

The Minutes of the next Meeting of Leeds Parish Council
held in Leeds and Broomfield Village Hall on Tuesday, 10th October 2017 at 7:30 PM.

***Councillors present: Beale
Bowles
Martin
Springford***

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

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Springford.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Fort, Govett, and China.

2. Declaration of Interests.

No interests were declared.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting.

The Minutes of the previous meeting was circulated to all members.

These were proposed by Cllr Springford as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Beale 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 Ledian Farm development. She stated that the site had now been cleared of old buildings.

A resident spoke regarding the number 13 Bus service and rumours that it was going to be withdrawn. Cllr Cooke stated that a consultation would take place regarding subsidised bus services, but at present no decision had been made by KCC, therefore for the time being the service would remain in place.

A resident asked what criteria was need for the village to have speed cameras and could the revenue from these be used to finance the Relief Road.

Councillor Cooke stated that this could not be done as revenue from speed cameras went towards speed awareness. He stated that he would welcome the funds from speed enforcement being put back into policing to support enforcement.

6. KCC Councillors Report.

KCC Councillor Cooke gave his report to the meeting.

He informed members that a Public Meeting had now been arranged for 2nd November 2017 at the Great Danes Hotel to support the Relief Road, he stated that Helen Whateley MP was also due to tend the meeting.

He confirmed that the meeting would be chaired by an independent Chairman and all parishes were invited to attend the meeting that would start at 7pm. He stated that the purpose of the meeting was to enable parishes to come together to work as a coordinated group to support a coordinated campaign.

This was discussed and it was agreed that details of the meeting should be publicised in the Parish Magazine and on the PC Website.

Councillor Cooke stated that he would arrange for leaflets to be distributed around the parish to publicise the meeting.

Councillor Cooke confirmed that a consultation would take place on the route options for a Relief Road when KCC were in a position to do so.

He stated that a Relief Road was still years away as the finance needed to be put in place and a business case needed to be put together.

He reported on the progress of Leeds School and stated that there were only five children in reception this year.

ClIr Springford thanked Councillor Cooke for his report.

7. MBC Ward Councillors Report.

MBC Councillor Fort gave her apologies to the meeting.

8. Highways Matters.

No further matters were reported.

9. Police Report.

No police matters were reported.

10. Correspondence Report.

The correspondence received during the month was noted by members.

11. Planning Matters.

New Applications Received

17/504865/FULL Arnold Court Bungalow Back Street Leeds Maidstone Kent

Erection of a part first floor and part two storey rear extension including raised decking to the garden.

MBC Decisions

16/506167/FULL

Kent House Upper Street Leeds Kent ME17 1SJ

Erection of single storey rear extension and insertion of front dormer windows.

Application Permitted

17/503823/LBC

Battel Hall Burberry Lane Leeds ME17 1RH

Listed Building consent for variation of the base of the raised open barn frame to bear on ragstone staddle stones, and the installation of an oak door into the garden wall.

Application Permitted

17/502945/LBC

Foley Farm Cottage Lower Street Leeds ME17 1RR

Proposed replacement of existing modern window to the rear elevation with a double door.

Application Permitted

12. Financial Matters.

a. Financial Statement.

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

Bank Balances

Opening Balance on Community Direct Plus Account	£55012.82
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
Less Account for payment	£1676.72
Closing Balance on Community Direct Plus Account	£53336.10

Opening Balance on Business Select 14 Day Account	£30146.21
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00

Closing Balance on Business Select 14 Day Account **£30146.21**

Balance on all PC Accounts **£83482.31**

The Clerk informed members that the annual audit of the accounts for 2016/17 had been undertaken and the certificate had been circulated to members and displayed on the noticeboards as required.

b. 2018/2019 Budget.

The Clerk informed members that the draft budget would be circulated to members for consideration as the Precept needed to be approved by January 2018.

13. Parish Maintenance.

The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from the Rotary Club offering to plant bulbs in the parish.

Cllr Springford spoke regarding this letter and stated that they were looking for suggested sites to plant.

This was discussed, and it was agreed that the sites to put forward would be around the Christmas tree at Wykeham Grove, on the verges along Upper Street, Farmers Close and Burgess Hall Drive.

Action: Clerk to action.

14. Extension to Playing Field Car Park.

A proposal from the Loose Lions Football Club to extend the Playing Field carpark for overflow parking for use during football matches was discussed by members.

The plans gave two options for the surface of the parking area. This was discussed, and it was proposed by Cllr Martin to progress the work at the car park and to accept the option for the more robust surfacing.

This was seconded by Cllr Beale and agreed by all present.

Action: Clerk to liaise with Cllr China.

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

No matters were raised.

16. Street Lighting.

Cllr Beale reported on the street lighting in the parish and reported that there were a number of lights in need of repair. He stated that he would liaise with Cllr China regarding these.

17. Joint Parish Group and Local Plan.

Members discussed the Local Plan and the recent planning application for Woodcut Farm. It was agreed that the PC would submit objections to this application.

18. Public Comments and Observations.

No matters were raised.

19. Urgent Matters.

Members considered a request from a resident to use the disabled parking bay at the Church Car Park. After considering her situation and circumstances, members approved the request.

Action: Clerk to respond to resident.

20. Date of next meeting.

14th November 2017.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.20pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____