

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LEEDS PARISH COUNCIL
Held on in the Village Hall on Tuesday 8th February 2011 at 7.30pm.

Present: Mr Cutler
Mrs Fort
Mrs Harrison

In attendance: Mrs Sherrie Babington – Clerk, MBC Councillor Peter Parvin, Police and members of the public.

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Harrison.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Councillors Lay, Govette, Aitkin, Finlay, and KCC Councillor Gary Cooke.

2. Declaration of Interests.

No interests were declared.

3. Public Comments.

A member of the public attended the meeting to raise concerns about the parking problems at the playing field on a Sunday when football was taking place. She stated that this was causing a problem. This was discussed by members and it was agreed that the Clerk would draft a letter to be placed on the regular cars parked at the playing field to ask them not to park there on a Saturday or Sunday during the hire period.

Action: Clerk to draft letter re parking.

She also informed members that someone was running regular rugby training sessions from the playing field and was advertising this service from 9am to 1pm on Saturdays.

Members agreed that they would attend the site to speak with the person responsible for the training.

It was reported that the pavillion was left on a mess by the hirers over the weekend. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the hirers fetching these concerns to their attention and reminding them of their obligation to ensure that the pavillion was left clean and tidy.

Action: Clerk to write to Football Hirers.

It was also reported that there was problems with the electrics at the pavillion. Councillor Harrison stated that she would contact the electrician regarding this matter.

Action: Councillor Harrison to progress.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed. These were then proposed by Councillor Cutler, seconded by Councillor Fort and agreed by all present.

5. Matters Arising.

No matters were raised.

6. Police Report.

PCSO Richard Kirby attended the meeting. He informed members that there had been no crimes to report during the past month.

7. **Parish Council Website.**

Alan James gave a report on the usage of the website.

8. **MBC Borough Councillor Report.**

Borough Councillor Peter Parvin gave a report to members.

He spoke regarding issues relating to MBC.

9. **KCC Councillors Report.**

KCC Councillor Gary Cooke gave his apologies to the meeting.

10. **Correspondence.**

The Clerk reported on the correspondence received during the course of the month.

11. **Planning Matters.**

MA/11/0087 Abbey Farm, Lower Street, Leeds.

Conversion of two former agricultural buildings to provide three residential dwellings.

Members discussed this planning application. It was agreed that although the parish council had no objections to the design it would lead to additional traffic on the road.

Councillor Harrison spoke regarding the Dove Cote and the Slype, she stated that these were in need of renovation and this should be carried out at the same time. She stated that these were of historic value to the village and there had once been talk of a visitor's car park to open this up to visitors along with the preservation of the lake.

It was agreed that Councillor Fort would liaise with David Slack regarding this matter.

Action: Councillor Fort to liaise with Mr Slack and inform Clerk of views of councillors.

12. **Financial Matters.**

a. **Financial Statement.**

The financial statements for the Parish Council Account and Playing Field Account were presented to Councillors. These were discussed, and accepted by members (Fort/Cutler).

b. **2011/2012 Budget.**

The draft budget was circulated to all members for their consideration and it was proposed by Councillor Cutler and seconded by Councillor Fort to set the 2011/2012 precept at £19794.00. This was agreed by all present.

c. **Hollingbourne Football Club.**

No matters were reported.

d. **CPRE Membership.**

Members considered joining CPRE and following a discussion agreed not to join at the current time.

13. **Leeds Playing Field.**

Councillor Harrison reported on the progress of the work at the pavilion.

It was brought to the attention of the Parish Council that the youth football training that was currently taking place at the playing field with Hollingbourne Football Club was due to change in the next month

and be taken over by a professional company. Concerns were raised as this may have implications on the charges and may mean a rise on the subscriptions paid by the children.

This was discussed by members and it was agreed that a meeting should be set up with Hollingbourne Football Team in order to discuss their future involvement with Leeds.

Action: Clerk to progress meeting for members.

14. Highway Matters.

It was reported that there had been two accidents in the village on the same evening which had resulted in a road closure by the police.

The Chairman spoke regarding the proposed pedestrian crossing at the school. She reported that this was currently in question and Gary Cooke the KCC member had arranged a site meeting with KCC to discuss this further. She informed members that this was due to take place on Friday 18th February at 3pm, and she urged members to attend if at all possible.

15. Parish Council Meetings.

Councillor Harrison informed members that it had been suggested that parish council meetings were held in the pavillion. Members considered this and agreed to try this for a trail period, it was therefore agreed to hold meetings in the pavillion from April.

Action: Clerk to write to VHMC.

16. Village Car Park.

Councillor Harrison spoke regarding the village car park and the frequent use of overspill car park at the rear. She suggested that the gate to this area should be padlocked to stop unnecessary use. She stated that the ground was now muddy and in need of attention. It was suggested that the Parish Council may wish to consider placing grass matting on the surface which would cost in the region of £1500.

Members spoke regarding the use by the school and the security of the car park. Concerns were raised about the height barrier being left open. It was noted that this was due to allow access to the school bus which parked in the car park when not in use. It was agreed that these issues should be raised with the Head of the school and therefore the Clerk was asked to write to the Head Teacher regarding these matters.

Action: Clerk to write to school.

17. Joint Parish Group.

It was reported that the next JPG meeting would be held on 17th February.

18. Village Design Statement.

It was reported that this was at its final stage and would be published in the near future.

19. Further questions from public.

No matters were raised.

20. Urgent Matters.

No matters were raised.

21. Date of next Parish Council Meeting.

Tuesday 8th March 2010.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.10pm.