

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LEEDS PARISH COUNCIL
Held on in the Village Hall on Tuesday 14th April 2009 at 7.30pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs Sherrie Babington – Clerk and Public.

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Harrison.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Councillor Finlay.

2. Declaration of Interests.

No interests were declared.

3. Public Comments.

Residents attended the meeting to raised concerns about the problems with parking in Wykeham Grove. They referred to the letter circulated to all residents by the police regarding this and stated that this had not solved the problems.

A resident suggested that double yellow lines may assist the problem and asked the Parish Council if this could be progressed.

The Police spoke regarding parking and stated that if an offending vehicle was seen then they did have the power to take action.

Councillor Harrison stated that the Parish Council was due to hold a meeting with Kent Highways and this matter would be raised.

A further discussion took place and Councillor Harrison suggested that this matter may be progressed further if a meeting was arranged between the Parish Council, a representative from the residents of Wykeham Grove, the Borough Council, KCC and the police to try to find a solution to the parking problems. This was agreed by all present.

Action: Cllr Harrison and Clerk to arrange a meeting as agreed.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

It was resolved to accept the minutes (Graham/Fort), these were then signed and dated by the Chairman of the meeting.

5. Matters Arising.

Councillor Graham informed the meeting that the village sign project was being progressed and was due to be made on 20th April at the village school.

6. Parish Councillor Vacancy.

The Clerk informed the meeting that one application had been received for the vacancy from Mr Aitken. It was proposed by Councillor Bubb to accept this application and this was seconded by Councillor Graham and this was agreed by all present.

Action: Clerk to write to Mr Aitken to inform him of the PC decision.

7. **Police Report.**

PCSO White and PC Older attended the meeting. PCSO White gave the crime report to the meeting.

The parking problems along Wykeham Grove were discussed further and Councillor Harrison raised concerns about the general parking problems within the village.

8. **Parish Council Website.**

Alan James attended the meeting and gave a report on the usage of the website. He spoke regarding the progress of the website.

9. **Ward Councillors Report.**

Councillor Parvin gave his apologies to the meeting.

10. **Correspondence.**

Councillor Harrison reported on a letter received from a resident regarding the parking problems in Forge Lane. She spoke regarding this letter and suggested that a response should be sent to Smith, Wooley and Perry to ask them to liaise with their residents regarding the parking in the area; this was agreed by all present.

Action: Clerk to action as agreed.

11. **Planning Matters.**

MA/09/0469 Merriam's Farm, Caring Lane, Leeds. – No objections.

An application for listed building consent for alterations to attached barn to include insertion of new windows and doors.

12. **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/Graham).

13. **Request for financial assistance from Leeds VDS Group.**

Members considered a request for financial assistance from the Village Design Statement Group. It was proposed by Councillor Fort to give an initial grant of £250.00 to the VDS Group; this was seconded by Councillor Cutler and agreed by all present.

Action: Clerk to inform VDS Group of the PC decision.

14. **Leeds Playing Field.**

Councillor Graham reported that the window of the pavilion was still in need of replacement, Councillor Cutler stated that he would progress this matter.

Action: Councillor Cutler to action.

A discussion took place with regards to the tennis courts, it was agreed that Councillor Bubb would inspect these and report back to the next meeting.

Action: Councillor Bubb to action.

15. **Highway Matters.**

Councillor Harrison reported on outstanding highway issues around the parish.

16. **Parish Plan & Village Design Statement.**

Councillor Harrison spoke regarding the Village Design Statement Group.

Councillor Graham reported on the competition arranged for the VDS Workshop.

17. **Kent International Gateway.**
Councillor Harrison reported on the current situation regarding KIG.
18. **Further questions from public.**
No matters were raised.
19. **Urgent Matters.**
No matters were raised.
20. **Date of next Parish Council Meeting.**
Tuesday 12th May 2009.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.15pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____