

The Minutes of the next Meeting of Leeds Parish Council
held in Leeds and Broomfield Village Hall on Tuesday, 12th September 2017 at 7:30 PM.

Councillors present: *Beale*
China
Fort
Springford

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

The meeting was chaired by Councillor China

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Martin, Govett, and Bowles.

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 Fort 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.

There were no matters arising.

5. Public Comments and Observations.

A resident attended the meeting to speak regarding the fly tipping in the parish, she stated that she had reported a trailer to MBC.

A discussion took place regarding this and the action taken by MBC. Cllr China said that these concerns were discussed at the last meeting and Cllr Govett was due to liaise with Leeds Castle to seek their support in having a CCTV Camera along Burberry Lane.

A resident reported an incident in her property where she had a sewage overflow, she stated that this had been dealt with by Southern Water and had been caused by a blockage in the main drainage system.

6. KCC Councillors Report.

KCC Councillor Cooke gave his report to the meeting.

He spoke regarding an MBC Planning Meeting where development along the Sutton Road was approved, he stated that KCC had not been invited to discuss the Section 106 monies from this development.

He stated that the process of the meeting during the evening was, in his opinion, disgraceful, he reported that the application for 250 houses had been due to be refused, but this had been questioned by Planning Officers and it was then voted upon and approved. He stated that the additional traffic would use the rural lanes as there was not sufficient infrastructure to support it.

He raised concerns that two elected members of MBC had negotiated directly with the developer and they had voted in favour of the application.

He stated that MBC Members had voted against the Relief Road at the Joint Transportation Board Meeting and having KCC involved in S106. He said that KCC still hoped to bring the possible route options to Parish Council during a confidential consultation when they were in a position to do so.

He confirmed that KCC were still pursuing the Relief Road without the support of the JTB and that as a KCC Councillor he would support the Relief Road, however, when arguing the case for funding it would be difficult as MBC did not support it, as they had voted in support of their own Transport Strategy which included the widening of Willington Street and a bus lane along the Sutton Road.

Councillor Cooke stated that he was due to hold a Public Meeting on Monday 9th October and Helen Whateley MP would be attending, the purpose of the meeting would be to bring into being an organisation to create a formal SE Maidstone Action Group.

He reported that Helen Whateley MP had approached the Secretary of State and asked him to call in the MBC Local Plan and his decision was now awaited.

He stated that the Planning Inspector had made 61 changes to the Local Plan before it was considered sound.

Cllr China thanked Councillor Cooke for his report.

7. MBC Ward Councillors Report.

MBC Councillor Fort gave her report to the meeting.

She stated that MBC were due to consider the Local Plan on 27th September at Full Council.

8. Highways Matters.

No further matters were reported.

9. Police Report.

PCSO Boyd gave his apologies to the meeting.

Cllr China stated that he was due to attend a Police Meeting on 18th September 2017.

10. Correspondence Report.

The correspondence received during the month was noted by members.

11. Planning Matters.

New Applications Received

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| 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. |
| 17/504353/lbc | 2 Brogden Farm Cottages, Old Mill Lane, Leeds
Listed Building consent for the replacement of existing secondary double-glazing window panes on 4 windows at front, replacing aluminium frames boxed by wooden surround glazing. |

MBC Decisions**17/501933/REM**

Ledian Farm Upper Street Leeds ME17 1RZ

Approval of Reserved Matters for the erection of 38 Assisted Living Units following Hybrid application MA/12/2046 (Landscaping, Layout, Scale, and Appearance being sought).

Application Permitted

17/503054/TCA

Inglemere Upper Street Leeds Maidstone Kent ME17 1SD

Trees in Conservation Area notification for 1x Rowan Tree - lop branches overhanging adjoining property (Rosebank) back to boundary by 2m.

No Objections

17/501995/LDCEX

Bullock Lodge Caring Road Leeds Maidstone Kent ME17 1TH

Lawful Development Certificate (Existing) for use of property as a domestic residential dwelling.

Application Permitted

17/503558/FULL

Dunelm Caring Lane Leeds Maidstone Kent ME17 1TJ

Erection of a rear single storey extension and two-storey side extension.

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	£56303.01
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Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
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Less Account for payment	£1290.19
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Closing Balance on Community Direct Plus Account	£55012.82
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Opening Balance on Business Select 14 Day Account	£30146.21
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Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
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Closing Balance on Business Select 14 Day Account	£30146.21
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<u>Balance on all PC Accounts</u>	<u>£85159.03</u>
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13. Parish Maintenance.

Cllr Beale reported that there were weeds growing from the kerbs along Penfold Hill.

Cllr Fort stated that the Contractor had been in the village during the day undertaking their maintenance.

It was agreed that Cllr China would ask the Contractor to spray the weeds along the kerbs.

Action: Cllr China to action.

14. Hollingbourne Twinning Letter.

Members discussed a letter from Hollingbourne regarding Twinning.

This was discussed and members agreed that this was not something that the Parish Council should do, however it was agreed that the details would be placed in the newsletter to see whether a local village group may wish to progress this.

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

Cllr China informed members that the tennis courts were now locked as agreed at the last meeting.

He reported that the Pavilion door had been damaged and he was seeking a quotation to have this repaired.

Cllr China spoke regarding the request from the Loose Lions Football Team to use the playing Field for additional parking and asked members to reconsider their decision not to allow this.

It was agreed that if the Football Team was to submit a detailed plan to the PC then it would be reconsidered at a PC meeting.

Action: Cllr China to action.

16. Street Lighting.

Cllr China reported on the street lighting in the parish.

17. Joint Parish Group and Local Plan.

No matters were raised.

18. Public Comments and Observations.

No matters were raised.

19. Urgent Matters.

Christmas Tree lights – Cllr China spoke regarding the Christmas Tree lights and it was agreed that he would approach the Street Lighting Contractor for a quotation to have these installed.

Action: Cllr China to action.

20. Date of next meeting.

10th October 2017.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.40pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____