

**The Minutes of the Meeting of Leeds Parish Council**  
**held in Leeds and Broomfield Village Hall on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7:30 PM.**

**Councillors present:** *China*  
*Fort*  
*Greeff*  
*Martin*  
*Springford*

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

**The meeting was chaired by Councillor China.**

**1. Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Govett, Beale and KCC Councillor Cooke

**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 Fort as a true record, seconded by Cllr Springford and agreed by all present.

The minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

**4. Matters arising from the Minutes.**

Defibrillator- The Clerk confirmed that a grant request of £1000 had been submitted to KCC.

**5. Public Comments and Observations.**

A resident attended the meeting to speak about the issues with water leaks in the parish. She spoke regarding the current water leak which had closed the road as it was unsafe for contractors to work with the road opened.

A discussion took place regarding this matter and the reasons for the leaks.

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to South East Water regarding this matter and to raise concerns that the verges had not been adequately reinstated.

**Action: Clerk to progress.**

**6. KCC Councillors Report.**

KCC Councillor Cooke gave his apologies to the meeting.

Cllr China briefed members on the recent meeting he had attended with the Chairman and KCC to seek an update on the Relief Road.

He stated that they were still considering three routes. The cost of the road would be in the region of 85 million.

He reported that the Judicial review hearing was to take place on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

Cllr Fort stated that the Relief Road was not just a Leeds issue, it was a Maidstone problem.

**7. MBC Ward Councillors Report.**

MBC Councillor Fort gave her report to the meeting.

She reported on the MBC Local Plan Review and stated that MBC would shortly be undertaking a Call for Sites.

Cllr China reported that he was due to attend a Local Plan update Lenham Community Centre on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

**8. Highways Matters.**

No matters were raised.

**9. Police Report.**

Correspondence from the police was considered and it was agreed that the PC would be pleased to have the police attend a meeting once every three months if possible.

**10. Correspondence Report.**

The correspondence received during the month was noted by members.

**11. Planning Matters.****New Applications Received**

19/500628/FULL Caring Cottage Caring Road Leeds Maidstone Kent  
Erection of detached 2-bay garage with associated retaining wall. (Resubmission to 18/503160/FULL).

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

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

**Bank Balances**

<b>Opening Balance on Community Direct Plus Account</b>	<b>£45521.28</b>
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00

Less Account for payment	£2746.44
<b>Closing Balance on Community Direct Plus Account</b>	<b>£42774.84</b>

<b>Opening Balance on Business Select 14 Day Account</b>	<b>£30155.63</b>
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00

<b>Closing Balance on Business Select 14 Day Account</b>	<b>£30155.63</b>
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<b><u>Balance on all PC Accounts</u></b>	<b><u>£72935.19</u></b>
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**13. Parish Maintenance.**

Cllr China spoke regarding the maintenance in the village and stated that as agreed at the last meeting, he had spoken with Contractor Steven Waring regarding the ongoing maintenance in the parish. He confirmed that he was currently in discussions with him to fix a cost for the next three years.

**Action: Cllr China to progress.**

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

Tennis Courts.

Cllr China confirmed that the new system of hiring a key for the tennis courts was to hire a key for the year for £5.

A discussion took place regarding the need for the tennis courts and it was agreed that these were used by residents.

EDF Fuse Upgrade.

Cllr China informed members that the fuse was to be upgraded at the Pavillion to solve the issues with the loss of power.

He asked for members approval to have the portable equipment PAT Tested. This was agreed.

**Action: Cllr China to Action.**

Playground.

Cllr China reported that three quotations had been sought for the new play area project, however only two had responded and submitted a quotation for the project.

He reported on the costings and asked members for their views.

Following a discussion, it was agreed to appoint Outdoor Living to undertake the project.

Cllr China stated that he would confirm the final details and instructs the Clerk when to accept the quotation.

**Action: Cllr China and the Clerk to Action.**

**15. CCTV Policy.**

The Clerk circulated a draft CCTV Policy to all Members for their consideration.

It was proposed by Cllr Greeff to adopt this policy, this was seconded by Cllr China and agreed by all present.

The new signs re the CCTV were approved and passed to Cllr China to display in the parish.

**16. Street Lighting.**

Cllr China that the column base for lamp 31 needed to be replaced, this would cost £3000. This was approved by members. (Springford/Fort).

**Action: Cllr China to liaise with Street-lighting Contractor.**

**17. Parish Defibrillator.**

Cllr Martin confirmed that she would attend the You Decide Event organised by Cllr Cooke to bid for the grant for the Parish Councils Defibrillator.

**18. Public Comments and Observations.**

No matters were raised.

**19. Urgent Matters.**

Cllr China reported on the Inspired Villages Seminar he had attended. He reported that the work was due to start in May 2019 and would include facilities for residents in the parish.

He reported on the new bus service operating in the village from June 2019 from Morrison's to Maidstone.

KALC Meeting – Cllr China reported on the KALC Meeting he had recently attended.

**20. Date of next meeting.**

12<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

*There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.40pm.*

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

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