

The Minutes of the meeting of Leeds Parish Council
held in Leeds and Broomfield Village Hall on Tuesday, 8th September 2015 at 7:30 PM.

Councillors present: *Beale*
Bowles
China
Martin

Also present: *Parish Clerk, Mrs Sherrie Babington, Julie Welman, Headteacher of Leeds and Broomfield School and members of the public.*

The meeting was chaired by Councillor China.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Fort, Springford, Govett, KCC Councillor Gary Cooke and the Police.

The Chairman welcomed Julie Welman, Headteacher of Leeds and Broomfield School to the meeting. He informed members that a grant of £1000 was approved at a previous meeting and the cheque was due to be signed at the meeting to handed to the Headteacher. He reminded members that the Parish Council had agreed to match-fund any fund raising by FOLCA to the sum of £1000.

He invited Ms Welman to speak regarding the progress and the plans for the school.

Ms Welman spoke regarding the up-grade of the computer system for the school costing approximately £20,000 and its plans to purchase the laptops for the children attending the school. She stated that the upgrade to the system and server was planned for the end of September 2015. The Chairman thanked Ms Welman for attending the meeting and presented her with a cheque for £1000 from the Parish Council.

2. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr Beale – Parish Warden.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated to all members. These were proposed by Cllr Bowles as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Martin and agreed by all present.

The Minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

Planting on verges – Cllr Beale stated that in order to seek permission from Kent County Council to undertake planting on their land she would need a copy of the Parish Councils Public Liability Insurance. She stated that she felt if planting of the verges were approved, then this should be publicised to residents of the parish.

5. Public Comments and Observations.

A resident attended the meeting to raise concerns regarding the parking problems caused by football matches at the playing field over weekends. He stated that the parking in Brogden Crescent was causing a problem.

Cllr China stated that he would liaise with the football club regarding this matter.

Action: Cllr China to progress.

The resident spoke regarding the tennis courts and suggested that these could be used for parking. Cllr China stated that the Parish Council was looking at the playing field to see whether parking could be improved and it was also looking at ways of renovating/replacing the tennis courts.

The resident spoke regarding the planned spur/relief road and stated that if the housing developments were built before this road, then this would put pressure on the roads around Leeds. The Chairman stated that Kent County Council were positive about having a relief road, however the route and the finance for this was still being discussed.

6. KCC Councillors Report.

KCC Councillor Gary Cooke gave his apologies to the meeting.

7. MBC Ward Councillors Report.

MBC Councillor Fort gave her apologies to the meeting. A written Report was noted in her absence.

8. Highways Matters.

Cllr Bowles spoke regarding Lorry Watch and the liaison with the Police, Kent County Council and Trading Standards.

9. Police Report.

Apologies were received from PCSO Thomas Maybank.

10. Correspondence Report.

The correspondence received during the course of the month was noted by members.

11. Planning Matters.

It was agreed that the way in which planning applications were dealt with by the PC should be considered at the next meeting.

12. Financial Matters.

a. Financial Statement.

The Financial Statement was circulated to all members. This was discussed and approved by all present. (Bowles/China).

The cheques for payment were then signed by two authorised signatories.

13. Parish Maintenance.

Cllr Beale spoke regarding the possible planting of the verges. She stated that she had identified areas to be planted, however there was a need for permission to be sought from Kent County Council before this could be progressed further.

Public Rights of Way – It was noted that complaints had been received regarding the footpath from Foley Farm to Forge Lane. Cllr Bowles stated that he would inspect this and liaise with KCC regarding the maintenance issues.

Action: Cllr Bowles to progress.

Cllr China reported that the handrail had broken along the pavement next to Foley Farm. The Clerk was asked to report this to Kent Highways.

Action: Clerk to progress.

Bulk Salt – It was agreed that the bulk bag of salt should be delivered to the playing field car park.

Action: Clerk to progress.

14. Church Car Park.

Recycling Bins - it was reported that arrangements have now been made with the Borough Council to have the recycling units removed from the church car park.

Cllr China stated that when these had been removed arrangements should be made to have the fly tipping cleared.

Potholes – Cllr China stated that he would liaise with the contractor regarding the potholes repairs in the car park.

Action: Cllr China to progress.

15. Leeds Playing Field and Pavillion.

Cllr China reported that the swing chains had now been replaced and the annual safety inspection report was now actioned.

He informed members that he had made arrangements for Stephen Waring to inspect the damaged tree at the playing field.

It was confirmed that the fly tipping to the rear of the pavilion was to be removed by Maidstone Borough Council.

16. Tennis Courts.

No matters were reported.

17. Street Lighting.

Cllr China reported that the broken lights now been replaced with LED lamps as agreed.

18. Remembrance Sunday.

Members approved the purchase of a poppy wreath for Remembrance Sunday.

Action: Clerk to progress.

19. Joint Parish Group and Local Plan.

A discussion took place regarding the Local Plan.

20. Public Comments and Observations.

No matters were raised.

21. Urgent Matters.

No matters were raised.

22. Date of next meeting.

13th October 2015.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.28pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____