

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LEEDS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Held on in the Village Hall on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 7.30pm.**

Present: Mr Cutler  
Mrs Finlay  
Mrs Graham  
Mrs Harrison

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

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Harrison.

**1. Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Councillors Aitken and Fort.  
The Chairman informed members that Councillor Bubb had resigned from the Parish Council.

**2. Declaration of Interests.**

No interests were declared.

**3. Public Comments.**

Concerns were raised regarding the cars which double park at the junction to George Lane to the rear of the George Pub.

The Chairman stated that the Parish Council would fetch this to the attention of the police to ask if they could deal with this.

Alan James spoke regarding the volume of HGV's that were travelling through the village.

Councillor Finlay stated that she had written to Kent Highways regarding this matter and was still awaiting a response.

**4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.**

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

**5. Matters Arising.**

There were no matters arising.

**6. Police Report.**

The police representative gave a crime report to all present.

Councillor Cutler passed on the concerns regarding vehicles parking on the Junction of George Lane.

KCC Councillor Cooke asked the police if they could give a follow-up on crimes reported at previous meetings.

He spoke regarding the HGV's travelling through the village, he stated that he too had written to Kent Highways regarding this matter and was also awaiting their response.

A discussion took place regarding the signage and the ways in which this could be improved to avoid any misunderstandings with HGV drivers.

Councillor Cooke stated that he would look into the signage into Leeds.

**7. Parish Council Website.**

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

**8. KCC Councillors Report.**

KCC Councillor Gary Cooke attended the meeting and gave a report to members.

He reported on the issues relating to KCC.

He spoke regarding their budget for the forthcoming year and the savings that they would be making in order to maintain a zero increase.

**9. Correspondence.**

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

**10. Planning Matters.**

MA/09/1514 Ledian Farm, Upper Street, Leeds.

Outline application for the erection of 64 bed residential care home with 7 close care bungalows, day centre with 6 close care apartments, conversion of 12 dwellings with access and garaging. With access considered across the site at this stage and appearance, layout and scale to be considered in respect of the 12 dwellings and Oast conversion. landscaping reserved for future consideration across the site.

***The Parish Council raised objections to this planning application.***

**11. 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 (Cutler/Finlay).

**12. 2010/2011 Budget.**

The Clerk circulated a draft budget to all members for their consideration, it was agreed that this item would be placed on the next agenda for formal consideration.

Members discussed the allocation in the budget for parish maintenance. It was agreed that a fully job specification was required in order to seek quotations for the work for the forthcoming year.

***Action: Clerk and members to draw up specification for parish maintenance.***

**13. Leeds Playing Field.**

Councillor Harrison reported that she had found a container for the playing field for £525.00, she asked members to inspect this with her before she arranged for it to be delivered.

Councillor Harrison informed members that she had sought a quotation for the replacement of the ceiling in the pavilion, the replacement of the doors and the front fascia. She stated that this would cost approximately £3500. It was agreed that the parish council should draw up a scope for the works and seek quotations through the tendering process.

**14. Highway Matters.**

Councillor Finlay gave a report on her meeting with Ben Hilden of KCC. She stated that she was advised to have a traffic survey for the village.

Members discussed the benefits of this and agreed that this should be explored.

It was reported that the railings at Foley Hill were still in need of replacing.

***Action: Clerk to report.***

**15. Village Design Statement.**

Councillor Finlay reported on the progress of the VDS. She stated that the first public exhibition was due to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> November.

**16. Kent International Gateway.**

Councillor Harrison reported on the current situation regarding KIG.

**17. Further questions from public.**

No matters were raised.

**18. Urgent Matters.**

No matters were raised.

19. **Date of next Parish Council Meeting.**  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

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

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairman**

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_