

LITTLE LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 18 March 2025 @ 7pm

1) Attendance

Councillors Geary, Jones, King, Littler and McSweeney were present. Apologies were tendered from Cllrs Beecroft and Cook and Ward councillors Gibbon, Marshall and Wright. Six members of the public 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 January meeting

Res 1 18.03.2025 The minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2025 were approved. Proposed Cllr King seconded Cllr Mc Sweeney voting unanimous

5) Clerk's report

- A grit bin and TV with stand had been purchased using ward councillor funds.
- Cllr Geary had investigated the feasibility of siting a defibrillator on the wall of the Baptist Church in Ash House Lane but this had not been possible. She would investigate the costs and practicalities of installing a standalone defibrillator.

6) Ward Councillors report

- The Marbury ward councillors March report had been circulated to councillors.
- Ward councillors were thanked for their £1000 grant for a new grit bin, TV and stand.

7) Little Leigh Strategic plan

Councillor Cook had hosted a presentation on 11 March and had received 49 responses to the survey to date. Five weeks remained for responses. Grapevine contained information on the survey and QR codes had been placed around the village to encourage people to use smartphones to respond to the 10- minute survey. A reminder would be issued in the May Queen flyer. The link to the form was <https://forms.office.com/e/NtheeVfskT> Cllr Cook was thanked for his work.

8) VE day 80th Anniversary 8 May event

Councillors decided not to light a beacon event but to hold a low key event with simple refreshments culminating in lighting a lamp of peace and listening to broadcasts. The school might host an event too, details to be confirmed. A flyer would be produced publicising the event, the May Queen event and the Little Leigh strategic plan survey.

9) Highways Potholes drains and gullies survey

Councillor Mc Sweeney suggested the survey should commence in April submitting only reports on potholes which gauges showed to be 4cm or more in depth.

Correspondence

- The Clerk had circulated correspondence from CWAC, NALC, ChALC and the police.
- Consultations were open on devolution and the nature strategy.

11) **Finance**

- *Res 2 18.03.2025*: Councillors approved the following expenditure

Proposed Cllr Mc Sweeney seconded Cllr Geary voting unanimous

£1000	<i>income Ward councillors grant</i>
£18	PQR Ltd payroll services
£679	Cllr Beecroft TV reimbursement
£40.99	Cllr King First TV stand
£158.80	Clerk Grit bin and stamps
£88.77	S Maddock planter bulbs
£1598.40	Clerk salary to December to March
£399.60	HMRC tax December to March
£72	Village hall management committee hall rent
£131.09	Cllr King second TV stand

The balance in the account on 18 March was £16,321.59

13) **Planning**

- Hydrogen pipeline-pending with CWAC
- Winnington Tata estate-pending with CWAC
- CO2 pipeline consultation- pending with CWAC
- The Granary at the Hollybush- new application pending with CWAC
- Ash House planning complaint-CWAC enforcement involved
- Chapel Farm retrospective application- pending with CWAC
- TPO Tree work at St Michaels church -pending with CWAC

13) **Matters for next meeting**

- Defibrillator costings

14) Date of next meeting Finance meeting 29 April, AGM and APM 6 May 2025

14) The meeting closed at 7.30pm