

The Minutes of the next Meeting of Leeds Parish Council
held in Leeds and Broomfield Village Hall on Tuesday, 13th June 2017 at 7:30 PM.

***Councillors present: China
Fort
Govett
Springford***

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

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Govett

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Martin, Beale, and Bowles.

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 Fort as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr China 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 raise concerns regarding the fly-tipping in the parish. He stated that he had offered the facility of having CCTV on his house in Forge Lane. The cost of the CCTV camera was £305 each and two were needed. He stated that he was willing to share the cost with the PC.

Cllr Govett stated that the Parish Council had a conversation about CCTV and the problem areas in the parish and he asked members whether they were in agreement of having a CCTV Camera system in principal. He suggested that the PC consider the installation of CCTV and then discuss this to agree whether to progress.

This was discussed and it was agreed that the PC would discuss and work with the resident regarding the CCTV system.

A resident reported that an HGV had crashed into a fence at Ashbank Cottages. He was advised to log this with the police.

A resident asked when the last traffic count was undertaken within the parish.

Councillor Cooke stated that a traffic count was by KCC by the school at some point. He stated that this was jointly commissioned by KCC and MBC for the Intergraded Transport Strategy to seek evidence.

He stated that this demonstrated that Maidstone was congested but MBC sought a second survey and issued their own Integrated Transport Strategy to support the Local Plan.

Representatives from the Village Hall Management Committee attended the meeting to speak with the PC regarding recent complaints received about late night noise from recent events.

The Chairman stated that the PC had received several complaints about noise.

Representatives from the Hall Committee stated that they had dealt with some complaints, they confirmed that their licence for music was until 12pm.

They stated that they would deal with any complaints that were received about events at the village hall and thanked the PC for inviting them to the meeting.

The Chairman spoke regarding the opportunity for the Parish Council to work with the Village Hall Management Committee at some point in the future.

6. KCC Councillors Report.

KCC Councillor Cooke gave his report to the meeting.

He stated that KCC Children's Services had recently had its Ofsted inspection and was rated as Good, he said that this was excellent news for children in the care of KCC.

He stated that it had been a challenge to achieve this as KCC had the highest number of unaccompanied migrant children in the country.

He reported that the road markings in Leeds had been undertaken in Upper Street, he stated that he had met with Officers and additional markings had been carried out where parking problems were a problem.

He reported that he had attended the Environment Transport Cabinet Meeting regarding the widening of the Sutton Road and had suggested that the work was deferred until there had been a thorough consultation with residents.

He stated that the report supporting the meeting referred to bus prioritisation and it was part of the integrated Transport Strategy. He said that the cost of the works was one fifth of the cost of the Relief Road and he questioned why the funds could not be allocated to the bypass. He questioned whether the improvements would assist with the transport problems in the area and felt that this was money being spent unnecessarily.

7. MBC Ward Councillors Report.

MBC Councillor Fort gave her report to the meeting.

She stated that MBC were considering grant funding for play areas and this was likely to be available in September 2017.

8. Highways Matters.

Councillor Cooke spoke regarding the Relief Road and stated that work was still being undertaken to seek raw data to indicate the levels of congestion and the need for the Relief Road.

He stated that there was an issue of funding as KCC does not have the funds to build the road.

He stated that Helen Whateley MP had said that when the evidence was available that she would support a bid to the Secretary of State to get the funding for the road.

The Chairman asked what the local community could do to support and assist with the Relief Road.

Councillor Cooke stated that he would like to see a properly organised and structured campaign to raise awareness about the need for the Relief Road.

This was discussed by members and it was agreed that the Parish Council would work with neighbouring parishes and other interested parties to form the South-East Maidstone Relief Road Action Group. It was agreed that Councillor Cooke would facilitate a meeting of the Action Group.

A discussion took place regarding Relief Road campaign signage and it was agreed that the PC would purchase 10 signs at a cost of £30.

9. Police Report.

PCSO Boyd gave his apologies to the meeting and a written report was noted in his absence.

10. Correspondence Report.

The correspondence received during the month was noted by members.

11. Planning Matters.

New Applications Received

17/502331/OUT/RITI Land at Woodcut Farm Ashford Road Hollingbourne Kent ME17 1XH
Outline application for a mixed commercial development comprising B1(a)B1(b)B1(c) and B8 units with a maximum floor space of 45295 square meters (Access Being sought) (Resubmission of 15/503288/OUT)

17/502945/LBC Foley Farm Cottage Lower Street Leeds ME17 1RR
Proposed replacement of existing modern window to the rear elevation with a double door.

MBC Decisions

17/501681/SUB

3 Yew Tree Cottages Upper Street Leeds ME17 1RU
Submission of Details to Discharge Condition 2 (Materials) and Condition 3 a. (Joinery Details) Subject to 16/504414/FULL

Application Permitted

Cllr Fort spoke regarding the Ledian farm planning application and stated that the recent planning application was to confirm the reserved matters for the planning application that was approved by MBC in 2012.

She stated that the PC had raised no objections to this application.

12. Financial Matters.

a. Financial Statement.

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

Members approved an additional cheque of £30 for the Relief Road campaign signs.

Bank Balances

Opening Balance on Community Direct Plus Account	£61061.29
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
Less Account for payment	£1187.09
Closing Balance on Community Direct Plus Account	£59,874.20

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>£90,010.27</u>

13. Parish Maintenance.

Members discussed the maintenance undertaken within the parish.

It was agreed that a Litter Pick would be arranged for 2nd July 2017.

Cllr Govett stated that the overspill car park at the Church was overgrown and needed to be cut.

Action: Cllr China to liaise with Steven Waring regarding cutting the field.

14. Village Gardener/Handyman.

Members discussed whether a village gardener/handyman was needed for the parish.

This was discussed and it was agreed that the PC would seek a handyman to work for the parish on an as and when basis for £12 per hour.

15. Leeds Playing Field, Tennis Courts, Pavilion, and Children's Play Area.

Cllr China stated that he was progressing the signage for the tennis courts and as soon as this was completed the courts would be locked as agreed at the previous meeting.

Cllr China stated that there was a problem with parking at the Playing Field and he felt that the request from the Loose Lions Football Team to extend the car park for overspill parking could be reconsidered by the PC.

He stated that he felt that their proposal would be beneficial to the parish and the parking would be regulated.

This was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council would revisit this discussion subject to a detailed plan being submitted to the PC from the Loose Lions.

16. Street Lighting.

No further matters were raised.

17. Joint Parish Group and Local Plan.

No matters were raised.

18. Public Comments and Observations.

No matters further were raised.

19. Urgent Matters.

No matters were raised.

20. Date of next meeting.

11th July 2017.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.50pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____