

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LEEDS PARISH COUNCIL
Held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 11th June 2013 at 7.30pm.

Present: Mrs Fort
 Mr Gallihawk
 Mr Govett
 Mrs Young

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

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Fort.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Councillors China, Springford and Young, KCC Councillor Cook and MBC Councillor Parvin.

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 Gallihawk and agreed by all present. These were then signed and dated by the Chairman of the meeting.

5. Matters Arising.

It was reported that the height barrier had now been installed.

6. To appoint Committees & Representatives to Outside Bodies.

The Committees and Representatives were approved by all present.

7. Police Report.

The police were not present at the meeting.

8. Parish Council Website.

Councillor Govett reported on the website.

He stated that to date 32 residents and 18 non residents had signed up for the newsletter.

It was agreed that Councillor Fort would email the monthly parish meeting report to Councillor Govett for the website.

Action: Councillor Fort 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.

11. Correspondence & Clerks Report.

1. FW: DCMS Consultation - Mobile Connectivity in England: simplifying the planning process
Please see the attached Policy Briefing from NALC on the Department for Culture, Media & Sports consultation on Mobile Connectivity in England. The actual consultation document is available from <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/mobile-connectivity-in-england>.
2. Correspondence from KCC re Vegetation clearance on Public Rights of Way – copy circulated to all present.
3. Councillor Fort reported that correspondence had been received from DHA Planning regarding the proposed development of Waterside Park asking to attend a meeting of the PC; she stated that she had asked the Clerk to respond and ask for a joint meeting with the other neighbouring PC's.

12. Parish Council Meetings.

A discussion took place regarding the future venue of the PC meetings.

The Clerk reported that the hall was not available on the normal PC meeting date.

It was agreed that the PC did not wish to change the date that it met. It was therefore agreed that Councillor Gallihawk would liaise with the Village Hall Management Committee to seek details of the availability and in the mean time the PC would continue to meet at the Pavillion.

13. Planning Matters.**New Applications Received**

MA/13/0697 2 Brogden Farm Cottages, Old Mill Road, Leeds.

An application for listed building consent for the installation of secondary glazing to 10no windows and 1no French window.

MA/13/0723 Ledian Farm, Upper Street, Leeds.

An application for a new planning permission to replace extant outline planning permission MA/09/1514 (Outline application for the erection of 64 bed residential care home with 7 close care bungalows, day centre with 6 close care apartments, conversion of Ledian Oast to provide two dwellings and erection of 12 dwellings with access and garaging. With access considered across the site at this stage and appearance, layout and scale to be considered in respect of the 12 dwellings and oast conversion.

Landscaping reserved for future consideration across the site) in order to extend the time limit for implementation.

MA/13/0763 Dumelm Caring Lane, Leeds

Two storey rear extension and tile-hanging to first floor elevations.

MBC Planning Decisions**13/0562 1, RUTLAND COTTAGES, BACK STREET, LEEDS, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1TE**

Erection of first floor rear extension as shown on the site location plan, block plan and drawing numbers CB/03/13/1/1 and CB/03/13/1/, all received 2nd April 2013.

Refused - notice attached.

14. Financial Matters.**a. Financial Statement.**

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

b. 2012/2013 Accounts and Annual Return.

The Clerk presented all members with the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2013 and the Annual Return for the Audit Commission. These were noted by all present.

Members agreed the accounts and annual return; it was proposed by Councillor Govett and seconded by Councillor Fort to accept these.

Action: Clerk to forward Annual Return to the Audit commission.

15. Parish Maintenance.

Members discussed the maintenance of the parish.

The Clerk was asked to seek a quotation from Steve Waring for the cutting of the church car park overspill.

Action: Clerk to action.

16. Playing Field.

Members spoke regarding the future hire of the football pitch and it was agreed that the PC should advertise this in the Newsletter and with the League.

Councillor Govett spoke regarding the Pavillion and the possibility of the PC investing and making repairs to this to make it more user friendly. He stated that with some work and maintenance the OC could continue to hold its meetings there and it could be used more by the local community.

It was agreed that a Schedule of Works should be drafted for consideration at a future meeting. It was also agreed to seek quotes for new chairs.

Action: Clerk to action.

Councillor Govett stated that the nets at the tennis courts need to be repaired. It was agreed that the Clerk would look into this matter.

Action: Clerk to action.

17. Playing Field Litter Bin.

It was agreed that the Clerk would forward options to members for their consideration.

Action: Clerk to progress.

18. Street Lighting.

The Clerk informed members that a light was not working near to the allotments and she submitted a quotation for the repair of this. It was agreed that this light should be repaired.

Action: Clerk to progress.

19. Highway Matters.**a) General Matters.**

The Clerk was asked to seek confirmation from Councillor Cooke that a light was due to be placed on the build outs to make them more visible as requested by the police

Action: Clerk to action.

b) Lorry Watch.

A discussion took place regarding Lorry Watch and it was agreed that the Clerk would ask Lesley Martin if she was available to attend the next meeting to speak on the process and collection of the data.

Action: Clerk to progress.

20. Joint Parish Group & LDF.

Councillor Fort updated members on this matter. She spoke with regards to the call for sites and asked members their view on this matter.

This was discussed and it was agreed that the parish could be affected by the surrounding areas and development at Headcorn, Staplehurst and Langley that would all put additional traffic on the B2163.

21. Further questions from public.

A resident asked about the possibility of the church overspill car park being opened up permanently as this area was congested at school times.

The Chairman explained the planning restrictions on this area of land and it was agreed by a present that this would not be practical.

22. Urgent Matters.

No matters were raised.

23. Date of next Parish Council Meeting.

Tuesday 9th July 2013 at Leeds Pavillion.

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

Signed _____

Dated _____