

The Minutes of the Meeting of Leeds Parish Council
held in Leeds and Broomfield Village Hall on Tuesday, 12th March 2019 at 7:30 PM.

***Councillors present: Beale
China
Fort
Greeff
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, Martin 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 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 report that the crash barrier at the bottom of Foley Hill was damaged.

Action: Clerk to report to KCC.

A resident spoke regarding the Playing Field and raised concerns regarding the dumping of waste on the field from the adjacent properties. She asked if the Parish Council were able to do something about this.

She also reported that there was an issue with bags of dog waste being left hanging from the trees to the back of the Playing Field.

Cllr China stated that he would visit the site and erect CCTV signs in that area of the field.

This was discussed and it was agreed that if this didn't assist the issues then the PC would put flyers through the doors of residents in the area.

It was also agreed that this issue would be raised with the PCSO.

Members discussed the possibility of erecting a CCTV camera in that area of the Playing Field if the issue continued.

Cllr Beale stated that there was also an issue with rubbish being thrown from vehicles through the village.

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.

She reported that the PC had been awarded a £500 grant from her Ward Councillors fund and £1500 from KCC Councillor Cookes grant fund to finance the Parish Defibrillator.

She reported that a new Acute Stroke Unit was due to open at Maidstone Hospital.

She stated that the Judicial Review hearing between MBC and KCC was due to take place on 21st March 19. The Conservatives were seeking to hold an Extraordinary Meeting to try to resolve this matter.

She reported that MBC were currently undertaking a Call for Sites, the deadline for this was 24th May 2019.

8. Highways Matters.

It was reported that the 30mph sign had been damaged at Penfold Hill, this had been reported to KCC.

9. Police Report.

A resident reported an incident concerning a driver and a dog attached to the vehicle that had been reported to the police on 29th January, she stated that this was being followed up to try to establish the outcome.

10. Correspondence Report.

The correspondence received during the month was noted by members.

Members considered a request from the Woman's Institute to hire the Recreation Ground for a fete. This was discussed and it was resolved that this would be agreed subject to the conditions of hire being met.

Action: Clerk to liaise with correspondent regarding this matter.

11. Planning Matters.

No matters were raised.

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	£42762.87
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00

Less Account for payment	£1905.06
Closing Balance on Community Direct Plus Account	£41357.81

Opening Balance on Business Select 14 Day Account	£30160.35
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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>£71518.16</u>

The Clerk asked for authority to raise two additional cheques as follows:

£110.99 – Cheque number 00726

£26.99- Cheque number 00727

This was agreed by members.

13. Parish Maintenance.

It was reported that residents had cleared some fallen trees at Penfold Hill. The Clerk confirmed that she had written to the residents to thank them for their assistance.

Keep Britain Tidy Campaign – It was agreed that the Parish Council would take part in this event and arrange a litter pick of the Parish on 13th April 2019, meeting at 10am.

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

Playground.

Cllr China reported that following agreement at the last meeting the quotation from Outdoor Living had been accepted and a meeting was due to be held with the contractor to finalise the installation arrangements.

He stated that a deposit of 25% deposit was due to be paid upon order and the balance on completion. This was agreed by members.

CCTV

Cllr China reported that the CCTV modifications had been undertaken as agreed.

Cllr Greeff suggested that there should be another person responsible for viewing the footage if necessary. This was agreed.

Playing Field

Cllr China reported that a request had been received from the Football Club seeking permission to create a junior pitch on the field.

This was discussed and agreed by members.

Action: Cllr China to liaise with Football Team.

15. Street Lighting.

No matters were reported.

16. Parish Defibrillator.

Cllr China reported that in total £2000 in grants had been received for the Defibrillator. It was agreed that quotations would be sought for this.

Action: Clerk to seek quotations for the Parish Defibrillator.

Cllr Beale stated that when she had researched defibrillators, she had established that the highest number of deaths took place in schools. She suggested that the Parish Council may wish to consider a second defibrillator at the school.

This was discussed and it was agreed that this would be considered after the installation of the equipment at the Pavillion.

17. Public Comments and Observations.

No matters were raised.

18. Urgent Matters.

Cllr China reported that correspondence had been received from Boxley Parish Council seeking to hold a joint meeting to look at highway issues in the area.

Cllr China stated that he would be willing to represent the PC on this group.

Cllr China reported on correspondence received concerning the issues with traffic caused by the Ledian Farm site. He stated that he had contacted the developer regarding this.

19. Date of next meeting.

23rd April 2019.

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

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____