

The Minutes of the meeting of Leeds Parish Council
held in Leeds and Broomfield Village Hall on Tuesday, 10th November 2015 at 7:30 PM.

Councillors present: *Beale*
Bowles
China
Fort
Govett
Martin

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

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Govett.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr Springford, KCC Councillor Gary Cooke and the Police.

2. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr Martin declared an interest in discussions regarding the Relief Road.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated to all members. These were proposed by Cllr Govett 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.

KH260 - Cllr Bowles stated that he had been in contact with KCC regarding the condition of this footpath and this was due to be reinstated in April 2016.

Potholes, Church Car Park – It was noted that these had now been filled and the Chairman thanked Cllr Martin for assisting with this matter.

5. Public Comments and Observations.

A resident attended the meeting and raised concerns regarding the shrubbery at Forge Lane. He stated that this was too high and needed to be cut back from George Lane to Burberry Lane. Cllr China stated that he would look into this.

Action: Cllr China to progress.

Concerns were raised regarding the parking at the entrance of Wykeham Grove. The resident asked if this area could be enforced stop traffic parking 10m away from the junction.

This was discussed and it was agreed that Cllr China would seek advice from KCC at his forthcoming meeting with the KCC Highways Officer to discuss options for the junction.

Action: Cllr China to progress.

The Chairman welcomed residents from Willington Street to the meeting. He spoke regarding the Highways Petition for the Relief Road and stated that this matter would be discussed under Agenda Item 8.

6. KCC Councillors Report.

KCC Councillor Gary Cooke gave his apologies to the meeting.

7. MBC Ward Councillors Report.

MBC Councillor Fort gave her report to the meeting.

8. Leeds/Langley Relief Road – E-Petition.

The Chairman spoke regarding the E-Petition set up by the Parish Council to seek signatures in favour of a Relief Road for Leeds.

The Chairman asked members if the Parish Council was still collectively in support of the concept of the Relief Road. This was discussed and it was confirmed that the Parish Council was still in favour of the principle of a Relief Road for Leeds.

The Chairman spoke regarding the E-Petition set up by the Parish Council on the Kent County Council website and informed the meeting that to date 364 signatures had been collected via the E petition and a paper Petition.

The Chairman invited residents in attendance from Willington Street to take part in the discussions regarding the E-Petition and the collection of signatures for a paper Petition in support of the Relief Road for Leeds/Langley.

A general discussion took place regarding the Petition and ways to increase public awareness through neighbouring parishes to seek support for the Relief Road.

It was agreed that members of the Parish Council would seek to gain as many signatures for the petition as possible with the help of the residents from Willington Street.

Cllr Govett stated that he and Cllr Fort was also attend neighbouring Parish Council meetings to seek their support for the Relief Road.

Cllr Govett informed the meeting that a letter had now been sent to the Leaders of Maidstone Borough Council, Kent County Council and the local MP to seek their support in the inclusion of the Relief Road in the MBC Local Plan. He confirmed that a copy of this letter had also been sent to the Kent Messenger.

9. Highways Matters.

No further matters were discussed.

10. Police Report.

Apologies were received from PCSO Thomas Maybank.

11. Correspondence Report.

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

12. Planning Matters.

15/508157/FULL Arnoldbrae Oast Back Street Leeds Kent ME17 1TF

Erection of an oak framed building to contain stables, associated equipment storage and a greenhouse/potting shed.

15/508368/LBC Ledian Farm Upper Street Leeds Kent ME17 1RZ

Listed building Consent for demolition of part boundary wall to create new vehicular and pedestrian access and the removal of two existing buildings.

15/508367/FULL Ledian Farm Upper Street Leeds Kent ME17 1RZ

Demolition of part boundary wall to create new vehicular and pedestrian access and the removal of two existing buildings.

Members discussed the planning application for Ledian Farm and it was agreed that objections would be made as the demolition of the listed wall was in the planning application to serve the retirement home not the existing industrialist site. It was agreed that demolition of the wall to open up the industrial estate was not in keeping with a rural Conservation Area.

Action: Clerk to forward objections to MBC.

13. 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.

b. 2016/2017 Budget.

The 2016/17 draft circulated to all members for consideration. Informed members that the precept need to be approved by January 2016.

It was agreed that this item would be discussed formally at the next meeting.

Action: Clerk to place item on next agenda.

14. Parish Maintenance.

A discussion took place regarding the parish maintenance and it was agreed that Cllr China would bring a proposal to the next meeting for formal discussion.

Action: Cllr China to action.

15. Church Car Park.

No matters were raised.

16. Leeds Playing Field and Pavillion.

No matters were raised.

17. Street Lighting.

Cllr China reported on street lighting in the Parish

18. Joint Parish Group and Local Plan.

A discussion took place regarding the Local Plan.

19. Public Comments and Observations.

No matters were raised.

20. Urgent Matters.

No matters were raised.

21. Date of next meeting.

8th December 2015.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 9.15pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____