

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LEEDS PARISH COUNCIL
Held on in the Village Hall on Tuesday 11th May 2010 at 7.30pm.

Present: Mrs Fort
Mrs Finlay
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 Cutler, Aitken and Graham.
2. **To Elect a Chairman.**
Councillor Finlay nominated Councillor Harrison as Chairman; this was seconded by Councillor Fort, and agreed by all present. It was confirmed that Councillor Harrison was happy to take on this role for a further year.
3. **To receive the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**
Councillor Harrison signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
4. **To elect a Vice Chairman.**
Councillor Harrison nominated Councillor Fort as Vice-Chairman; this was seconded by Councillor Finlay, and agreed by all present. Councillor Fort was therefore appointed Vice Chairman.
5. **To appoint Committees and representatives to outside bodies.**
This item was deferred until the next meeting.
6. **Declaration of Interests.**
No interests were declared.
7. **Public Comments.**
No matters were raised.
8. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting.**
The minutes from the previous meeting were proposed by Councillor Fort, seconded by Councillor Finlay and agreed by all present.
These were then signed and dated by the Chairman.
9. **Matters Arising.**
There were no matters arising
10. **Parish Councillor Vacancy.**
Councillor Harrison informed members that Councillor Graham had resigned from the Parish Council.
Action: Clerk to place notice of vacancy on notice boards.

Councillor Harrison informed members that she had one application for the vacancy for co-option. She spoke regarding the applicant and it was proposed by Councillor Fort to co-opt Mr John Govett onto the Parish Council. This was seconded by Councillor Finlay and agreed by all present.
Action: Clerk to inform Mr Govett and MBC of appointment.
Action: Clerk to place Declaration of Acceptance of Office on next agenda.
11. **Police Report.**
The PCSO Kirby gave a crime report to all present.
12. **Parish Council Website.**
Alan James attended the meeting and gave a report on the usage of the website.

13. MBC Borough Councillor Report.

Borough Councillor Peter Parvin gave his report to the meeting.

14. KCC Councillors Report.

KCC Councillor Gary Cooke gave his report to the meeting.

15. Correspondence.

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

She reported the response received to the Parish Councils letter to MBC regarding the height barrier at the Church Car Park. This confirmed that the PC had given the correct advice to a member of the public concerning damage to her vehicle by the barrier. It was agreed to send a copy of the letter to the member of public for information.

Action: Clerk to action.

16. Planning Matters.

MA/10/0671 - Merriam's Farm, Caring Lane, Leeds. – no objections.

Application for listed building consent for the removal of Victorian Chimney stack, fire breast and wall under.

17. 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 (Finlay/Fort).

18. 2009/2010 Accounts.

The Clerk presented all members with the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2010 and the Annual Return for the Audit Commission. These were noted by all present.

Members agreed the accounts and annual return; it was proposed by Councillor Fort and seconded by Councillor Finlay to accept these.

Action: Clerk to forward Annual Return to the Audit commission.

19. Leeds Playing Field.

Councillor Harrison reported on the progress of the pavilion renovations. She informed members that this had now been rewired due to H&S issues at a cost of £1263.00 and she passed the safety certificate to the Clerk

She informed members that the container was now in place as agreed.

The Clerk informed members that she had received a request from the current hirers The Mote Park Rangers to hire the pitch again for the forthcoming football season. This was discussed by all present and it was proposed by Councillor Fort to agree to the hire at a rate of £535.00 per season, an increase of £35.00. This was seconded by Councillor Finlay and agreed by all present.

Action: Clerk to confirm details with Mote Park Rangers.

Councillor Harrison informed members that Goldwing Homes had requested access to the Playing Field in order to deal with a dead tree on their land, She stated that she had approved this and requested a replacement tree to be planted.

20. Highway Matters.

Councillor Cooke stated that he had no further information on the safe crossing of the school and he would chase this with KCC.

Councillor Harrison spoke regarding a large HGV sign in Hollingbourne and asked if the Parish Council could have a similar one at the access to Leeds. Councillor Cooke stated that he would liaise with Kent Highways regarding this matter.

21. Village Design Statement.

Councillor Finlay gave a report to members. She stated that the VDS Group had a stall at the school fayre and the draft document was currently with Phil Turner for review.

22. Kent International Gateway.

Councillor Harrison reported on the current situation regarding KIG.

23. Further questions from public.

No matters were raised.

24. Urgent Matters.

Members referred to a request at the Annual Assembly to have planted at points through the village. It was agreed that this item should be placed on the next agenda for further consideration.

Action: Clerk to action.

25. Parish Council Annual Assembly 11th May 2010

Members were reminded of the date of the Annual Parish Assembly.

26. Date of next Parish Council Meeting.

Tuesday 22nd June 2010.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.45pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____