

The Minutes of the Meeting of Leeds Parish Council
held in Leeds and Broomfield Village Hall on Tuesday, 13th February 2018 at 7:30 PM.

***Councillors present: Beale
China
Fort
Martin
Springford***

Also, present: Parish Clerk, Mrs Sherrie Babington.

The meeting was chaired by Councillor China.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Govett and Bowles.

2. Declaration of Interests.

No interests were declared.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting.

The notes of the previous meeting were circulated to all members.

These were proposed by Cllr China as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Beale and agreed by all present.

The notes were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

There were no matters arising.

5. Public Comments and Observations.

No matters were raised.

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 a meeting had taken place between MBC, KCC and MPs Helen Grant and Helen Whateley. She stated that together they were now going to work on a feasibility study for the Leeds/Langley Relief Road and the timetables would be forthcoming in the near future.

She informed members that there would be a 2.3% increase in the council tax and this was due to be debated by Full Council next week.

She reported that the appeal for Woodcut Farm was still pending.

She reported that the CPRE Judicial Review had been unsuccessful and they were now looking for donations from Parishes to assist with the costs associated with this.

A general discussion took place regarding development at Junction 8 and the traffic implications in the area.

8. Highways Matters.

Cllr Martin stated that she had reported potholes to KCC and these had now been marked for repair.

It was reported that there had been an increase in HGV's passing through the village and she stated that she would like to undertake a Lorry watch to establish the extent of the problem. This was agreed by members.

Action: Cllr Martin to progress.

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

17/506210/FULL Leeds Castle

Demolition of existing entrance building, shop and kiosk and replacement by a new high-quality Kentish Barn style entrance building to provide ticketing facilities, shop, restaurant, kitchen and disabled WC. Changes to the existing external levels and landscaping.

No Objections.

17/506444/FULL Bullock Lodge, Caring Road, Leeds

Single storey rear extension and replacement of existing roof light with conservation roof light.

No Objections.

MBC Decisions

17/506444/FULL

Bullock Lodge Caring Road Leeds ME17 1TH

Single storey rear extension and replacement of existing roof light with conservation roof light.

Application Permitted

14/0760

The Ten Bells, Upper Street, Leeds, Maidstone, Kent, ME17 1SE

Retrospective application for the demolition of existing pub building.

No Further Action Required

11/1831

Fulling Mill Farm, Caring Lane, Leeds, Maidstone, Kent, ME17 1TJ

Application for the prior approval of the Local Planning Authority for the erection of an agricultural storage building as shown on the site location plan received on 25/10/11 and an e-mail from the applicant dated

No Further Action Required

Ledian Farm – Cllr Fort stated that she would seek an update on this development and circulate this to members.

12. Financial Matters.**a. Financial Statement.**

The Financial Statement was circulated to all members present.

Bank Balances

Opening Balance on Community Direct Plus Account	£46645.33
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
Less Account for payment	£953.00
Closing Balance on Community Direct Plus Account	£38589.68
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
<u>Balance on all PC Accounts</u>	<u>£68735.89</u>

b. 2018/2019 Budget.

The Clerk informed members that the draft budget had been circulated to members for consideration.

It was proposed by Cllr Fort to set the 2018/19 Precept at £32443.00, representing a 5% increase, this was seconded by Cllr Martin and greed by all present.

Action: Precept approved at £32443.00.

13. Parish Maintenance.

Cllr Springford reported that a burnt-out car was still in the verge on Burbury Lane. Cllr Fort stated that she would liaise with MBC regarding this.

Action: Cllr Fort to liaise with MBC.

Concerns were raised regarding the problem with litter from recycling vehicles driving through the Parish. Cllr Fort stated that these had now been cleared.

Members agreed that a Litter Pick would be arranged for Saturday 17th March 2018 at 10am, meeting in the Playing Field car park.

Cllr Martin asked if the PC would consider sharing the village maintenance between a contractor and local handyman.

It was agreed that this item would be placed on the next agenda as the quotations for this year's maintenance needed to be considered.

Action: Clerk to place item on next agenda.

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

Members discuss the play equipment and the need to have this replaced at some point in the future. It was noted that BIFFA had a grant scheme available for grants up to £75000. It was agreed that the PC would establish further details regarding this.

Cllr China reported that the car park extension was being undertaken and when completed would accommodate twelve more cars.

He reported that the tennis courts were well used last year, and the key scheme appeared to have been a success.

15. Street Lighting.

No matters were raised.

16. Joint Parish Group and Local Plan.

No matters were raised.

17. Public Comments and Observations.

No matters were raised.

18. Urgent Matters.

It was agreed that Beacons of Light would be placed on the next agenda for further consideration by the PC.

Action: Clerk to place item on next agenda.

19. Date of next meeting.

13th March 2018.

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

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____