

LITTLE LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Little Leigh Parish Council meeting held on
Wednesday 2nd September 2026 at the Village Hall, Little Leigh
Meeting started 18.30

Present: Cllr Sue Beecroft (SB) (Chair) Cllr Bob King (Chair) (BK), Cllr Rob McSweeney (RM), Cllr Christine Ayre (CA), Cllr Sharon Geary (SG), Cllr Jenny Jones (JJ),

In Attendance: Tracey Whitlow – Clerk (TW), Ward Cllr Phil Marshall.

No Members of the Public (MOP's)

Note (FCl) refers to Full Council

26/45 Apologies for Absence were received & accepted from:

Ward Cllr Lynn Gibbon.

26/46 Declarations of Members' Interests:

None

26/47 Approval of Minutes:

The Parish Council **Resolved** to approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th July 2026 as a true and correct record. Signed by the chair.

26/48 Public Participation:

No public present

26/49 PCSO update:

Report received, circulated and added to the website.

26/50 Ward Councillor Report/s: (unless an agenda item)

Cllr PM reported on:

- National Planning Framework changes include no more instant 'call-ins'
- CWAC were part way through the new Local Plan – this has been halted and will start all over again – in the meantime CWAC have no local plan or land supply in place, leaving developers able to push applications forward. Anything over 150 homes will be taken away from CWAC for decision making and sent to the Secretary of State office.
- Free school meals are now available to all families on Universal Credit.

26/51 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: (if not an agenda item)

None

26/52 Correspondence of consequence (unless an agenda item)

Resignation received from Stuart Cook. The Parish Council wish to thank him for all his input during his time as a councillor.

TW to update the website. **TW** to send notification of vacancy to CWAC.

26/53 Accounts/Financial:

1. Ratify/Approve Receipts & Payments:

R&P list presented and approved. Appendix 1

2. Bank Reconciliation:

As at 26.08.26 Reviewed & approved. See Appendix 2

3. Noted Co-Op Bank: all money now transferred to Barclays account. Co-op Bank account closed.

4. **Noted the NALC pay-scales** 2026-27 have now been agreed. Clerks pay to be adjusted to reflect the changes with backpay to 01.04.26 included in the September payroll.

26/54 Clerks Report:

None that is not an agenda item.

26/55 Planning:

- **To review new planning applications received from LPA since the last meeting and resolve/ratify comments to LPA:**
- **26/01995/PDQ** Willow Green Farm Willow Green Lane Little Leigh Northwich CW8 4RB Proposal: Change of use of an agricultural building to 3 dwellings Reference Number: **Reviewed. No objections. See planning portal for full comments**
- **26/01932/FUL** Desley Heath Farm Cogshall Lane Little Leigh Northwich CW9 6BN Proposal: Change of use of two traditional buildings into three dwellings (combined) with associated works. **Reviewed. No objections. See planning portal for full comments**
- **26/01909/FUL** Schmitz Cargo Bull (UK) Ltd Tarporley Road Whitley Northwich WA4 4EZ Proposal: Demolition of an existing two storey/single storey office accommodation and construction of replacement single storey modular office accommodation and associated external works. **Planning working group to review and circulate comments to FCI before submitting to LPA**
- **26/02211/LDC** Stoneleigh House Stoneheyes Lane Barnton Northwich CW8 4QS Proposal: Lawful Development Certificate to establish existing use of operational haulage yard and associated operational land **Planning working group to review and circulate comments to FCI before submitting to LPA**
- **26/02424/FUL** Land At Hall Lane Northwich Proposal: Agricultural Machinery Storage Building. **Planning working group to review and circulate comments to FCI before submitting to LPA**

1. Decisions notified from LPA since the last meeting:

None

26/56 Highways:

The pot-hole survey is nearing completion. **RM** to send to **TW** on completion to add to the website.

26/57 Events Working Group:

To elect members to:

- Strategic Plan working group – deferred until the November meeting
- Communications working group- deferred until the November meeting

Update on Events:

- Abba Night organised for 14/11/26. **SG** to send **TW** poster for adding to the website.
- Fun Day 26/09/26

26/58 School Defib:

TW has been unable to contact the school for any updates due to school holidays. **TW** To contact them this week.

26/59 Village Hall:

No report

26/60 Remembrance Day:

Resolved to donate £50 annually to the RBL as opposed to purchasing a wreath.

TW to apply for a members budget grant towards a pair of Tommy's.

26/61 Bench Plaque:

BK to circulate his idea's for the plaque. **BK** to contact the MOP's family to obtain their approval.

26/62 Next meeting agenda items:
Budget, policy review, bench plaque, planter.

26/63 Next Meeting Date:
 Tuesday 3rd November 2026, at 6.30pm, Little Leigh Village Hall

Signed:

Dated:

Appendix 1

LITTLE LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL			
Receipts & Payments Schedule			
Presented at meeting:			01/09/2026
<i>Income Received</i>			
	none		
<i>Payments ratified/for approval</i>			
R	Chip hosting	Website/email hosting	£135.00
A	T Whitlow	Expenses July-August	£49.92
			£184.92

Appendix 2

Prepared by T Whitlow	
BANK RECONCILIATION	25.08.26
Co-Op Current Account	£0.00
Barclays Current Account	£367.95
Barclays Deposit Account	£20,136.63
Total	<u>£20,504.58</u>
CASH BOOK	
Co-Op Account O/B	£10,230.08
Barclays Current Ac O/B	£2,725.36
Barclays Deposit Ac O/B	£0.00
B/F 01.04.26	<u>£12,955.44</u>
Receipts to date	£12,789.43
Expenditure to date	£5,240.29
Balance	<u>£20,504.58</u>