

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LEEDS PARISH COUNCIL
Held on in the Village Hall on Tuesday 9th October 2007 at 7.30pm.

Present: Mr Bubb
 Mr Cutler
 Mrs Fort
 Mrs Graham
 Mr Green
 Mrs Griffiths
 Mrs Harrison

In attendance: Mrs Sherrie Babington – Clerk, Press and Public.

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Harrison.

1. Apologies.

No apologies were received.

2. Declaration of Interests.

No interests were declared.

3. Public Comments.

Residents from Brogden Crescent attended the meeting to raise concerns regarding trees that had been felled on the land near Brogden Crescent. which they understood to be the responsibility of the Parish Council.

Councillor Harrison explained the current situation and stated that there had been a misunderstanding between the resident who had complained about the trees and the Parish Council which led to the resident cutting down a number of trees and shrubs. She stated that the land was not yet the responsibility of the Parish Council, however this was in the process of being leased to the PC.

Councillor Harrison confirmed that the Parish Council was unhappy with the condition that the land had been left in and as a result had contacted the Borough Council regarding the rubbish and the condition of the tree. She stated that an inspector was due to attend the site to look at the tree and take action to make this safe.

The resident also raised concerns about the parking of cars when the football pitches were in use on a Sunday. Members discussed this matter and confirmed that this had been a problem in the past. The Chairman asked PCSO White to look at this problem when he was on duty on a Sunday.

It was also agreed that the Clerk should write to the football team to fetch this matter to their attention and to ask them to liaise with both teams regarding the parking arrangements.

Action: Clerk to write to Football Team.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

The minutes were agreed (Graham/Fort), these were then signed and dated by the Chairman of the meeting.

5. Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

6. Newsletter.

It was agreed that Councillor Graham would draft the newsletter this month.

7. Ward Councillors Report.

Councillor Parvin attended the meeting and gave his report to all present.

He spoke about the anti-skid material that was due to be place at the roundabout and informed the meeting that the work at Ashbank cottages was due to tae place during this financial year.

He spoke regarding the Gaming Act and the implementation of this by the Borough Council.

Councillor Parvin asked about the fence to the rear of Farmers Close. Councillor Green confirmed that this had been erected, however Councillor Parvin confirmed that a second fence was to be erected.

Councillor Harrison spoke regarding the KIG planning application and of her views regarding the way in which the Borough Council had publicised this. Councillor Parvin confirmed that the Borough Council had fulfilled its legal obligations in dealing with this application.

8. Correspondence.

The correspondence received was noted by members.

9. Planning Matters.

MA/07/2092 Kent International Gateway, Land West of Junction 8, M20, Maidstone
Outline planning permission for the construction of hard standing areas to form rail/road freight interchange with freight handling equipment , new railway sidings in part with acoustic enclosure, earthworks and retaining walls, buildings for Class B8 warehousing and Class B1 uses, access works internal roads and bridges, loading and manoeuvring areas, car and lorry parking, ancillary truck-stop and gatehouse security facilities, electrical sub station, realignment of public rights of way and watercourses, drainage works and landscaping with access to be considered at this stage and all other matters reserved for future consideration.

Councillor Fort confirmed that the Planning Committee was still looking at this planning application and formulating its response.

10. Financial Matters.

The financial statements for the Parish Council Account and Playing Field Account were presented to Councillors. These were discussed, and accepted by members (Graham/Green).

11. Police Report.

PCSO John White attended the meeting and gave a crime report to all present.

12. Leeds Playing Field.

Councillor Harrison reported that the planned work on the car park and informed members of the specification for the work.

It was reported that the ad lock to the gate of the playing field was currently missing. Councillor Harrison stated that she would look into this matter.

The Clerk reported on essential work that had to be undertaken to the play area, this was discussed and agreed.

Action: Clerk to liaise with contractor.

A further discussion took place regarding goal posts for the playing field. Councillor Griffith spoke regarding a request to hold a charity football match on the playing field and the need for goal posts. It was agreed that members would look into possible grants for new goal posts.

Action: Action as agreed.

13. Highway Matters.

Highway matters around the parish were discussed by all present. Concerns were raised regarding the current condition of the road signs within the parish, the rubbish on Penfold Hill.

Councillor Parvin stated that he would report this matter to MBC.

14. Parish Plan.

Councillor Fort reported that the questionnaires were currently being undertaken and it was anticipated that these would be sent out some time in the New Year.

15. Kent international Gateway.

Councillor Harrison reported on the current situation regarding KIG. She stated that the Parish Council had joined a Joint Parish Group of 14 parish councils to look at the planning application for KIG. She reported that this group had appointed a planning consultant and there was a cost implication to the Parish Council. Councillor Harrison asked members to confirm whether they wished to formally be part of this group. It was agreed and a vote cast 5:1 in favour of joining the KIG Joint Parish. The Chairman did not vote and Councillor Green voted against the proposals.

16. LDF.

Nothing to report.

17. Financial Regulations.

It was agreed that this item should be placed on the February Agenda for formal consideration.

Action: Clerk to place on February agenda.

18. Parish Council Website.

Nothing to report.

19. Further questions from public.

No matters were raised.

20. Urgent Matters.

Concerns were raised regarding the number of vehicles for sale outside of Elnothinham Cottages in Leeds. It was agreed to raise this matter with MBC.

21. Date of next Parish Council Meeting.

Tuesday 11th December 2007.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.20pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____