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To all Members of the Parish Council.

Notice is hereby given, that the next Meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 7.00pm in Leeds Village Hall.

Members are hereby summonsed to attend.

AGENDA

1. Apologies.

Members who cannot attend a meeting shall tender their apologies to the Parish Clerk prior to the meetings, under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence shall be accepted.

2. Declaration of Interests.

To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 in respect of members and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of officers.

To consider any Dispensation requests received by the Parish Clerk and not previously considered.

3. Parish Councillor Vacancy.

To consider any applications for co-option.

This will be taken as a confidential item at the close of the meeting to the press and public.

4. Minutes of the previous meetings.

To consider the minutes of the previous meeting and if in order sign as a true record.

5. Matters arising from the minutes.

To consider any matters arising, not on the agenda elsewhere.

6. Public Participation.

To discuss any questions received by members of the public.

7. Highways Matters.

To consider highway matters.

8. Clerks Report.

To consider the Clerks Report.

KALC Community Award

We are delighted to announce that we have now launched the 2024 KALC Community Awards Scheme, with support from Kent County Council, the High Sheriff of Kent, and the Mayor of Medway. This follows a very successful 2023 Awards Scheme, which was adopted by 79 member Councils.

The Award Winners receive a Framed Certificate. The Council can decide whether to present something extra to their winner.

The first step is for the Council to agree to adopt the Scheme. The Council would then need to submit its Nomination to manager@kentalc.gov.uk by Friday 2nd February 2024.

9. Chairman's Report.

To receive the Chairman's Report.

10. Financial Matters:

a. Financial Statement.

To receive and approve the financial statement and payments – report circulated with meeting papers.

b. 2024/2025 Budget and Precept.

To consider the draft budget and agree the 2024/25 Precept Demand.

MBC do not publish the Band D guidance until the end of December; therefore, the budget and precept should be formally considered at the January 2024 PC Meeting when the Band D calculations are available.

11. Report from KCC Councillor.

To receive the KCC Councillors report.

12. Report from MBC Councillor.

To receive the MBC Ward Councillors Report.

13. Planning Matters.

a. To consider Planning Applications Received.

23/504516/FULL - Leeds and Broomfield Cricket Club Burberry Lane

Demolition of the existing pavilion and the erection of a replacement single storey club pavilion building.

b. MBC Decisions and Appeals

23/503765/LBC

Fox Cottage Upper Street Leeds Kent ME17 1RX

Listed Building Consent for installation of an EV Charging Point.

Application Permitted

23/503791/FULL

Caring Stud Caring Road Leeds Kent ME17 1TH

Conversion of the existing kennels to a 3-bedroom residential dwelling, conversion of outbuildings to provide ancillary residential accommodation, and change of use of land to provide private amenity, parking and landscaping.

Application Refused

The Council hereby REFUSES Planning Permission for the above for the following Reason(s):

(1) By reason of the rural countryside location, and the domestication of the application building and adjacent land with associated domestic paraphernalia, the proposal would harm the intrinsic character of the countryside which should be protected and conserved

for its own sake. The proposal is contrary to policies SP17, DM1, DM30 and DM31, of the Maidstone Borough Local Plan (2017), the National Planning Policy Framework (2023) and the Maidstone Landscape Character Assessment (2013).

(2) The existing application buildings are not listed or unlisted buildings of quality and traditional construction. The buildings are not of a form or scale which takes account of or reinforce landscape character. The existing buildings do not exemplify the historical development of the Kentish landscape. As such the proposal is contrary to policy DM31 (1 (i) and 3.ii.) of the Maidstone Borough Local Plan (2017) and the National Planning Policy Framework (2023).

(3) The proposed dwelling would be far removed from basic services and facilities, and this would result in future occupants of the site being reliant on the private motor vehicle to travel for access to day-to-day needs. This reliance on the private motor vehicle would be contrary to the aims of sustainable development as set out in policy SS1 of the Maidstone Local Plan (2017) and the aims of the National Planning Policy Framework (2023).

23/503647/FULL

The Boat House Old Mill Road Leeds Maidstone Kent ME17 1XD

Section 73 application for removal of condition 2 and 15 (to enable unrestricted use as dwellinghouse) pursuant to application for MA/03/0046 (Conversion of building to form residential holiday dwelling).
Application Permitted

c. Other Planning Matters

14. Parish Maintenance.

To receive an update on Parish Maintenance.

15. Leeds Playground, Playing Field, Tennis Courts & Pavillion.

To receive a report on Leeds Playing Field.

16. Street Lighting.

To receive a report on Parish Street Lighting.

17. Church Yard Lighting.

18. Resilience/Emergency Plan.

On hold awaiting KALC and MBC direction.

19. Parish Council Events.

20. Items for next Agenda.

21. Date of next Meeting – 9th January 2024

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