

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LEEDS PARISH COUNCIL
Held on in the Village Hall on Tuesday 9th February 2010 at 7.30pm.

Present: Mr Cutler
Mrs Finlay
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 Aitken, KCC Councillor Cooke and Ward Councillor Peter Parvin.

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/Fort); these were then signed and dated by the Chairman of the meeting.

5. Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

6. Police Report.

The PCSO gave a crime report to all present.

He reported on Operation Dime which was undertaken within Leeds over a period of two days. He informed members that the results of this would be made available to the Parish Council as soon as they were available.

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 gave his apologies to the meeting.

His report was noted by members.

Members discussed the salt bins within the parish and it was agreed that the salt bin at George Lane should be moved to Wykeham Grove where it would be of more use to residents.

It was also agreed that a new bin should be requested for the corner of Brogden Crescent and Forge Lane.

The Clerk was asked to progress these matters with Kent Highways and to also request that the bins be refilled as soon as possible.

Action: Clerk to progress.

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/09/1574 Raywood Barn, Back Street, Leeds – No Objections.
Erection of a 1.8 metre boundary wall.

Ledian Farm – additional details – Members discussed the additional details received for the planning proposals for Ledian Farm and it was agreed that the Parish Council would reiterate its objections to this application as the additional details did not change the view of the PC.

Action: Clerk to write to MBC.

Councillor Harrison spoke regarding the parking problems within the parish. She informed members that she had been in contact with MBC regarding this matter.

She reported that there were plans to have a community shop to the rear of the Ten Bells Public House and she stated that this should be up and running within the next three months.

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 (Cutler/Finlay).

13. Leeds Playing Field.

Councillor Harrison congratulated Councillor Graham on her recent success in gaining a grant for the play equipment at the playing field.

Councillor Graham informed members that she would progress this with HAGS and she asked members to attend a site meeting to consider the plans for the site.

It was agreed that a Chips and Chat evening should be arranged in the near future to keep the youth informed of the developments.

Councillor Harrison informed the meeting that she had recently submitted a Grass Roots Grant Application on behalf of the Playing Field Trustees and the outcome of this should be known by 23rd February 2010.

She informed members that she was in the process of seeking quotations for the work at the Pavillion.

14. Highway Matters.

Members discussed the highway matter in the parish. It was agreed that the details for reporting potholes should be placed in the parish magazine.

Councillor Harrison spoke regarding the need for a safe crossing outside of the school and she passed a letter of support from the head teacher and Chair of Governors to the Clerk. It was agreed that Councillor Finlay would forward a petition to the Clerk and this along with the letters of support should be sent to Kent Highways.

Action: Clerk to progress.

Members discussed the need for a traffic survey along the B2163 and the ideal location for this. It was agreed that these should be progressed at an estimated cost of £250 each.

The Clerk was asked to liaise with Kent Highways and KCC Councillor Gary Cooke regarding this matter.

Action: Clerk to progress as agreed.

15. Village Design Statement.

Councillor Finlay reported that the first draft of the Village Design Statement had been completed, she informed members that this was currently with Phil Turner for inspection and she suggested a public meeting in the near future.

The Chairman thanked the VDS Committee for its hard work.

- 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 9th March 2010.

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

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____