LITTLE LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 26 November 2024 @ 7pm

1) Attendance

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

Res 1 26.11.2024 The minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2024 were approved. Proposed Cllr King seconded Cllr Mc Sweeney voting unanimous

5) Clerk's report

- Cllr Beecroft had sent a detailed written complaint to United Utilities regarding Hole House Lane road surface repairs and low water pressure incidents throughout the village.
- Cllr Geary was investigating the feasibility of siting a defibrillator at the Baptist Church in Ash House Lane.
- 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. His sentence had been
 extended due to a further accident prior to the fatal accident.
- Wi Fi was now working at the village hall.
- 6) Arrangements had been made to transfer the website to littleleigh-pc.gov.uk with email addresses for the Clerk and Chairman.
- 7) There was no Ward Councillors report

8) Little Leigh Strategic plan

Councillor Cook had presented a draft question set on 21 November. Further debate would be deferred to the January Parish Council meeting.

9) Music events

- Cllr Littler reported that a limited number of tickets remained for the Ragdolls Jersey Boys performance on 30 November.
- Carols around the Tree with mulled wine and mince pies would be held on 21 December at the village hall.

10) Highways Potholes drains and gullies survey

 Councillor McSweeney had received a response from CWAC Highways regarding the confusing status of many of the reported potholes. Their response indicated that improvements had been made to the CWAC Report it app.

11) Correspondence

• The Clerk had circulated correspondence from CWAC, NALC and ChALC,

12) Finance

o Res 2 26.11.24: Councillors approved the following expenditure Proposed Cllr Mc Sweeney seconded Cllr Littler voting unanimous

£757.46	income HMRC VAT reimbursement
£37.07	CG Services trading as Barnyard dog show rosettes
£992	Cllr Littler band balance for 30 November event
£15.99	Clerk orchid for Mr and Mrs Cormick
£1429.64	Clerk salary August to November
£357.40	HMRC tax August to November

Res 3 26.11.24: Councillors noted that the bank account signatories had been amended to enable all councillors to sign cheques.

Res 4 26.11.2024 Cllrs noted the half year finance report which the Clerk had prepared.

The balance in the account on 26 November was £17762.92

13) **Planning**

- Hydrogen pipeline-LLPC had commented on the Above Ground Installations
- Winnington Tata estate-pending with CWAC
- CO2 pipeline- consultation planned for end 2024
- The Granary at the Hollybush-pending with CWAC
- Land at Hall Lane extension to stables and forge-pending with CWAC.
- Brakeley Lodge extension-pending with CWAC.
- Ash House Ash House Lane- CWAC planning enforcement had requested a planning permission application within 6 weeks The Clerk had written about the lack of enforcement action.
- Chapel Farm Shutley Lane- CWAC planning enforcement officers had secured a retrospective planning application to regularise the position with regards to the barn.
- 14) The meeting closed at 8pm. Date of next meeting 14 January 2025