

The Minutes of the Meeting of Leeds Parish Council
held in Leeds and Broomfield Village Hall on Tuesday, 14th February 2017 at 7:30 PM.

***Councillors present: Beale
China
Fort
Martin
Springford***

Also, present: Parish Clerk, Mrs Sherrie Babington, KCC Councillor Cooke and members of the public.

The meeting was chaired by Councillor China.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Bowles and Govett.

2. Declaration of Interests.

No interests were declared.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated to all members. These were proposed by Cllr China as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Fort and agreed by all present. The Minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

There were no matters arising.

5. Public Comments and Observations.

A resident attended the meeting to ask the Parish Council if the extension to the Church Car Park could be used two to three times a year for organised walks in the parish. The next walk being on 2nd March 2017 from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

This was discussed and approved by members. Cllr China stated that he would arrange for the gas to be opened for the walks.

The resident stated that she had emailed the Parish Council in December to raise concerns about the water leaks in the village and suggested that it may be time to contact the water board to request that all pipes were replaced throughout the parish.

KCC Councillor Cooke stated that this was happening in all areas not just in Leeds.

The Chairman stated that the Parish Council could write to SE Water to establish their future plans to replace water pipes in Leeds. This was agreed.

Action: Clerk to progress.

6. KCC Councillors Report.

KCC Councillor Cooke stated that he had circulated his update report by email to all members, this was noted.

He spoke regarding the MBC Local Plan and the interim finding in the Inspectors Report. He stated that these were disappointing, however the good news was that KCC as a Highways Authority was not

bound by the Inspectors findings and he stated that KCC would not be building a bus lane on the Sutton Road and this had been confirmed by the Director of Highways. He stated that there needed to be another form of mitigation for the infrastructure.

He reported that KCC were still pushing ahead with the plans for a Relief Road, however KCC and MBC had reached an impasse and the Borough Council was not consulting with KCC regarding planning applications despite the Highways Authority being a Statutory Consultee.

ClIr Fort asked if the Section 106 allocation for the bus lane could be diverted to the Relief Road and if not what would happen to this money.

Councillor Cooke stated that KCC wanted the funds to be allocated to Highway Improvements, however he stated that MBC was unlikely to involve KCC in any Section 106 discussions and this may put the allocation of the funds at risk.

He stated that the Inspectors report had stated that a Relief Road was not needed as the bus lane would be built.

Councillor Cooke reported that the planning application for Woodcut Farm was now at Appeal stage and this was an allocation in the MBC Local Plan.

ClIr Fort stated that the Parish Council and the JPG had objected to this application and should put forward these objections to the Planning Inspector.

Action: Clerk to submit objections to the Planning Inspector.

A general discussion took place regarding the need for a Relief Road and the Local Plan.

Councillor Cooke reported that he had recently met with the Chief Constable for Kent and he had been promised enforcement of the B2163 a few times a year, he stated that he was due to have a follow-up meeting.

He reported that Maidstone was one of the most air polluted Boroughs in the country.

7. MBC Ward Councillors Report.

MBC Councillor Fort gave her report to the meeting.

She spoke regarding the Local Plan Public Inquiry and the housing allocations.

8. Highways Matters.

It was reported that a litter pick of the Parish had been undertaken and 34 bags of litter had been collected.

It was noted that a KCC Litter picking event had been arranged for the week commencing 3rd March.

9. Police Report.

Apologies were received from the Police.

10. Correspondence Report.

The correspondence received during the month was noted by members.

KCC Litter event

It was agreed that the Parish Council would organise a Litter Pick event to support the KCC event.

11. Planning Matters.**New Applications Received**

17/500006/FULL **Rose Cottage Lower Street Leeds ME17 1RJ**
Proposed new extension

17/500007/LBC **Rose Cottage Lower Street Leeds ME17 1RJ**
Proposed new extension

17/500448/FULL **Little Caring Farm Caring Lane Leeds ME17 1TH**
Demolition of garage and construction of two new 5 bedroom semi-detached houses.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would object to this application as it would result in an over intensification of the site and creeping development in the area.

Action: Clerk to object to application.

MBC Decisions

16/507874/LBC

Foley Farm Cottage Lower Street Leeds Kent ME17 1RR

Listed building consent - Alterations and reconfiguration of existing shed

Application Withdrawn

16/507927/TPO

Cherrybank Upper Street Leeds Kent ME17 1SD

TPO application to - Cedar: Crown lifted to a height of 5 metres; Norway Maple: Crown lifted to a height of 5 metres

Application Permitted

16/502147/SUB

Caring House Caring Road Leeds Kent ME17 1TH

Submission of details pursuant to Conditions 4 - Materials and Condition 5 - Joinery of applications

Application Permitted

12. Financial Matters.**a. Financial Statement.**

The Financial Statement was circulated to all members. This was discussed and approved by all present. (Fort/China).

Bank Balances

Opening Balance on Community Direct Plus Account	£46836.35
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00

Less Account for payment	£1214.47
Closing Balance on Community Direct Plus Account	£45,621.88

Opening Balance on Business Select 14 Day Account	£30136.07
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00

Closing Balance on Business Select 14 Day Account	£30,136.07
<u>Balance on all PC Accounts</u>	<u>£75,757.95</u>

13. Parish Maintenance.

Members discussed the maintenance undertaken within the parish.

Cllr China stated that as agreed at the previous meeting, he had been in contact with Steven Waring to agree the maintenance for 2017.

Cllr Martin reported that the hedges from the Church Car Park to the Village Hall had been cut by Strutt and Parker, however the street lights were still obscured and debris had been left on the footpath and road. It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with Strutt and Parker regarding this matter.

Action: Clerk to liaise with Strutt and Parker.

Cllr Fort reported that she had requested cameras for the areas in Leeds prone to fly tipping and she would chase this and request enforcement of the area.

14. Fire Hydrants.

Cllr China reported that he was due to attend a meeting regarding the fire hydrants in Leeds and he would report on this meeting at the next PC meeting.

15. Leeds Children's Play Area.

Cllr China stated that he had received two positive emails from residents supporting the refurbishment of the children's play area.

Cllr Springford stated that he had inspected the site and the current equipment appeared to be in a good condition.

Cllr China stated that the fixings and bearings were worn and due to the age of the equipment it did really need to be replaced.

Cllr Springford stated that to put a funding bid together he did need to have a plan and costings. This was discussed and it was agreed that the funding bid would be progressed by the PC and Cllr Springford and China would seek further quotations for the replacement of the play equipment.

Action: Cllrs China and Springford to progress.

16. Leeds Playing Field and Pavilion.

Cllr China reported that as agreed at the previous meeting, the white lining of the Church Car Park, Playing Field Car Park and Tennis Courts had now been undertaken.

He spoke regarding the Playing Field Pavilion and stated that the Loose Lions Football Team had undertaken refurbishment work to this and he stated that he would thank them on behalf of the Parish Council. This was agreed.

17. Street Lighting.

Cllr China reported on the street lighting repairs and maintenance.

He stated that there had been a delay on the replacement of the next phase of LED lights due to a delay in the supply of the lighting from the supplier.

Councillor Cooke reported that KCC was in the process of replacing their lights throughout Kent to LED lighting.

18. Battles Over Beacons of Light 11th November 2018.

The Chairman spoke regarding this event and asked if the Parish Council wished to take part in this. This was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council would register an interest in this event.

Action: Clerk to register the PC interest in taking part.

19. Joint Parish Group and Local Plan.

No matters were raised.

20. Public Comments and Observations.

No matters were raised.

21. Urgent Matters.

Cllr Fort reported that concerns had been raised regarding bird scarers that were being used in the local area. It was noted that although the PC was aware of these, no action could be taken as there was no evidence of where they were coming from.

Cllr Springford reported that the salt bin in Forge Lane had never been replaced. Councillor Cooke stated that he would look into this matter.

22. Date of next meeting.

14th March 2017.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 9.05pm

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____