

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LEEDS PARISH COUNCIL
Held in the Playing Field Pavillion on Tuesday 13th November 2012 at 7.30pm.

Present: Mr China
 Mrs Fort
 Mr Gallihawk
 Mr Govett
 Mr Springford

In attendance: Mrs Sherrie Babington – Clerk and members of the Public.

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Fort.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Councillor Wallace, KCC Councillor Cooke and Borough Councillor Peter Parvin and the police.

2. Declaration of Interests.

No interests were declared.

3. Public Comments.

No matters were raised.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

The minutes from the previous meeting were circulated to all present. These were then proposed by Councillor Govett seconded by Councillor Springford and agreed by all present. These were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising.

Street Lighting – The quotation for the repair of the street lighting was noted by all present. Members discussed the report submitted by the lighting contractor and agreed to work being undertaken to the sum of £1300.

Action: Clerk to accept quotation and progress work.

A general discussion took place concerning the 2013/2014 budget and the advice from NALC to defer setting the precept until further advice was announced by Central Government concerning tax increases.

It was agreed to hold a Parish Council Open Day on Sunday 9th December from 11am to 1pm to consult with the parishioners concerning the budget and other parish issues.

Action: Clerk to book hall and print flyers for publicity.

Lorry Watch – It was reported that the scheme would be launched on 14th November at 10am.

A report was given on the parish maintenance undertaken to date and it was agreed to plant daffodil bulbs along the verges from the church.

6. Parish Clerk Vacancy.

It was agreed that Councillors Govett, Springfield and Gallihawk would undertake the interviews for the Parish Clerk position.

Councillor Gallihawk agreed to liaise with the Ramada Hotel to see whether they had a room available for interviews.

Action: Councillor Gallihawk to action.

7. Police Report.

PCSO Richard Kirby gave his apologies to the meeting.

8. Parish Council Website.

Councillor Govett informed members that the quotation for Zoologic had been accepted as agreed at the previous meeting and he was currently in the process of organising the transfer of the website.

Councillor Fort spoke regarding recent comments on the website message board regarding the build-outs and she thanked Councillor China for responding on behalf of the PC.

Councillor Govett stated that in his opinion these had been effective however he did feel that they should be more visible at night.

It was agreed that the Clerk should liaise with KCC concerning matter.

Action: Clerk to progress.

9. MBC Borough Councillor Report.

Borough Councillor Peter Parvin gave his apologies to the meeting.

10. KCC Councillors Report.

KCC Councillor Gary Cooke gave his apologies to the meeting.

It was reported that the date for the installation of the rumble strips was still being progressed.

11. Correspondence & Clerks Report.

Members noted the Clerks Report and the correspondence received during the course of the month.

12. Planning Matters.

No new applications received.

MBC Planning Decisions

12/1545 PARK BARN FARM HOUSE, PARK BARN ROAD, BROOMFIELD, MAIDSTONE, KENT.

Construction of an orangery.

Approved/Granted with Conditions

12/1788 LEDIAN FARM, UPPER STREET, LEEDS, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1RZ

Request for a screening opinion as to Leeds whether the proposed Continuing Care Retirement Community (consisting of a village core with 36 care bedrooms, 25 close-care units, 16 linked assisted living units, administration, welfare and communal areas.

Environmental Statement is Not Required.

13. Financial Matters.

a. Financial Statement.

The financial statements for the Parish Council and Playing Field Accounts was presented to Councillors and approved. (Govett/Gallihawk).

b. Parish Services Scheme.

No matters were raised.

14. Parish Maintenance.

No further matters were raised.

15. Playing Field.

No matters were raised.

16. Highway Matters.

a) General Matters.

No further matters were raised.

b) Lorry Watch.

No further matters were raised.

17. Joint Parish Group & LDF.

The Clerk updated members on this matter.

18. Further questions from public.

No matters were raised.

19. Urgent Matters.

Lighting outside of the pavillion – Councillor China spoke regarding the need for a light outside of the pavillion. This was discussed and it was agreed that he would make arrangement to progress with the installation of this.

Action: Councillor China to action.

20. Date of next Parish Council Meeting.

Tuesday 11th December 2012 at Leeds Pavillion.

There being no further business the meeting was closed 9.15pm.

Signed _____

Dated _____