

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LEEDS PARISH COUNCIL
Held on in the Village Hall on Tuesday 8th April 2008 at 7.30pm.

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

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

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Harrison.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Councillors Graham and Griffiths.

2. Declaration of Interests.

No interests were declared.

3. Public Comments.

No comments were raised.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

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

5. Matters Arising.

Helicopter Rides at the Ramada Hotel – Councillor Harrison confirmed that these rides were contravening the current licence and it was now being looked into by the Borough Council.

Gritting Signs, Brogden Crescent – Councillor Bubb reported that these signs had been in place for some time and needed to be removed.

Action: Clerk to progress.

Advertising Signs – It was reported that advertising signs had been placed on the telegraph poles opposite Ledian Farm, the Clerk was asked to contact the Borough Council to have these removed.

Action: Clerk to progress.

6. Newsletter.

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

7. Ward Councillors Report.

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

He reported on the parade to welcome the return of the 36 Engineers and he praised this.

He stated that the work at Ashbank Cottages had been delayed due to inclement weather and would be undertaken in the new financial year.

Councillor Parvin reported on the elections that were due to take place on 1st May 2008.

8. Correspondence.

Members noted the correspondence received.

9. Planning Matters.

MA/08/0381 Flow House, Caring Lane, Leeds.

Change of use of land and erection of stables with 4no loose boxes, tack room and hay store.

MA/08/0584 Spout House, Caring Lane, Leeds.

An application for listed building consent for the installation of one second floor bathroom dormer window.

MA/08/0585 Spout House, Caring Lane, Leeds.

Installation of one second floor dormer window to rear elevation (resubmission of MA/07/2197).

The above planning applications were passed to the Planning Committee for their consideration.

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 (Fort/Green).

11. Police Report.

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

Councillor Harrison reported on the recent Police Liaison meeting that she had attended.

A discussion took place regarding the HGV's in the village, Councillor Fort spoke regarding an audit undertaken by residents and the number of details that had been collected.

It was reported that a number of the HGV's were drivers delivering to Charlton Farm. This was discussed and it was agreed that a letter should be sent to the owner of the farm to ask them to inform their drivers to take an alternative route due to the restrictions.

Action: Councillor Harrison and Clerk to progress.

12. Leeds Playing Field.

Councillor Harrison reported that the work on the car ark had been completed by Kent Highways.

Councillor Fort spoke regarding the grass cutting of the playing field and Councillor Green confirmed that this was undertaken on a six weekly basis. It was agreed that this needed cutting as soon as possible.

Action: Councillor Harrison to progress.

Councillor Bubb spoke regarding the facilities at the local children would like to see at the playing field and it was agreed that these would be addressed by the PC.

Councillor Harrison reported that the entry to the church car park had also been tarmaced.

Councillor Harrison stated that she had been informed of a funding opportunity and she had undertaken some work towards this. She asked members for their views on the work to date and asked for feedback at the next meeting.

The current situation regarding the hire of the football pitch for the forthcoming season was discussed and it was agreed that consideration should be given to leasing this to a new team.

Action: PC to look into this matter.

13. Highway Matters.

Councillor Harrison reported on the outstanding highway matters.

She reported that the Mr Goulette of MBC was dealing with the problem with the trees and hedges at Brogden Crescent.

She reported on the recent accident at Ashbank Cottages.

14. Parish Plan.

Councillor Fort reported on the progress of the Parish Plan. She stated that the questionnaires had been agreed and were being printed.

15. Kent International Gateway.

Councillor Harrison reported on the current situation regarding KIG.

16. LDF.

Councillor Harrison reported on this matter and correspondence from MBC. She stated that at present this was on hold by MBC until after the KIG had been determined.

17. Village Enhancements.

It was reported that Councillor Griffiths was due to attend a meeting to seek support with regards to plants for village enhancements.

18. Parish Council Website.

Alan James attended the meeting and reported on the progress of the website. He circulated the website statistics for information.

19. Further questions from public.

No matters were raised.

20. Urgent Matters.

Councillor Green informed members that he would be resigning from the Parish Council, as he no longer resided in the Parish.

Councillor Harrison spoke regarding this matter and thanked Councillor Green for his work and commitment to the PC over the past few years.

Action: Clerk to place item on next agenda.

21. Date of next Parish Council Meeting.

Tuesday 13th May 2008.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.00pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____