

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LEEDS PARISH COUNCIL
Held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 12th March 2013 at 7.48pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs Sherrie Babington – Clerk, MBC Councillor Peter Parvin and KCC Councillor Gary Cooke.

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Fort.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Councillors Wallace and Springfield 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 Young, seconded by Councillor China 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 drains throughout the village had been cleared and the vegetation had been cut back as requested.

6. Police Report.

The crime report was noted.

Councillor Gallihawk raised concerns at the lack of police presence at the PC meetings. He stated that the PC needed reassurances that the police were able to action crimes and ensure coverage of the village.

7. Parish Council Website.

Councillor Fort thanked Councillor Govett for his work on the new village website.

Councillor Govett reported on this and the number of people viewing the website. He stated that he hoped that the flyers being delivered to the residents would raise awareness of the website.

8. MBC Borough Councillor Report.

Borough Councillor Peter Parvin gave his report to the meeting.

He spoke regarding matters affecting the Borough and the Core Strategy.

Councillor Fort spoke regarding the Golding Homes proposals.

Councillor Parvin stated that he was not going to comment on this at present.

Councillor Govett stated that he felt that the PC should have a view on this matter and its position before the public meeting organised by Gary Cooke.

Councillor Fort spoke concerning this and stated that she was concerned about the traffic implications with the three Rural Service Centres in the area. She stated that there was now talk of an additional 5000 houses and she felt that this should not be considered without a Bypass. She stated that the proposals blighted Otham along with the residents of Back Street and Caring Lane. She stated that there was a need for the PC to represent the whole of the village in its view.

Councillor Govett stated that it was his view that any development would result in some houses being blighted; he spoke regarding the need for a Bypass.

Councillor Fort stated that Langley have opposed the development. She stated that she felt that Leeds Village would be split over the development.

Councillor Gallihawk stated that he was opposed to the development.

Councillor China stated that he would take a view when he had more facts.

Councillor Govett stated that he would rather not have the development but if it was approved then he felt that the PC should insist on the infrastructure being in place and this would mean a Bypass.

This was discussed further and it was agreed that the Parish Council would attend the Public Meeting and then consider its view.

Councillor Govett suggested sending out a questionnaire to ascertain the views of residents. This was discussed and it was agreed that Councillor Govett would consider the content of this further.

9. KCC Councillors Report.

KCC Councillor Gary Cooke gave his report to the meeting.

He spoke regarding the Golding Homes proposals and the Public Meeting he had organised and who would be attending this.

He stated that he was opposed to this development and stated that the Section 106 monies would not cover the cost of a Bypass. He confirmed that he would not support the Leeds Langley Bypass at the detriment of 5000 houses.

Highways Matters – Councillor Cooke informed members that the rumble strips would not be installed at the village gates; however a different road surface would be installed instead.

He spoke regarding Lorry Watch and the continued support for this.

10. Correspondence & Clerks Report.

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

11. Planning Matters.

New Applications Received

No new applications received.

MBC Planning Decisions**TA/0221/12 BROOK HOUSE, LOWER STREET, LEEDS, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1RR**

Conservation area notification: Leeds conservation area notification of intention to remove a juniper tree.

Raise No Objections

13/0043 BROOK HOUSE, LOWER STREET, LEEDS, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1RR

Application for listed building consent to replace existing conservatory with white hardwood conservatory as shown on unnumbered scale 1:100 floor plan and elevation drawings and supporting Design and Access statement received 09 January 2013.

Approved/Granted with Conditions

12. Financial Matters.a. Financial Statement.

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

13. Parish Maintenance.

Members discussed the maintenance of the parish.

14. Playing Field.

Councillor Young confirmed that the football team had cleaned the Pavillion.

Councillor China spoke regarding the situation concerning the street lighting and stated that it would cost in the region of £9000 to have this upgraded. It was agreed that this item should be placed on the next agenda for further consideration.

Action: Clerk to place item on the next agenda.

15. Car park Height Barrier.

The Clerk reported on the progress of this matter.

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.

Councillor China reported on the progress of the Faster Broadband Campaign.

20. Date of next Parish Council Meeting.

Tuesday 9th April 2013 at Leeds Pavillion.

There being no further business the meeting was closed 9.45pm.

Signed _____

Dated _____