

The Minutes of the Meeting of Leeds Parish Council
held in Leeds and Broomfield Village Hall on Tuesday, 9th July 2019 at 7:39 PM.

***Councillors present: Beale
China
Fort
Govett
Martin***

Also, present: Parish Clerk, Mrs Sherrie Babington, and members of the public.

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Govett.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Greeff and Springford.

2. Declaration of Interests.

No interests were declared.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated to all members.

These were proposed by Cllr China as a true record, seconded by Cllr Fort and agreed by all present.

The minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

There were no matters arising.

5. Public Comments and Observations.

A resident attended the meeting to speak regarding the work undertaken by the maintenance contractor, it was reported that the new plants had been cut when the grass had been cut. Cllr China confirmed that the plants would be replaced by the Contractor.

The Parish Council was asked if speed humps could be put through the village to ease the speeding issues. Cllr Fort stated that this was not possible on a B Road.

Cllr Govett stated that members of the Parish Council were due to meet with the police to discuss highway issues in the near future.

The resident raised concerns about newspapers littering the Parish, stating that this was a regular occurrence and it appeared that these were coming from a lorry driving through the village.

Cllr Fort stated that this was an issue that needed to be addressed.

Cllr Govett stated that this was an enforcement matter and he hoped that the CCTV cameras had captured the images of this.

He stated that the Parish Council needed to establish a way to view CCTV material, and there may be a need for a dedicated computer to do this.

It was agreed that Cllr Govett would liaise with Cllr Greeff regarding this matter.

A resident raised concerns about the increased number of HGV's travelling through the village.

Cllr Govett stated that there was little that the PC could do regarding this matter, he was happy for the issue of signage to be raised with KCC Councillor Cooke, however this would need to be enforced to be effective.

Cllr Martin spoke regarding Lorry watch and stated that there was a dedicated officer at KCC to assist with this. She confirmed that the PCSO has also given her support to the Scheme.

A discussion took place regarding Lorry Watch and how this was managed.

Cllr Govett stated that the outcome of the Feasibility Study for the Relief Road was awaited, and a meeting would then be held with Parishes.

It was reported that an update on the Relief Road was due to be given to the Joint Transportation Board Meeting on Thursday 11th July.

The Relief Road was discussed, and it was agreed that Cllr Govett would write to Paul Carter to ask when the results of the Feasibility Study would be published.

He stated that he would also liaise with the LEP regarding this matter.

Action: Cllr Govett and Clerk to action.

6. KCC Councillors Report.

KCC Councillor Cooke gave his apologies to the meeting.

7. MBC Ward Councillors Report.

MBC Councillor Fort gave her report to the meeting.

8. Highways Matters.

No matters were raised.

9. Police Report.

The Clerk was asked to invite the PCSO to the next meeting.

10. Correspondence Report.

The correspondence received during the month was noted by members.

Members discussed correspondence received from Eco Build Broomfield, Park development at Kingwood, seeking to attend a future PC meeting.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to invite him to attend the September meeting.

Action: Clerk to progress.

Members noted communication from a resident raising concerns regarding activities currently taking place at garages in the parish.

The Clerk was asked to refer this matter to the PCSO.

Action: Clerk to progress.

11. Planning Matters.

- 19/502910/LBC Merriams Farm Caring Lane Leeds Maidstone Kent
Listed Building Consent for construction of Swimming Pool.
- 19/502909/FULL Merriams Farm Caring Lane Leeds Maidstone Kent
Consent for construction of Swimming Pool.
- 19/502639/FULL New House Upper Street Leeds Maidstone Kent ME17
Conversion of garage into habitable room, including Conversion of garage into habitable room, including replacement of existing front window with an entrance door and full height glazed panel.

12. Financial Matters.*a. Financial Statement.*

The Financial Statement was circulated to all members present and agreed.

Bank Balances

Opening Balance on Community Direct Plus Account	£37910.23
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
Less Account for payment	£3692.07
Closing Balance on Community Direct Plus Account	£34218.16
Opening Balance on Business Select 14 Day Account	£30160.35
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
Closing Balance on Business Select 14 Day Account	£30160.35
<u>Balance on all PC Accounts</u>	<u>£64378.51</u>

13. Parish Maintenance.

Cllr China reported on the maintenance in the parish.

He stated that there was a lot of litter outside of Leeds Castle and he asked the Clerk to liaise with The Castle regarding this matter.

He reported that there was rubbish outside of the Biffa Site in the Parish. Cllr Fort stated that she would raise this with MBC.

14. Leeds Playing Field, Tennis Courts, Pavilion, and Children's Play Area.

Cllr China stated that towards to rear of the Playing Field there was a pond and he suggested that if this was maintained it could be turned into a leisure area. He stated that he would try to establish ownership of this.

15. Street Lighting.

No matters were raised.

16. Parish Defibrillator.

CLlr China stated that the Defibrillator had now been delivered and would be installed by QTec Solutions as agreed by members.

17. Public Comments and Observations.

CLlr Govett stated that he had been invited to represent the Parish Council at the 900th Year Celebrations.

18. Urgent Matters.

CLlr China reported on the recent KALC Meeting he had attended and spoke regarding the actions of the Parish Council should travellers trespass on PC land.

The Clerk was asked to liaise with the PC insurance regarding this matter.

Action: Clerk to action.

19. Date of next meeting.

10th September 2019.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.30pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____