

The minutes of the Annual Assembly of Leeds Parish Council
held in St Nicolas Church at 7:30 on 13th May 2014

Councillors present: *Young*
Wallace
China
Springford
Fort

Also: *Parish Clerk, Sherrie Babington, PCSO Richard Kirby, KCC Cllr Gary Cooke and members of the public.*

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Parish Cllrs Govett and Gallihawk and MBC Cllr Peter Parvin.

2. Minutes of the previous Meeting.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by all present.

3. Chairman's Report.

Cllr Fort gave an Annual Report on the Parish Council's activities over the past year.

This included Lorry Watch, the void in Upper Street, the proposed reduced weight limit to 7.5 tonnes, the progress of the Special Constable, planning matters and the Playing Fields.

4. Report from MBC and KCC Councillors.

MBC Cllr Parvin gave his apologies to the meeting.

KCC Cllr Gary Cooke attended the meeting and gave a report to all present.

He spoke regarding the current situation in Upper Street and informed members that the road was due to be reopened at the end of May.

He informed the meeting that the Willington Street closure had been delayed until later in the year to minimise any inconvenience. He stated that on 28 July Willington Street would have a phased closure and he had therefore asked for the signs in the Willington Street to be removed.

7.5 Tonne Weight Restriction – Cllr Cooke informed members that the consultation period for this proposed weight restriction was currently being undertaken and he urged as many people to support this as possible. He spoke regarding attempts to reduce the weight limit in the past and the opposition that had been received to this.

Cllr Cooke reported on the Maidstone Borough Council Local Plan and the KCC response to this, he stated that their response had suggested that a road network around Leeds should be undertaken. He explained the route and the plans to all present and stated that the concept of having an upgraded road with the capability of bypassing Leeds would be, in his opinion, a positive move.

Cllr Wallace spoke regarding the level of objections from Leeds Castle to the alternative KCC response and suggested that if the road did go ahead that the proposed weight restriction should be removed. A discussion took place regarding this and other matters.

6. Reports from Village Organisations.

No reports were given.

7. Public Comments

No matters were reported.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8:10 PM

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____