

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 Graham
Mr Green
Mrs Harrison

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

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Harrison.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Councillors Griffiths and Fort.

2. Declaration of Interests.

No interests were declared.

3. Public Comments.

No matters were raised.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

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

5. Matters Arising.

It was reported that the strimming of the village had been undertaken by KCC. Councillor Harrison reported that the annual drainage clearance was still to be undertaken but had been planned by KCC.

Councillor Harrison reported on the new system in place by Kent Highways for reporting outstanding highways matters in the village. She reported that there had been problems with regards to the street sweeping in the village and informed members that she had been in contact with MBC to resolve these.

The Clerk reported that the height barrier at the church car park was currently being repaired by MBC and should be back in place in the near future.

6. Newsletter.

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

7. Ward Councillors Report.

Councillor Parvin gave his apologies to the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed KCC Councillor Brian Woods to the meeting. Councillor Woods spoke regarding matters that affected Leeds. He reported on the 30mph sign near Ashbank Cottages and reported that this had been moved back, he agreed that it would be beneficial to have this moved back further to the bridge and repeater signs

erected up to the cottages. He spoke regarding the traffic calming measures that he would wish to see in the area of Ashbank Cottages.

The weight restriction was discussed by all present.

Councillor Bubb spoke regarding the parking problems within the village and these were discussed. It was agreed that the SE Orbital would be the answer to these problems.

Councillor Harrison reported on the planned work for the playing field car park and members asked what specification had been given for the work. She stated that she would forward this onto members.

Mr Woods spoke regarding grant funding from KCC and about the Kent International Gateway.

Councillor Harrison thanked him for attending the meeting and he stated that he would also attend the next PC meeting.

Councillor Harrison adjourned the meeting at 8.10pm to enable the Parish Council to present the village sign prize to the winner of the village sign competition.

The meeting was reconvened at 8.25pm

8. Correspondence.

The correspondence received was noted by members.

Councillor Graham reported on the condition of a public footpath within the parish. Councillor Harrison stated that she had made contact with KCC regarding this matter and they were due to inspect this.

9. Planning Matters.

There was no planning applications to consider.

Councillor Harrison reported that she had asked Councillor Parvin to look onto the current situation regarding S106 agreements associated with Ledian Farm, she reported that it would appear that there were no S106 agreements on this development.

This was discussed and Councillor Harrison stated that she understood that a S106 agreement could be applied for retrospectively. The Clerk was asked to look into this matter and to report back to the next meeting.

Action: Clerk to action.

It was reported that there had been a complaint regarding the trees on the land at Brogden Crescent, which was in the process of being transferred over to the Parish Council. Members agreed to hold a site meeting to discuss this matter further.

Action: Site meeting to be held by members.

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. He reported on the PACT initiative and informed members that a public meeting was due to be held in the near future, the dates of which would be forthcoming.

12. Leeds Playing Field.

Councillor Harrison reported that the Parish Council had received £1400 for new seated at the playing field.

It was reported that a meeting had been held by Councillor Harrison, Graham and Griffiths regarding the playing field, and meetings had also been held with KCC and MBC to discuss possible grants.

Ideas were put forward regarding the development of new facilities at the playing field and it was agreed that these project ideas should be explored further.

The safety inspect of the play equipment was discussed by all present, it was agreed to have the essential repairs undertaken as soon as possible.

Action: Clerk to confirm order for essential works.

Councillor Bubb questioned by the rear of the pavilion had not been painted. Councillor Green stated that he would look into this matter and arrange for it to be painted when the rear was more assessable.

Action: Councillor Green to progress.

13. Highway Matters.

Nothing further was reported.

14. Parish Plan.

Nothing to report.

15. Kent international Gateway.

The Clerk reported on this matter.

16. LDF.

Nothing to report.

17. Parish Council Website.

Councillor Harrison reported on the progress of the website. She stated that this was now complete and was being update and maintained by the Webmaster.

Members discussed the success of the website and the time and costs involved with its setup. It was agreed by members that a payment should be made to the web designer for the time and costs involved with this. The time and hours involved were discussed by all resent and it was proposed by Councillor Green that a payment of £450.00 should be made to the Webmaster; this was seconded by Graham and agreed by all present.

It was also proposed to enter into a maintenance contact for the ongoing maintenance of the website, this was agreed by all present.

Action: Clerk to progress maintenance contact and circulate to all Councillors.

18. Further questions from public.

No matters were raised.

19. Urgent Matters.

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No matters were raised.

- 20. Date of next Parish Council Meeting.**
Tuesday 13th November 2007.

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

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____