

The Minutes of the Meeting of Leeds Parish Council
held in Leeds and Broomfield Village Hall on Tuesday, 10th March 2020 at 7:30 PM.

Councillors present: China
Govett
Ingram
Martin
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 Greeff and Fort.

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 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 an application for the councillor vacancy had been received from resident Helen Ingram.

This was considered and it was proposed by Cllr Martin to Cooption Mrs Ingram onto the Parish Council, this was seconded by Cllr Govett and agreed by all present.

Cllr Ingram signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took her place around the table.

Cllr China welcomed Cllr Ingram onto the Parish Council.

6. Public Comments and Observations.

A representative from Inspired Villages attended the meeting to give the Parish Council an update on the development at Ledian Farm.

7. KCC Councillors Report.

KCC Councillor Cooke gave his apologies to the meeting.

Cllr China reported in an incident in Forge Lane and Upper Street with a lorry and a trailer that damaged a historic wall and fence in Forge Lane.

It was agreed that this issue needed to be addressed, as to date no satisfactory action had been taken to assist with the issues relating to HGV's travelling through Leeds.

Cllr Govett suggested that the Parish Council write to the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding these issues, asking what action they would take in light of the recent damage to historical properties in the parish.

Action: Clerk to write to PCC.

Cllr China spoke regarding the Relief Road, he stated that when KCC Councillor Cooke had attended the last PC meeting, he appeared less positive about the relief road, stating that it needed to be included in the MBC Local Plan before it would be progressed.

He reported that he had recently attended a KALC meeting and it appeared that MBC were now considering including this in their Local Plan.

8. MBC Ward Councillors Report.

MBC Councillor Fort gave her apologies to the meeting.

9. Highways Matters.

Cllr Martin spoke regarding the water leaks in the parish and the lack of signage for traffic.

Cllr China suggested that the PC look at where signage would be best placed for such incidents and liaise with KCC regarding this.

Cllr Govett spoke regarding the B2163, and asked members if they felt that CCTV signage would make a difference to traffic and act as a deterrent.

This was discussed and it was agreed that enforcement was the only real solution.

Cllr Govett spoke regarding the possibility of moving the PC CCTV cameras to cover the highway, and whether this was possible. Cllr China stated that he would liaise with Cllr Greeff regarding this.

Action: Cllr China to progress.

10. Police Report.

The PCSO was not present at the meeting.

11. Correspondence Report.

The correspondence received during the month was noted by members.

12. Planning Matters.

New Applications Received

19/506423/ADV Ledian Farm Upper Street Leeds Maidstone Kent
Advert Application for 4 no. non illuminated hoarding signs and 4 no. flags.

MBC Decisions

19/506332/FULL

Gray's 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.

Application Permitted

19/505192/LBC

Little Foxes Upper Street Leeds Maidstone Kent ME17 1RU

Listed Building Consent for internal alterations with the addition of new windows, doorways, conservation roof lights. Demolition of existing outbuilding.

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13. **Financial Matters.**

a. **Financial Statement.**

The Financial Statement was circulated to all members present and agreed.

<u>Bank Balances</u>				
			13699.55	
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits		0.00		13699.55
Less Account for payment				2625.48
Closing Balance on Community Direct Plus Account				£ 11,074.07
Opening Balance on Business Select 14 Day Account		30160.35		
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits		0.00		30160.35
Closing Balance on Business Select 14 Day Account				£ 30,160.35
<u>Balance on all PC Accounts</u>				£ 41,234.42

14. **Parish Maintenance.**

Cllr China reported on the quotation submitted by Steven Waring for the PC maintenance. This was discussed and approved by the Parish Council.

Action: Clerk to formally accept quotation.

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

Cllr China reported on the Playing Field.

He stated that the Pavillion doors had been repaired at a cost of £40.

16. **Street Lighting.**

Cllr China reported on this matter.

17. **Public Comments and Observations.**

No Matters were raised.

18. Urgent Matters.

The Clerk reported that the Website would need reviewing as from 30th September all PC websites needed to be compliant with the Accessibility Regulations.
It was agreed that the Clerk would progress a new website.

Action: Clerk to progress.

CLlr China spoke regarding the Coronavirus and the need for the Parish Council to have a plan in place to deal with such incidents.

Action: Clerk to circulate Resilience Plan template to all members.

19. Date of next meeting.

14th April 2020.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.25pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____