were given to Cllr Ayre who organised the event and to all who attended.

6) Coronation celebration event

Cllr Jones had circulated information on the events planned for the Coronation weekend and for April preparation workshops. Cllr Jones would be asked about adding a volunteers event.

The Clerk had acquired a street furniture licence and had placed an order for the purchase and installation of the Coronation bench to the right of the school. The installers would perform a CAT scan of any underground services.

7) Easter events

Cllr Jones had circulated a programme of events.

8) Election information

The Clerk had attended a CWAC briefing and had collected election forms for councillors to complete. Cllrs Beecroft and Tomlinson were not standing for election. Thanks were extended for all their work.

9) Village Parking Issues

The school Head teacher had written to parents and the police were performing spot checks to educate drivers. Fines could be issued. The Chairman would write to the Local Education Authority with copies to ward councillors.

10) Highways Survey 2023

The highways survey would commence in April. The Clerk and residents had reported the poor condition of the Hole House Lane Hill surface. The edges of rural lanes were in a poor state.

11) Correspondence

- The Clerk had circulated correspondence about the election.
- Correspondence from CWAC, the Police, ChALC and NALC had been circulated.
- The Clerk had responded to a survey on electric vehicle charging points.

12) Finance

Resolution 2 :09.03.23 The following receipts and payments were proposed by Cllr Lawless seconded by Cllr Beecroft Voting unanimous

£40	Information Commissioner data protection fee
£1742.45	Clerk salary and backpay November to March
£435.80	HMRC tax November to March
£16.53	Cllr Ayre litter grabbers
The balance in the account as at 28 February was £14,669.97	

13) Planning

- Long Barn Willowgreen Lane- appeal upheld
- Swallow Barn Willowgreen Lane -approved by CWAC
- Parklands Willowgreen Lane -pending with CWAC
- Hydrogen pipeline-the Chairman had commented on behalf of the Parish Council
- Winnington Tata estate-pending with CWAC
- Shutley Farm- pending with CWAC
- Agricultural building Shutley Lane- Cllr Ayre and residents had complained to CWAC
- Bluegrass Kennels -pending with CWAC
- Willowgreen Farm - pending with CWAC
- Church Farm- pending with CWAC..

13) **Matters for next meeting-** litter bin near coronation bench.

14) Date of next meeting Finance meeting 27 April, APM and AGM 25 May

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm