

The Minutes of the Meeting of Leeds Parish Council  
held in St Nicolas Church, Leeds on 10th of June 2014 at 7:40 PM.

Councillors present: China  
Springford  
Young  
Wallace

Also: Parish Clerk, Sherrie Babington, MBC Cllr Peter Parvin and members of the Public.

*Councillor Young was nominated to act as Chairman for this meeting in the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman.*

The meeting was therefore Chaired by Cllr Young.

1. **Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Fort, Govett and Gallihawk, KCC Cllr Gary Cooke and the police.

2. **Declaration of Interest.**

No interests were declared.

3. **Appointment of Committees and Representatives to Outside Bodies.**

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

4. **Minutes of the previous Meeting.**

The Minutes were circulated to all present, these were proposed by Cllr Wallace, seconded by Cllr Springford and agreed by all present.

The Chairman of the meeting then signed and dated the minutes.

5. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**

No matters were raised.

6. **Public Comments and Observations.**

A resident spoke regarding the reinstatement of the verges along Forge Lane. He raised concerns that Contractors had filled the grass verges with hard-core and this was therefore encouraging vehicles to use the verges and not allowing the grass to grow back. It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with Katie Lewis regarding this matter.

***Action: Clerk to progress.***

Concerns were raised regarding the footpaths in the parish. It was reported that KH235 was blocked by a tree and KH241 had not been marked.

The Clerk was asked to report these to KCC.

***Action: Clerk to action.***

Mr Shroader and a planning representative attended the meeting to speak with the Parish Council about the bypass proposals put forward by KCC.

Councillors informed them that they had no more details on the proposals that have been put

forward by KCC in their response to the Borough Council.

Cllr Springford spoke regarding the history of the bypass and the past proposals by KCC. A discussion took place regarding this.

**7. KCC Councillors Report.**

Apologies were received KCC Cllr Gary Cooke.

**8. MBC Council's Report.**

MBC Cllr Peter Pavin attended the meeting and gave a report to all present. He spoke regarding the changes to the administration at Maidstone Borough Council and informed the meeting that the new Leader was Annabelle Blackmore.

**9. Highway Matters.**

It was reported that the B2163 had reopened.  
No further matters were reported.

**10. Special Constable Update.**

No matters were reported.

**11. Police Report.**

Apologies were received from PCSO Richard Kirby and a police report was noted in his absence.

Concerns were raised regarding drug dealing activities being undertaken in the Leeds Playing Field Car Park. Cllr Young stated that for cars had visited the site at 2AM on Saturday morning and she had rang this through to the police however no action was taken. This was discussed and it was agreed that a letter should be written Ann Barnes regarding these activities and lack of police action.

***Action: Clerk to write a letter to Ann Barnes.***

**12. Correspondence.**

The Correspondence Report was noted by members.

**13. Planning Matters.**

MA/14/0759 The Ten Bells, Upper Street, Leeds  
Erection of a detached dwelling.

MA/14/0701 Merriams Farm, Caring Lane, Leeds  
Amendments to application MA/11/1784 (erection of dwelling, estate managers cottage, new barn with ragstone wall, photovoltaic cells, access tracks, dry store, glasshouse, parking areas and landscaping) being amendments to barn, ragstone wall service shed and provision of a greenhouse.

MA/14/0760 The Ten Bells, Upper Street, Leeds  
Retrospective application for the demolition of existing pub building.

**MBC Planning Decisions**

**14/0248 FULLING MILL HOUSE, CARING LANE, LEEDS, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1TJ**

Erection of a single storey extension to Leeds south-west elevation (resubmission of MA/13/2107) as shown on the site location plan and block plan received on 13/02/2014 and drawing number 8770 PROPOSED B received on 09/04/2014.

***Approved/Granted with Conditions***

**FULLING MILL HOUSE, CARING LANE, LEEDS, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1TJ**

Listed Building Consent for erection of Leeds a single storey extension to south-west elevation (resubmission of MA/13/2108) as shown on the site location plan and block plan received on 13/02/2014 and drawing number 8770 PROPOSED B received on 09/04/2014.

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**14. Financial Matters and new Bank Account.**

The Financial Statement was circulated to all members for their consideration. The cheques for payment were proposed by Cllr Young, seconded by Cllr Springford and agreed by all present. The cheques were then signed by two authorised signatories.

The Clerk reported that she had attended a meeting with the Business Manager of the HSBC Bank regarding the opening of a new bank account. A report was circulated for members consideration. This was discussed and it was agreed that the signatories for the account would be Cllrs Fort, Govett, Young and China.

***Action: Clerk to forward forms to all agreed Councillors.***

**15. Parish Maintenance.**

It was reported that the Parish Warden, Chris Brace have now moved out of the village and there was a general feeling that he would not be able to continue with the maintenance of the village. The Clerk was asked to liaise with him regarding future work in the Parish and to place this item on the next agenda.

***Action: Clerk to progress.***

Church Overspill Car Park – it was agreed that Cllr China would liaise with Steven Waring regarding the cutting of the overflow car park at the Church.

***Action: Cllr China to progress.***

Recycling Units at the Car Park – It was noted that these were becoming a problem due to the amount of rubbish being left around the units. The Clerk was asked to liaise with MBC regarding this matter.

***Action: Clerk to progress.***

**16. Playing Fields and Pavillion.**

Cllr Young reported that the football team for the forthcoming season was now agreed and the Clerk had been asked to send the hirer forms.

She reported that they would be using three pitches at the Playing Field on a Saturday and Sunday a.m. and p.m.

She confirmed that as part of the agreement they would be cleaning the pavilion and lining the pitches.

It was reported that Cllrs China and Young had attended the Playing Field and it would appear that the nets had been used without authority.

Cllr China reported damage to the Pavilion door, cladding and windows. He reported that he was currently seeking quotations for this work.

***Action: Cllr China to progress.***

Tennis Courts – Cllr China reported that he was currently in the process of seeking quotations for new nets and posts at the tennis courts. He stated that he would forward these onto members by email for further consideration.

**17. Street Lighting.**

It was reported that Cllrs China and Wallace were due to meet with a new Contractor to seek alternative quotations.

**18. Joint Parish Group and Local Plan.**

No matters were reported.

**19. Public Comments and Observations.**

No further matters were raised.

**20. Urgent Items.**

No matters were raised.

**21. Date of next Meeting.**

8th July 2014.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8:40 PM

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_