

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LEEDS PARISH COUNCIL
Held on in the Village Hall on Tuesday 8th December 2009 at 7.30pm.

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

In attendance: Mrs Sherrie Babington – Clerk, Police 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.

No public matters were raised.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting, subject to a minor alteration, (Graham/Cutler), these were then signed and dated by the Chairman of the meeting.

5. Matters Arising.

Pavilion Container – Councillor Harrison informed members that she was still progressing this matter.

6. Police Report.

The police sent their apologies to the meeting.

Councillor Harrison read out the crime report to all present on their behalf.

7. Parish Council Website.

Alan James attended the meeting and gave a report on the usage of the website.

8. MBC Borough Councillor Report.

Borough Councillor Peter Parvin gave his apologies to the meeting.

9. KCC Councillors Report.

KCC Councillor Gary Cooke was not present at the meeting.

10. Correspondence.

The Clerk reported on the correspondence received during the course of the month.

11. Planning Matters.

The following planning applications were passed to the Planning Committee for their considerations:

MA/09/1406 Merriam's Farm, Caring Lane, Leeds.
 Renovation and change of use of two existing barns to studio and living accommodation ancillary to main house.

MA/09/2088 Willow Tree House, Lower Street, Leeds.
 Planning permission for erection of single storey extension to south elevation, single storey extension to west elevation and installation of metal flue.

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. 2010/2011 Budget.

The draft budget was circulated to all members for their consideration and it was proposed by Councillor Cutler and seconded by Councillor Fort to set the 2010/2011 precept at £17214.00. This was agreed by all present.

14. Leeds Playing Field.

Councillor Harrison reported that she was still in the process of seeking quotations for the renovations of the pavilion. She informed members that she had spoken with David Terry of MBC regarding funding opportunities.

Councillor Aitken spoke regarding the progress of the pavilion kitchen. He stated that there was currently a problem with the electrics and some additional work may have to be undertaken with regards to the fuse boxes. Members discussed and agreed that the electrical work should be undertaken.

Councillor Aitken stated that he would liaise with Hollingbourne Football Club and report back to members.

Action: Councillor Aitken to progress.

He reported further on the junior football training and stated that he had drafted a leaflet and left this with Councillor Finlay. He suggested that a date for an event should be arranged and the village and interested parties should be invited to attend.

Members discussed this and agreed that an event such as a fun day for football should be planned for Easter, it was agreed that the publicity should be undertaken in goodtime. Councillor Aitken suggested that he circulate ideas and proposals for marketing the event for the February meeting.

He reminded members that the two junior pitches needed to be marked out.

A discussion took place regarding the hedges at the playing field. Councillor Graham spoke regarding the history of these. It was noted that the hedges had been trimmed and it was agreed that this should be reported in the parish magazine.

15. Highway Matters.

Councillor Harrison spoke regarding the outstanding highways issues in the parish.

She informed members that she would report the railings at Foley Hill and the bollard opposite Forge Lane to Earl Bournier.

Action: Cllr Harrison to liaise with Earl Bournier and Clerk to report to Kent Highways.

16. Village Design Statement.

Nothing to report.

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 9th February 2010.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.25pm.

Signed: _____

Chairman

Dated: _____