

The Minutes of the Meeting of Leeds Parish Council
held in Leeds and Broomfield Village Hall on Tuesday, 14th January 2020 at 7:30 PM.

Councillors present: *China*
Fort
Springford
Martin

Also, present: *Parish Clerk, Mrs Sherrie Babington, KCC Councillor Cooke and members of the Public.*

The meeting was chaired by Councillor China.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Govett and Greeff.

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 Martin 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.

There were no matters arising.

5. Parish Councillor Vacancy.

The Clerk stated that due to the resignation of Cllr Beale, a vacancy now existed on the Parish Council. She stated that the first notice advertising the vacancy would be displayed in line with the regulations.

6. Public Comments and Observations.

A resident from Leeds attended the meeting to speak regarding correspondence he had previously had with the Chairman concerning the traffic in the parish. He suggested that a one-way system on Burberry Lane would in his view assist with the traffic issues.

He stated that he felt that this was in a strategic location to take the traffic around Leeds as an alternative route. He asked if there were any objections to this.

Cllr Fort stated that she felt that this would encourage more speeding.

Councillor Cooke stated that Burberry Lane did not meet the criteria for a one-way route. He had previously asked the question and had been told that KCC had looked at this as an option in the past and this had not been deemed safe by KCC.

He spoke regarding the Relief Road and reported that KCC had undertaken assessments for four route options and all met the criteria, the cost would be in the region of 80 million and the funding was not yet available.

A discussion took place regarding the Call for Sites and the possible development in the area. Cllr Cooke stated that enabling development would be needed to finance the Relief Road.

The resident stated that he felt that the Relief Road may not be built for decades and he asked if KCC would be pressed to reconsider the one-way system in Burberry Lane as he felt that this would take the stress off the B2163.

Cllr Cooke stated that he would ask the question of KCC and seek their views.

It was agreed that the PC would also write to Tim Reid of KCC regarding this matter and the reasons why this option could not be considered to relieve the traffic on the B2163.

Action: Clerk to progress.

7. KCC Councillors Report.

KCC Councillor Cooke gave his report to the meeting.

He reported that KCC were currently consulting on their five-year plan and he urged councillors to respond to this.

He stated that the route options for the Relief Road would not be made public as it could blight properties, he confirmed that the cost benefit ratio was supportive of a Relief Road.

He confirmed that all route options met the criteria and for this to be moved forward there needs to be a provision for this in the Local Plan.

8. MBC Ward Councillors Report.

MBC Councillor Fort gave her report to the meeting.

She spoke regarding the Call for Sites and stated that a meeting had been held with MBC and the PC views had been put forward.

9. Highways Matters.

Cllr Springford spoke regarding the traffic issues along Old Mill Road when the B2163 was closed. He stated that there was a need for a management system to be put in place to deal with this.

Cllr Cooke explained the process that KCC followed for all emergency road closures.

Cllr Martin reported that a Lorry Watch would take place in the village on 25th January 2020.

Flooding at Penfold Hill – it was reported that there was flooding on both sides of the bridge at Penfold Hill and a gully was needed to take the water as this was a safety issue.

10. Police Report.

It was reported that there had been a spate of attempted break ins along Caring Lane.

11. Correspondence Report.

The correspondence received during the month was noted by members.

12. Planning Matters.

New Applications Received

19/505191/FULL Little Foxes Upper Street Leeds Maidstone Kent

Conversion of existing redundant barn to annexe ancillary to main dwelling.
Demolition of existing out building to provide car parking area.

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19/505813/FULL 32 Farmers Close Leeds Maidstone Kent ME17 1SB
Erection of single storey rear extension.

19/506332/FULL Grays Meadow Farm Caring Lane Leeds Kent ME17 1TJ
Erection of a storage building for the storage of farm equipment, tractor/mower,
feed and grain for rare breeds kept on the site, and occasional lambing.

MBC Decisions

Ledian Farmhouse Upper Street Leeds Maidstone Kent ME17 1RZ
Listed Building Consent for temporary change of use and refurbishment of Ledian Farmhouse to be used as a marketing suite for the consented care village development adjacent (MA/13/0273).
Application Permitted

19/505325/FULL

Ledian Farmhouse Upper Street Leeds Maidstone Kent ME17 1RZ
Temporary change of use and refurbishment of Ledian Farmhouse to be used as a marketing suite for the consented care village development adjacent (MA/13/0273).
Application Permitted

19/504579/FULL

Bay Tree Cottage Upper Street Leeds Maidstone Kent ME17 1RZ
Demolition of existing Bay Tree Cottage and the erection of a replacement C2 Assisted Living Unit (with intervening temporary use for car parking associated with adjacent care village marketing suite).
Application Permitted

13. 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	£26069.90
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
Less Account for payment	£3821.83
Closing Balance on Community Direct Plus Account	£22248.07
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>£52408.42</u>

b. 2020/2021 Budget.

The Clerk circulated the draft budget to all members for discussion and consideration. It was proposed by Cllr Fort to set the 2020/2021 Precept at £34750, this was seconded by Cllr China and agreed by all present.

Action: Precept agreed at £34750.

14. Parish Maintenance.

Litter Pick – Date to be arranged for February 2020.

It was agreed that the salt bins in the parish would be checked to ensure that they were all filled.

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

Cllr China reported on the Playing Field.

16. Street Lighting.

Cllr China reported on this matter.

He stated that the cost of the lamp post that needed to be replaced had been increased by UK Power Networks.

17. Public Comments and Observations.

No Matters were raised.

18. Urgent Matters.

CCTV – Members agreed that the PC would take out the extended maintenance contract for the CCTV System.

Cllr Martin reported that there were two burnt out cars along Burberry Lane

19. Date of next meeting.

11th February 2020.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.55pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____