

LITTLE LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL
**Minutes of Little Leigh Parish Council meeting held on
Wednesday 11th March 2026 at the Village Hall, Little Leigh**

Meeting started 18.30

2025-6		By:
	<p>Present: Cllr Sue Beecroft (SB), (Chair), Cllr Bob King (Vice Chair) (BK), Cllr Sharon Geary (SG), Cllr Rob McSweeney (RM), Cllr Jenny Jones (JJ), Cllr Christine Ayre (CA) In Attendance: Tracey Whitlow – Clerk (TW), Ward Cllr Phil Marshall (PM) 2 Members of the Public (MOP's) Note (FCl) refers to Full Council</p>	
25/103	<p>Apologies for Absence were received & accepted from: Cllr Stuart Cook (SC)</p>	
25/104	<p>Declarations of Members' Interests: None</p>	
25/105	<p>Approval of Minutes: The Parish Council Resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 20 January 2026 as a true and correct record. Signed by the chair.</p>	
25/106	<p>Public Participation: No items raised.</p>	
25/107	<p>PCSO update: Written PCSO report received and circulated. No crime reported in the parish. PCSO Dianne Wiggins will be leaving her position on 31.03.26. The PC wish to record their thanks to the PCSO for her work over the years. A personal gift to be organised & card signed.</p>	
25/108	<p>Ward Councillor Report/s: (unless an agenda item) Written report received, circulated and added to the website. PM reported on: National Planning Framework. CWAC budget – with a projected overspend from reserves. Devolution. Highways</p>	
25/109	<p>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: (if not an agenda item) Barclays Bank paying in book still to be received. Remaining funds from the Co-op Account to be paid in to Barclays on receipt, but to ensure funds are reconcilable for year end. Members budget were applied for litter hoop rings. £225 received. TW has ordered, to be refunded.</p>	
25/110	<p>Correspondence of consequence (unless an agenda item) None. All information received acted on or circulated to council.</p>	
25/111	<p>Accounts/Financial:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ratify/Approve Receipts & Payments: R&P list presented and approved. Appendix 1 2. Bank Reconciliation: As at 28.02.26 Reviewed & approved. Appendix 2 	

	This clearly identifies the move of funds from the Co-Op to Barclays via the clerk.	
25/112	Clerks Report: Payment for Xmas refreshments not made, as no bank details. Cllr to send bank details to TW.	
25/113	Banking Barclays Bank paying in book still to be received. TW has followed this up, Remaining funds from the Co-op Account to be paid in to Barclays on receipt, but to ensure funds are reconcilable for year end. New DD to be set up for ICO.	TW
25/114	Planning: 1. New applications received/comments ratified on applications received since the last meeting: 26/00573/FUL 19 Church Meadows Little Leigh -Demolition of conservatory and replace with a new single storey. Reviewed - Planning working group to formulate a response. 25/02548/FUL Parklands Willow Green Lane Little Leigh Erection of garden room. Reviewed- Planning working group to formulate a response 2. Decisions notified from LPA: 25/01250/FUL Chapel Farm Shutley Lane Little Leigh Northwich CW8 4RP – Proposal: Construction of a purpose-built stable range. Refused 13.02.26 25/02344/FUL 5 Willow Green Barns Willow Green Lane Little Leigh Northwich CW8 4RB Proposal: Change of use of former farm yard to garden area and construction of detached garage. Approved 19.01.26 25/02783/FUL Ash House Farm Ash House Lane Little Leigh Northwich Cheshire CW8 4RG Proposal: Formation of hardstanding surface (retrospective) Refused 03.03.26 25/02824/FUL Chapel Farm Shutley Lane Little Leigh Northwich CW8 4RP Proposal: Construction of all weather menage for private use. Refused 13.02.26 25/02842/FUL The Granary Smithy Lane, Little Leigh – Change of use to create one short term let. Approved 03.02.26	
25/115	Highways: 1. Update on Highway issues: Footpath from LL to Barnton. PM to follow up. 2. RS & SG to conduct a pothole survey in April.	RS SG
25/116	Strategic Plan: No update.	
25/117	Events Working Group: Meeting 3 weeks ago well attended. Banners to be ordered for the Easter event. PC to pay for Village Hall room hire for the Easter event. Gardening club has been suggested. Main event will be held in Sept/Oct.	
25/118	School Defibrillator: MOP has contacted the council with concerns that the defib at the school is internal. This defib would serve the centre of the village. Discussed. Resolved to contact the school to offer to pay for an external cabinet with an approximate cost (depending on defib model) of £500. CJ to liaise with the school. TW to take forward if school agree.	SG TW
25/119	Village Hall: 1. Beech tree inspection (bi-annual) Previous contractor has yet to come back with a quote. TW to follow up. 2. VHMC report – Emergency lighting needs upgrading. This will be done ASAP.	TW

25/120	Email Accounts: One councillor still to gain access. TW offered to assist.	TW
25/121	Greenway: Following discussions last year SB is following this up.	
25/122	Items for Next Meeting: Beech tree inspection. Remembrance Day. Highways survey. AMPC. AGAR	
25/123	Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting is planned for Wednesday 13th May, following the AMPC at 18.00 at the Village Hall.	

The meeting closed at 19.30

Signed:

Dated:

Appendix 1.

LITTLE LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL			
Receipts & Payments Schedule			
Presented at meeting:			11.03.26
<u>Income Received</u>			
CWAC	Members Budget	£225.00	
			£225.00
<u>Payments ratified/for approval</u>			
A Clerk	Expenses Jan- Feb	£56.04	
A Refund clerk	HMRC	£6.93	
Refund clerk	litter hoops	£223.96	
			£286.93

Appendix 2.

<u>BANK RECONCILIATION</u>	<u>28.02.26</u>
Co-Op Current Account	£10,230.08
Barclays Current Account	£3,485.35
Barclays Deposit Account	£0.00
Less unrepresented transactions	
Total	<u>£13,715.43</u>
<u>CASH BOOK</u>	
B/F 01.04.25	<u>£14,331.73</u>
Receipts to date	£13,413.67
Expenditure to date	<u>£14,029.97</u>
Balance	<u>£13,715.43</u>