

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LEEDS PARISH COUNCIL
Held in the Playing Field Pavillion on Tuesday 8th October 2013 at 7.30pm.

Present: Mrs Fort
 Mr China
 Mr Springford
 Mr Wallace
 Mrs Young

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

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Fort.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Councillors Govett, Gallihawk, MBC Councillor 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 proposed by Councillor Fort, seconded by Councillor Young and agreed by all present. These were then signed and dated by the Chairman of the meeting.

5. Matters Arising.

The Clerk was asked to forward the copy of the hydrants map to all present.

Action: Clerk to action.

The Milners – The Chairman stated that the PC was still awaiting further details from Councillor Cooke.

6. Police Report.

The police were not present at the meeting.

Councillor Springford informed members that he had attended the Police Forum in September and he reported on this.

A discussion took place regarding the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and the need to have an active group operating within the parish.

It was noted that the police had not attended the meeting once again and therefore the Clerk was asked to write to Anne Barnes regarding this and the future police attendance at PC meetings.

Action: Clerk to action.

7. Parish Council Website.

Councillor Fort spoke regarding the website.

8. MBC Borough Councillor Report.

Borough Councillor Peter Parvin gave his apologies to the meeting.

9. KCC Councillors Report.

KCC Councillor Gary Cooke gave his report to the meeting.

A discussion took place regarding the planning application for Waterside Park and Councillor Cooke stated that KCC would be objecting to this. Members discussed the Core Strategy and the challenge by Boughton Monchelsea regarding Windfall Sites.

10. Correspondence & Clerks Report.

1. Kent Freight Gateway

KCC has launched the Kent Freight Gateway www.freightgateway.co.uk/kent, which is intended to help HGV drivers and transport manager's plan their routes when travelling within Kent. It also provides a mechanism for providing feedback on HGVs that are in violation of local road regulations (see the Lorry Watch section on the Kent Freight Gateway website). Further details are contained in the attached flyer and on the Kent Freight Gateway website.

2. Neighbourhood Planning

Earlier in the year KALC highlighted the funding available to Local Planning Authorities and Parish and Town Councils on Neighbourhood Planning. Yesterday, on the 1 year anniversary of community rights DCLG re-iterated the funding available (see announcement <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/cash-boost-for-councils-backing-neighbourhood-planning>).

11. Planning Matters.

New Applications Received

MA/13/1523 Land West of Bicknor Farm Cottages, Sutton Road - Objections
The erection of 100 dwellings together with associated new access road, car parking, landscaping and open space.

MA/13/1592 Ten Bells, Upper Street, Leeds –No Objections
An application for conservation area consent for the demolition of existing extensions.

MA/13/1592 Ten Bells, Upper Street, Leeds – No Objections
An application for conservation area consent for the removal of existing chimney

MA/13/1549 Waterside Park M20 J8 Ashford Road, Hollingbourne - Objections
Hybrid planning application (part outline part detailed) for the regarding of site to form development platforms including the creation of new bunds and batters; the development of a new industrial estate comprising up to 56000m² of B1 office/light industrial, B2 general industrial and B8 storage and distribution uses; ancillary cafe and crèche facilities; creation of a new access to the A20; new internal access road; parking, internal drainage, structural landscaping and the diversion of the existing footpath, with access to be determined and appearance, landscaping, layout and scale reserved for subsequent approval. Detailed permission sought for the erection of a new warehouse building (23533m²) and associated offices (4145m²) with access, service yard, parking and landscaping.

12. Financial Matters.

a. Financial Statement.

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

The future banking arrangements for the Parish Council was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk should look at the account options available for the PC.

Action: Clerk to action.

13. Parish Maintenance.

The Clerk informed members that the KCC team for Gary Cooke would be in the village from the week commencing 11th October.

The Maintenance of footpaths was discussed and it was reported that KH241 was blocked and impassable. The Clerk was asked to report this to KCC.

Action: Clerk to progress.

The Clerk was asked to seek a quotation for the replacement of the notice board at the Church Car Park.

Action: Clerk to progress.

14. Playing Field.

Members approved the purchase of a pair of Junior Goals Posts for the Playing Field at a cost of £725.00 plus vat.

Councillor Young stated that she would accept delivery of this order.

Action: Clerk to progress.

The general maintenance of the Playing Field was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would contact Steven Waring to arrange a meeting to discuss the Playing Field and Tennis Courts.

Action: Clerk to action.

15. Street Lighting.

Councillor China reported that he had plotted the PC Street light on a map. It was agreed that a review of the street lights would be undertaken with a view of switching off some of the lights within the parish.

16. Highway Matters.

a) General Matters.

Councillor Cooke reported that The Milners was adopted. He stated that this road had been inspected by Kent Highways and it was felt that the pot holes were not deep enough to warrant resurfacing.

Councillor Cooke stated that he was looking to see whether he could sort this out with his Members Budget.

Councillor Cooke spoke regarding speeding issues in general. He stated that KCC was looking at introducing 20MPH zones but it had decided against this.

He spoke regarding the issues of enforcement associated with 20MPH limits, he stated that he had tried to progress a meeting with the police to discuss this.

b) Lorry Watch.

Councillor Young stated that she would liaise with Lesley Martin regarding this.

Action: Councillor Young to action.

17. Joint Parish Group & LDF.

Councillor Fort updated members on this matter.

18. Further questions from public.

Residents asked about Lorry Watch.

Councillor Fort spoke regarding the scheme and the problems of enforcement associated with this. She stated that when Lorry Watch was in operation there was a noticeable reduction in the lorries using the B2163.

Councillor Cooke stated that KCC was liaising with the police regarding Lorry Watch and the enforcement and feedback from this.

A general discussion took place regarding the traffic using the B2163 and the possible traffic calming measures that could be put in place.

A resident asked about the use of the church overflow car park and the possibility of this being used on a regular basis.

The Chairman explained the restrictions placed on this car park and the reasons for this and its restricted use.

The Clerk was asked to order a Poppy Wreath for Remembrance Day.

Action: Clerk to action.

19. Urgent Matters.

No matters were raised.

20. Date of next Parish Council Meeting.

Tuesday 12th November 2013 at Leeds Pavillion.

There being no further business the meeting was closed 9.25pm.

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Dated _____