

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

Present: Mr Aitken
Mrs Finlay
Mrs Graham
Mrs Harrison

In attendance: Mrs Sherrie Babington – Clerk, KCC Councillor Gary Cooke and Public.

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Harrison.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Councillors Cutler, Fort and Bubb.

2. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr Harrison – Leeds Castle Luncheon.

3. New Councillors Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Mr Aitken signed his declaration of acceptance of office.

4. Public Comments.

No matters were raised.

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

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

6. Matters Arising.

It was reported that the police property marking day would take place in the village on 6th September 2009. It was agreed that this event should be publicised in the Parish Magazine.

7. Police Report.

Councillor Harrison reported that the police had given their apologies as they had to attend an incident.

8. Parish Council Website.

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

9. Ward Councillors Report.

Apologies were received from Borough Councillor Peter Parvin.

KCC Councillor Gary Cooke attended the meeting to introduce himself as Leeds' newly elected KCC Councillor.

He spoke regarding his role and the work he was currently undertaking for KCC.

He reported on the funds he had available for grants and the way in which the Parish Council should apply for these.

Councillor Harrison stated that Leeds would like to have gateways into the village, and she spoke regarding the problems with lorries in the village.

Councillor Cooke stated that he would like to get additional support for this matter and he spoke regarding the problems with rat run traffic. He stated that at some stage he would like to invite parish councils to a meeting to discuss such problems.

Councillor Harrison spoke regarding the need for a safe crossing at the school and informed Councillor Cooke that she had arranged a meeting with Highways, KCC, MBC, Housing Trust and the Police to discuss problems with parking on 16th July and invited him to attend this if he wished.

Councillor Cooke spoke regarding the Leeds and Langley Bypass and the MBC Local Development Framework.

A discussion took place regarding the LDF, the Parish Plan and the Village Design Statement.

10. Correspondence.

Councillor Bubb spoke regarding the footpath opposite the Ten Bells and stated that this was overgrown and in need of cutting.

Councillor Harrison spoke regarding the responsibilities of KCC and the problem with the current contract for these; she stated that they were now on the rota to be cut.

11. Planning Matters.

MA/09/1066 Merriam's Farm, Caring Lane, Leeds.

An application for listed building consent for alterations to attached barn to include insertion of new windows and doors (resubmission of MA/09/0469).

MA/09/0878 Leeds Castle, Ashford Road, Hollingbourne.

An application for advertisement consent for the erection of one non-illuminated, post mounted fascia sign.

MA/09/1067 Merriam's Farm, Caring Lane, Leeds.

Alterations to attached barn to include insertion of new windows and doors (resubmission of MA/09/0468).

MA/09/0877 Arnoldbrae, Back Street, Leeds.

Change of use of stable to additional accomodation, incidental to the use of Arnold Brae as a single dwelling house.

MA/09/1042 1 Brogden Farm Cottages, Old Mill Road, Leeds.

An application for Listed Building Consent for the demolition of rear conservatory and erection of a two storey rear extension. Alterations to fenestration and internal alterations.

The above applications were considered by the Planning Committee.

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 (Graham/Finlay).

13. Leeds Playing Field.

Councillor Harrison reported that the current football team hiring the playing field wished to hire it again for the forthcoming season.

Action: Clerk to confirm details in writing.

Councillor Aitken spoke regarding the playing field; he informed members that he had close links with the Hollingbourne Football Teams.

He spoke regarding his links with sport and the youth and informed members that junior activities and events at the playing field could benefit its facilities.

He stated that there was room at the site for two pitches.

Councillor Aitken spoke further regarding his links with Hollingbourne Football Club and offered to enter into discussions with them to try to establish activities and involvement with Leeds Playing Field.

Members discussed this and agreed to Councillor Aitkin's suggestion.

Councillor Harrison spoke regarding the offer made to Leeds Parish Council of a kitchen for the Pavilion and possible cladding for the front of the building. Members discussed this and agreed that grants should be sought to finance the ongoing renovations to the pavilion.

Action: Councillor Harrison and Aitken to progress.

Councillor Graham reported that a Youth Day had been arranged at the playing field via the Chips and Chat evening.

Councillor Harrison reminded members that she still had the KM memorial Tree and a location for this still needed to be agreed.

14. Highway Matters.

Councillor Harrison reported on a number of potholes in the parish that had been marked for repair by Kent Highways.

15. Sped Limit Review.

Members agreed that no action would be taken regarding this document.

16. Village Design Statement.

Councillor Finlay reported on the progress of the VDS. She stated that an event would take place in October/November time to gather further information and it was anticipated that the document would be drafted in February 2010 for presentation to MBC in March 2010.

17. Kent International Gateway.

Councillor Harrison reported on the current situation regarding KIG.

Se reported that the Joint Parish Group has appointed Luther Pendragon for three months to assist them with their work, and reported on the additional documents that had been submitted by AXA.

18. Further questions from public.

No matters were raised.

19. Urgent Matters.

No matters were raised.

20. Date of next Parish Council Meeting.

Tuesday 8th September 2009.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.33pm.

Signed: _____

Chairman

Dated: _____