

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LEEDS PARISH COUNCIL**Held in the Leeds Playing Field Pavillion on Tuesday 14th February 2012 at 7.30pm.**

Present: Mrs Fort
Mr Govette
Mr Martin
Mrs Young

In attendance: Mrs Sherrie Babington – Clerk, KCC Councillor Cooke and members of the public.

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Fort.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Councillor Wallace, Cutler and MBC Councillor Parvin.

2. Declaration of Interests.

No interests were declared.

3. Public Comments.

A resident attended the meeting to ask if there had been any progress regarding the parking in Burgess Hall Drive. The Clerk confirmed that to date no response had been received; however she would follow this matter up.

Action: Clerk to progress.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

The minutes from the previous meeting were circulated to all present. These were then proposed by Councillor Fort seconded by Councillor Young and agreed by all present.

5. Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

6. Parish Councillor Vacancy.

The Clerk informed members that to date one application had been received for the parish councillor vacancy. It was agreed that the Clerk should invite him to attend the next meeting.

Action: Clerk to progress.

7. Police Report.

The police were not present at the meeting.

8. Parish Council Website.

Alan James gave his apologies to the meeting and sent a written report in his absence. This was noted by members.

It was reported that there had been problems with the message board as the system was being abused. Councillor Fort stated that action had been taken to block the person responsible for posting the messages.

This was discussed by members and it was agreed that the system should continue to be monitored to see how it developed.

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 report to the meeting.

He stated that KCC had agreed not to increase their rates for the forthcoming year. He spoke regarding their budgets and the need for them to save 90million over the next year and 150million over the next two years. He stated that these significant savings would have an impact on the services.

He spoke regarding the Village Gates and stated that he had been told that these had been completed on 4th January, however this was not the case and it was clear that the work had not been started as yet. He stated that he would take action in the morning to ascertain the situation.

He confirmed that the gates would definitely be undertaken.

He stated that he assumed that the 20mph would be implemented over the Easter period.

Councillor Martin asked Councillor Cooke about the fly tipping at the top of Burberry Lane, he stated that he had reported the fly tipping of rubble to MBC and instead of clearing this they had spread this to make a bund. Councillor Cooke stated that this should not have been the case; however it was a Borough responsibility not a KCC responsibility.

It was agreed that the Clerk should look into this matter to establish the situation and reasons for their actions.

Action: Clerk to progress.

Councillor Govette praised the work of KCC in keeping the roads open during the snow.

It was reported that there was a salt bin missing outside of the car park at the church.

Action: Clerk to report to KCC.

11. Correspondence & Clerks Report.

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

1. MBC – Land request for Public Gypsy and Traveller Site – copy attached.

2. MBC – Joint Transportation Board meeting dates – copy attached.

Street Lighting – The Clerk reported on the situation with regards to the street lighting and the request for an additional street light at the church car park.

It was reported that the cost of the additional light would be £1600. It was proposed by Councillor Young and seconded by Councillor Govette to accept this quotation and to proceed with the installation of the new light in the church car park.

Action: Clerk to progress.

The Clerk reported that the contractor had undertaken additional maintenance work to the existing light columns whilst the road closure was in place to repair the lights; the cost of this was £454.80. This was discussed and members approved the cost of this work. (Young/Govette) Members stated that no further additional work should be undertaken by the contractor without seeking prior approval.

It was reported that light number 33 was also out and in need of repair; this was approved by members (Young/Govette).

12. Planning Matters.**New Applications Received**

- MA/11/2159 Battel Hall, Burberry Lane, Leeds.
Listed Building consent for the removal of conservatory.
- MA/12/0025 The Tower House, Upper Street, Leeds.
Erection of a single storey extension to north elevation and alterations to existing outbuilding (The Old Stables).
- MA/12/0026 The Tower House, Upper Street, Leeds.
Listed Building consent for the erection of a single storey extension to north elevation and alterations to existing outbuilding (The Old Stables).

MBC Decisions**MA/11/1803 ARNOLD FARM, BACK STREET, LEEDS, MAIDSTONE.**

Application for prior approval of the Leeds local planning authority for the erection of an extension to an existing agricultural building.

Prior Approval Given

10/2038 YEW TREE HOUSE, UPPER STREET, LEEDS, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1SD

Erection of a single storey side Leeds extension.

Approved/Granted with Conditions

10/2056 YEW TREE HOUSE, UPPER STREET, LEEDS, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1SD

An application for Listed Building Leeds Consent for the erection of a single storey side extension.

Approved/Granted with Conditions

11/1819 1, LOWER STREET COTTAGES, LOWER STREET, LEEDS, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1RR

Erection of single storey side and rear extensions and alterations to hard surfacing to frontage.

Approved/Granted with Conditions

11/1831 FULLING MILL FARM, CARING LANE, LEEDS, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1TJ

Application for the prior approval of the Leeds Local Planning Authority for the erection of an agricultural storage building.

Prior Approval Given.

11/1946 THE RAMADA HOTEL, ASHFORD ROAD, HOLLINGBOURNE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1RE

Advertisement Consent to display 6 No. fascia signs, 1 no. totem sign, 1 no. double-sided panel sign and 1 no. post-mounted directional sign.

Split decision.

11/1982 ARNOLD YOKE, BACK STREET, LEEDS, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1TF

Listed Building Consent for erection of Leeds a two-storey extension; installation of 1No. Conservation roof light to rear elevation; alterations to fenestration replacement of windows to front elevation and installation of French doors beneath gable roof.

Approved/Granted with Conditions

11/1981 ARNOLD YOKE, BACK STREET, LEEDS, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1TF

Erection of a two-storey extension and Leeds replacement porch, alterations to fenestration including new French doors beneath gable roof to rear elevation, and alterations to barn including demolition of lean-to.

Approved/Granted with Conditions

11/1997 ARNOLD COURT BUNGALOW, BACK STREET, LEEDS, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME171TG

Erection of a single storey side extension as shown on elevation and floor plan, site location plan, block plan, design and access statement and application form received 21st November 2011.

Approved/Granted with Conditions

11/2005 2, BROGDEN FARM COTTAGES, OLD MILL ROAD, LEEDS, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1RT

Erection of a two storey rear extension and single storey porch.

Withdrawn

13. Financial Matters.

a. Financial Statement.

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

The Budget Monitoring Statement was discussed and agreed by all present.

14. Parish Maintenance.

The Chairman spoke regarding the Parish Councils decision to appoint a Parish Warden and the arrangements for this.

The Clerk was asked to establish the cost of a petrol strimmer and to draw up a maintenance work sheet.

Action: Clerk to action.

15. Leeds Playing Field & Pavillion.

Councillor Martin reported that he had been unable to make contact with Mr Hipkin to get back the key for the pavillion. He asked the Clerk to write to Mr Hipkin regarding this.

Action: Clerk to action.

Councillor Young reported that the fire extinguishers had been inspected in the pavillion and the company was due to send a quotation to the Clerk.

Concerns were raised with regards to the spot light poles at the playing field, Councillor Young stated that these were loose and were in her opinion in need of attention. These were discussed and it was agreed that she would arrange to have these inspected and report back to the next meeting.

Action: Councillor Young to progress.

Councillor Govette spoke regarding the future plans for the Playing Field and the need to have these plans drawn up. Members discussed the need for any future work to be grant funded.

16. Queens Diamond Jubilee.

Councillor Fort reported that a Jubilee event had been planned by a small community group. This would involve a variety street party event at the village hall.

17. Highway Matters.

Councillor Govette spoke regarding seeking volunteers to form a focus group to monitor HGV's in the village.

Councillor Martin informed him that a group of volunteers was already established to monitor HVG's. He spoke regarding the action taken by the group and the lack of support from the police.

Councillor Govette suggested seeking and building this evidence, along with photographs to support the problems in the village.

Councillor Martin stated that he would liaise with the group regarding this matter.

Councillor Govette spoke regarding the possibility of the parish council funding a police officer.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish was discussed by members and it was agreed that the Clerk should write to invite the Chief Constable to attend the Annual Meeting of the Parish in May.

Action: Clerk to write to Police.

a) Village Gates.

No further matters were raised.

b) Road Safety Improvements at School.

No matters were raised.

c) General Matters.

No matters were raised.

18. Joint Parish Group & LDF.

Councillor Fort reported on this matter.

19. Further questions from public.

No further matters were raised.

20. Urgent Matters.

Councillor Fort spoke regarding the venue for future meetings and the wish of the PC to help the village hall and village organisations. She stated that it had been agreed that the Parish Council should approach the Village Hall Management Committee to see whether they could work out an agreement whereby the PC was able to hire the village hall for its meetings and also buy additional hiring hours for the use of village organisations. It was agreed that Councillor Martin would liaise with David Costello, Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee, to discuss this further.

Action: Councillor Martin to action.

21. Date of next Parish Council Meeting.

Tuesday 13th March 2012 at Leeds Pavillion.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.30pm.

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Dated _____