

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LEEDS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Held on in the Village Hall on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2010 at 7.30pm.**

Present: Mr Cutler  
Mrs Fort  
Mr Govett  
Mrs Harrison

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

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Harrison.

**1. Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Councillors Finlay and Aitken.

**2. To appoint Committees and representatives to outside bodies.**

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

**3. Declaration of Acceptance of Office for new Councillor.**

Mr Govett signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took his seat around the table.

**4. Declaration of Interests.**

No interests were declared.

**5. Public Comments.**

Residents from Ashbank Cottages attended the meeting to raise their concerns at the increase in road traffic accidents in the area recently. They stated that some action needed to be taken in order to slow vehicles down.

PCSO Kirby gave his views to all present and stated that he would liaise with Warren Jarvis regarding this matter.

A resident from Burberry Lane stated that she had telephone Kent Highways regarding the lack of road markings along this route and they had since given a commitment to renew the lines.

Councillor Harrison urged all to report any incidents to the place and to inform the parish council.

PCSO Kirby stated that it would be difficult to undertake speed checks in this area as there was no where to pull vehicles over.

A discussion took place regarding the location of the 30mph speed signs. It was agreed that the vegetation was overgrown along the verges and needed to be cut back in order to make these signs more visible.

It was also reported that the bollards at Ashbank Cottages needed to be replaced as soon as possible.

Councillor Harrison suggested another meeting with Kent Highways, residents from Ashbank Cottages and the police in order to discuss this further; this was agreed by all present.

***Action: Clerk and Chairman to progress.***

**6. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.**

The minutes from the previous meeting were proposed by Councillor Fort, seconded by Councillor Cutler and agreed by all present.

These were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

**7. Matters Arising.**

The Chairman asked members to consider adding a clause in the hire agreement for the Playing Field to request a returnable deposit of £100 to ensure that the hirers kept the pavillion in a clean condition throughout the season. This was agreed by all present.

**Action: Clerk to progress.**

**8. Parish Councillor Vacancy.**

The Clerk reported that the Notice of Co-Option for the current Parish Councillor vacancy could now be placed on the notice boards.

**9. Police Report.**

The PCSO Kirby gave a crime report to all present.

**10. Parish Council Website.**

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

Councillor Govett asked if there was any way that accidents could be reported on the website. Alan James stated that he would consider this matter to establish whether this was possible.

**11. MBC Borough Councillor Report.**

Borough Councillor Peter Parvin attended the meeting and gave his report to all present. He spoke regarding the AGM of the council on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010 and the structure of the new council.

He reported that at present there was no news on the LDF; however this was being slowly progressed.

He informed members that the Parish Council was due to receive a small grant for the pavillion from the Mayors Charity Fund.

**12. KCC Councillors Report.**

KCC Councillor Gary Cooke was not present at the meeting.

**13. Correspondence.**

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

She reported on a letter received from Langley Parish Council regarding the possibility of Leeds and Langley Parish Councils jointly purchasing an interactive speed indicator sign. Members considered this matter and it was agreed to invite the Chairman of Langley PC to attend the next meeting to discuss this further. In the mean time the Clerk was asked to circulate further details to all members.

**Action: Clerk to action.**

**14. Planning Matters.**

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

MA/10/0912      Leeds and Broomfield Cricket Club.  
Change of use of part of adjoining field to cricket ground and installation of practice nets and frames.

MA/10/0919      Fulling Mill Cottage, Caring Lane.  
Erection of an open, oak-framed, 2 bay garage with attached log store.

**15. 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/Cutler).

**16. Leeds Playing Field.**

Councillor Harrison reported on the recent football event held at the playing field, she informed members that only two children turned up. She stated that she would send letters out to all the children that attended the previous event to remind them of the forthcoming date on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2010.

She reported on a number of grants that she would be applying for in order to enhance and refurbish the Playing Field.

It was reported that a height barrier was needed at the entrance to the playing field car park.

**17. Highway Matters.**

Councillor Harrison informed members that she had been approached by the Church PCC asking for better signage from the car park to the public footpath. She informed members that she had held a meeting with Mr Pelham and he had advised to place Way Markers on the gate to direct walkers.

She informed members that a padlock had been placed on the gate to the extension to the car park in order to prevent unnecessary use as it had been left open. She also stated that she had been in contact with the school regarding this matter.

The Clerk informed all present that she had received a request from MBC to place a brown bottle bank and paper bank for recycling within the car park. This was discussed by members and it was agreed that a brown glass bank could be placed within the recycling area; however MBC should undertake the necessary repairs to the height barrier in the first instance.

It was agreed that the Clerk should liaise with MBC regarding this matter.

**Action: Clerk to progress.**

**18. Village Planters.**

Councillor Fort informed members that she had looked into the cost of planted for the village and she stated that she was currently looking at locations.

**Action: Councillor Fort to progress.**

**19. Village Design Statement.**

No matters were discussed.

**20. Kent International Gateway.**

Councillor Harrison reported on the current situation regarding KIG.

**21. Further questions from public.**

A resident asked if the Parish Council still intended to hold its Chips and Chat evenings with the youth now that Councillor Graham had left the Parish Council. Councillor Harrison stated that it was hoped that these would still take place.

A discussion took place regarding the street sweeping schedule and the locations that this covered. Councillor Harrison stated that she would seek to get a copy of the schedule for information.

**Action: Councillor Harrison to progress.**

**22. Urgent Matters.**

No matters were raised.

**23. Date of next Parish Council Meeting.**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

***There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.02pm.***

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

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