

The Minutes of the meeting of Leeds Parish Council
held in St Nicolas Church on Tuesday, 14th April 2015 at 7:30 PM.

***Councillors present: Bowles
China
Fort
Govett***

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

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Fort.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Springford and Gallihawk.

2. Declaration of Interests.

No matters were raised.

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, this was seconded by Cllr China and agreed by all present.

The Minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

No matters were raised.

6. Public Comments and Observations.

No matters were raised.

7. KCC Councillors Report.

KCC Councillor Gary Cooke gave his report to the meeting.

He spoke regarding the relief road and a meeting that had been arranged by Kingswood Parish Council to discuss this. He confirmed that this would be attended by KCC Councillors Jenny Whittle, Paul Carter and himself.

He informed the Parish Council that no route had yet been agreed for a bypass.

Councillor Cooke reported on the positive progress of the Leeds School.

Cllr China spoke regarding the problem with HGV lorries parking at the bottom of Old Mill Lane. Councillor Cooke stated that KCC was aware of the problem, however police enforcement was needed if the lorries were causing an obstruction.

Councillor Cooke spoke regarding the Spring Cleanup that had taken place in the parish and he stated that he had been disappointed with the results of this. He stated that he would be taking this matter up with the contractor.

Cllr Fort reported that three potholes in Wykeham Grove had been marked for repair, however no action had been taken regarding these to date.

Councillor Cooke reported on grants available from KCC members in the forthcoming year and the new proposals for determining these.

8. MBC Ward Councillors Report.

No matters were reported.

9. Highways Matters.

No further matters were reported.

10. Special Constable Update.

No matters were raised.

Cllr Govett stated that this item could be removed from future agendas for the time being.

11. Police Report.

PCSO Ryan Waring gave his apologies to the meeting and submitted a written report to the meeting.

12. Correspondence Report.

The correspondence received during the course of the month was noted by members.

13. Planning Matters.

15/502150/LBC Vineys Cottages Upper Street Leeds Kent ME17 1SE

Kitchen door alterations and drawing room south window replacement with same width glazed doors

15/502443/LBC Arnold Hill Cottage Back Street Leeds Kent ME17 1TF

Listed building consent for demolition of outbuildings. Internal and external alterations including 2 storey and single storey rear extension and new porch

15/502442/FULL Arnold Hill Cottage Back Street Leeds Kent ME17 1TF

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14. Financial Matters.

a. Financial Statement.

The Financial Statement was circulated to all members. This was discussed and approved by all present. (Fort/China).

The cheques for payment were then signed by two authorised signatories.

15. Parish Maintenance.

Cllr Fort reported that the Parish Council had appointed a Parish Handy Man and he had purchased public liability insurance.

16. Church Car Park.

Cllr China informed the meeting that there were potholes that needed to be repaired in the church car park. It was agreed that quotations should be sought for this work.

It was reported that the gatepost had been repaired and the new little been installed as agreed at the previous meeting.

17. Leeds Playing Field and Pavillion.

Cllr China reported on the progress of the Playing Field and Pavilion.

The work needed at the playing field was discussed by members and it was agreed that this should be part of a grant application to improve the area.

Action: Clerk to research possible grants for playing field project.

Members discussed the tennis courts and it was agreed that the net should be fixed and courts swept and marked for use during the summer months.

Cllr China stated that he would seek a quotation for this work.

Action: Cllr China to progress.

18. Street Lighting.

Cllr China informed members that as agreed LED lights were due to be fitted on two street lights in the near future.

19. Joint Parish Group and Local Plan.

No matters were raised.

20. Public Comments and Observations.

No matters were raised.

21. Urgent Matters.

Allotment Fence – Clerk to liaise with Strutt and Parker regarding the reinstatement of the allotment fence.

Action: Clerk to progress.

22. Date of next meeting.

12th May 2015.

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

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____