

The Minutes of the meeting of Leeds Parish Council
held in Leeds and Broomfield Village Hall on Tuesday, 9th February 2016 at 7:30 PM.

Councillors present: *Beale*
Bowles
China
Fort
Martin
Springford

Also present: *Parish Clerk, Mrs Sherrie Babington and members of the public.*

The meeting was chaired by Councillor China.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr Govett, KCC Councillor Gary Cooke and the Police.

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 Martin 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 speak regarding the Local Plan and Integrated Transport Strategy. The Chairman stated that this would be covered under Ward Councillors Report.

6. KCC Councillors Report.

KCC Councillor Gary Cooke gave his apologies to the meeting and a written report was noted in his absence.

7. MBC Ward Councillors Report.

MBC Councillor Fort gave her report to the meeting.

She spoke regarding the Local Plan Consultation and a Public Meeting due to be held at Maidstone Studios on 11 February to discuss Local Plan.

She stated that whilst there were no proposals for development sites within Leeds in the Plan, the sites in the neighbouring parishes would have implications on Leeds. She stated that the Parish Council needed to make representations about traffic implications.

She spoke regarding the Joint Transportation Meeting Minutes and a Motion put forward by KCC Councillor Gary Cook regarding the Relief Road by 2022. She stated that the Integrated Transport Strategy stated a date of 2031 which was incorrect and stated that she was taking this matter up with Maidstone Borough Council.

She informed members that the Woodcut Farm site was back in the Plan as a land allocation for employment land and this should be another area of concern raised by the Parish Council.

A general discussion took place regarding the Local Plan.

8. Leeds/Langley Relief Road – E-Petition.

Cllr Fort reported that the Petition in support of a Relief Road had reached a total of 1694 signatures. She stated that KCC should now be working on the modelling and costings for this.

9. Highways Matters.

No further matters were discussed.

10. Police Report.

Apologies were received from PCSO Thomas Maybank.

11. Correspondence Report.

The correspondence received during the course of the month was noted by members.

Cllr Fort suggested a volunteer Village Cleanup and it was agreed that this should be progressed for April time. It was agreed to place this item on the next agenda for further consideration.

Action: Clerk to place item on agenda.

12. Planning Matters.

Planning matters were noted by Members.

13. Financial Matters.

a. Financial Statement.

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

The cheques for payment were then signed by two authorised signatories.

14. Parish Maintenance.

Cllr China reported that he was currently in the process of seeking quotations for the village maintenance contract and this would be discussed at a future meeting when they had all been received.

Action: Cllr China to action.

15. Church Car Park.

It was reported that there was a build up of rubbish in the corner of the car park again.

Cllr China reported that the hedges in the church car park were due to be cut in the next week.

It was reported that the hedges along Burberry Lane were overgrown and needed cutting back.

Action: Clerk to liaise with land owners.

Bollards Wykeham Grove - Cllr China reported that he had been in contact with KCC and they would not finance bollards at Wykeham Grove, however they were going to supply the Parish Council with the costs for doing this.

16. Leeds Playing Field and Pavillion.

Cllr China stated the he had agreed that the football team could use the Pavillion for their forthcoming AGM.

He reported that the Memorial Bench for the Playing Field was being progressed.

Cllr China reported that a new net was needed for the tennis courts and it was agreed that a new bet should be purchased.

Action: Cllr China/ Clerk to action.

17. Street Lighting.

Cllr China reported on street lighting in the Parish

18. Joint Parish Group and Local Plan.

It was reported that a meeting of the Joint Parish Group would take place on 2nd March at the Tudor Park Hotel.

19. Public Comments and Observations.

No matters were raised.

20. Urgent Matters.

No matters were raised.

21. Date of next meeting.

8th March 2016.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.15pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____