

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL STATUTORY MEETING OF LEEDS PARISH COUNCIL
Held in the St Nicholas Church on Tuesday 8th May 2012 at 9.35pm.

Present: Mr China
Mrs Fort
Mr Govett
Mr Martin
Mrs Young

In attendance: Mrs Sherrie Babington – Clerk, MBC Councillor Peter Parvin, KCC Councillor Gary Cooke, Police and members of the Public.

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Fort.

1. To elect a Chairman.

It was proposed by Councillor Young to nominate Councillor Fort to the role of Chairman; this was seconded by Councillor Govett and agreed by all present. Councillor Fort accepted this position.

2. To receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor Fort signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3. Apologies.

No apologies were received.

4. Declaration of Interests.

No interests were declared.

5. To elect a Vice-Chairman.

Councillor Fort nominated Councillor Govett to the position of Vice Chairman; this was seconded by Councillor Young and agreed by all present. Councillor Govett accepted this position.

6. To appoint Committees & Representatives to outside bodies.

It was proposed to defer this item until the next PC meeting with the exception of the Planning Committee which was agreed as follows:

Planning Committee: Cllrs Fort, Young and Wallace.

Action: Clerk to place item on next agenda.

7. Parish Councillor Vacancy.

The Clerk informed members that she was currently awaiting confirmation from MBC that the PC could fill the vacancies by Co-Option.

8. Public Comments.

No matters were raised.

9. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

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

10. Matters Arising.

No matters were raised.

11. Police Report.

The police attended the Annual meeting and gave a report at this.

12. Parish Council Website.

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

Councillor Govett reported that he had sought a quotation for the redesign of the website. It was agreed that this item would be discussed further at the next meeting.

13. MBC Borough Councillor Report.

Borough Councillor Peter Parvin gave his report at the Annual Meeting of the Parish.

14. KCC Councillors Report.

KCC Councillor Gary Cooke gave his report at the Annual Meeting of the Parish.

15. Correspondence & Clerks Report.

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

16. Planning Matters.**New Applications Received**

MA/12/0512 Ramada Hotel - No Objections.

Advertisement Consent new fascia sign.

MA12/0428 Land South West of Caring Road, Leeds – No Objections.

Erection of fencing and gate on west boundary of Caring Paddock.

MBC Decisions**12/0433 1, LOWER STREET COTTAGES, LOWER STREET, LEEDS, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1RR**

Application for a non-material amendment following a grant of planning permission MA/11/1819 (Erection of single storey side and rear extensions and alterations to hard surfacing to frontage).

Approved/Granted.

12/0352 24/02/12 10/04/12 LEEDS ABBEY FARM HOUSE, LOWER STREET, LEEDS, MAIDSTONE.

An application for listed building Leeds consent for repairs to chimney and fireplace.

Approved/Granted with Conditions.

17. Financial Matters.**a. Financial Statement.**

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

b. Village Hall Hire.

It was reported that little progress had been made as yet with the negotiations with the Village Hall Management Committee concerning block hire. It was agreed to liaising with the Hall Secretary may be advisable.

18. Parish Maintenance.

No further matters were raised.

19. Queens Diamond Jubilee.

Councillor Young reported on the arrangements for the Village Jubilee event.

20. Highway Matters.

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.

21. Joint Parish Group & LDF.

No matters were reported.

22. Further questions from public.

No further matters were raised.

23. Urgent Matters.

No matters were reported.

24. Date of next Parish Council Meeting.

Tuesday 12th June 2012 at Leeds Pavillion.

There being no further business the meeting was closed 10.00pm.

Signed _____

Dated _____