

The Minutes of the Meeting of Leeds Parish Council on Tuesday, 8th March 2022
at 7.00pm in the Leeds and Broomfield Village Hall.

*Councillor's present: Bernini
Greeff
Ingram*

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

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Greeff.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Gallafant, China, Springford 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 Bernini as a true record, seconded by Cllr Ingram and agreed by all present.

The minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman of the meeting.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

Bus Shelter – Clerk contacted Nu-Venture, but no response received.

Church Yard Lighting – PC awaiting further details before progressing this further.

Potholes B2163 – Road closure overnight on Lower Street on 14th March 22.

Cllr Bernini stated that he would liaise with Kent Highways regarding the timescales for the other side of the village.

Action: Cllr Bernini to action.

5. Public Comments and Observations.

A number of residents attended the meeting to seek an update on the Parish Councils decision regarding the Inspired Villages Phase 3 planning application.

Cllr Greeff spoke regarding the decision by the PC to raise no objections to the application, but to ask for conditions to be placed on the application should it be approved.

Residents raised their disappointment at the PC for making this decision and questioned why a body deemed to represent the village were seeking to set a precedent to support such a development.

Cllr Bernini explained the reasons behind the PC decision and spoke regarding the conditions the PC had requested regarding parking, the existing entrance and the age of residents selected for the site. He spoke regarding the elements of convenience that the village would have as a result of the development facilities.

Cllr Cooke stated that the Parish Council was a Statutory Consultee, Maidstone Borough Council was the decision-making body, and they would decide whether to approve or refuse the application.

Cllr Greeff confirmed that the Parish Council had made its decision regarding this application, and this had been registered with MBC.

Defibrillator - A resident asked the Parish Council if they would consider having a defibrillator installed at the village hall end of the village.

The Chairman stated that this would be added to the next agenda for formal consideration.

Action: Clerk to place item on next agenda.

Wykeham Grove – a resident asked if a 20mph speed limit would be considered for Wykeham Grove. Cllr Cooke stated that he would look into this.

Litter Pick – to take place on 26th March 2022

6. Highways Matters.

Cllr Cooke spoke regarding the potholes on the B2163, and the road closure planned for 14th March 2022 for 5 nights.

7. Clerks Report.

The Clerk's Report was noted by members.

8. Chairman's Report.

- Christmas Tree – consider at the next PC meeting.
- Laughing gas canisters at the Playing Field – awaiting PSO response.

9. Financial Matters.

a. Financial Statement

The Financial Statement was circulated to all members present and agreed. (Bernini/Ingram)

10. KCC Councillors Report.

Cllr Cooke reported on the following:

- Rural Bus Consultation deadline 20th April 2022.
- National secondary school offer day due for year 6 to 7, if parents had issues with their school allocation he would assist where possible.

11. MBC Councillors Report.

Cllr Fort gave her apologies to the meeting.

12. Planning Matters.

New Applications Received

22/500747/LBC Arnoldbrae Oast Back Street Leeds Kent ME17 1TF

Listed Building Consent for erection of an outbuilding to house a swimming pool and to add a below ground extension. Changes to fenestration. (resubmission of 18/506096/LBC).

22/500746/FULL Arnoldbrae Oast Back Street Leeds Kent ME17 1TF

Consent for erection of an outbuilding to house a swimming pool and to add a below ground extension. Changes to fenestration. (resubmission of 18/506096/LBC).

Planning Decisions

22/500323/TCA

Leeds And Broomfield Church of England Primary School Lower Street Leeds Maidstone Kent ME17 1RL
Conservation area notification to fell one Persian Ironwood, one Common Lime, and one Norway Maple.

No Objections

22/500126/NMAMD

Ledian Farm Upper Street Leeds ME17 1RZ

Non-material amendment to landscaping condition 7 for phased approach to the landscaping implementation related to 18/503361/FULL.

Application Permitted

21/506238/LBC

Fulling Mill House Caring Lane Leeds Maidstone Kent ME17 1TJ

Listed Building Consent for an extension to an existing garage within the curtilage of a Listed Building
Application Withdrawn

21/506108/FULL

Further Fields Caring Lane Leeds Maidstone Kent ME17 1TJ

Section 73 - Application to vary condition 3 to allow 2 Orchard View to be temporarily used as the main/sole residence for a relative, pursuant to application MA/00/0918 (Change of use of lodge and garages to 2 holiday units with associated building works).

Application Permitted

13. Parish Maintenance.

No matters were reported.

14. Leeds Playing Field.

It was reported that the matting had been installed at the playing field to assist with the additional parking needs.

15. Street Lighting.

No matters were reported.

16. Email Policy.

A draft Email Policy was circulated to all members.

This was discussed and it was agreed that comment should be forwarded to the Clerk.

17. Church Yard Lighting.

No further matters were raised.

18. Jubilee Celebrations.

Representatives from the Jubilee Committee outline the arrangement for events in the village.

These were discussed and supported by the Parish Council.

19. Items for the next agenda.

Parish Defibrillator.

20. Date of next meeting.

12th April 2022.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.10pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____