

The Minutes of the Meeting of Leeds Parish Council
held by Zoom on Tuesday, 10th November 2020 at 7.00 PM.

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

Also, present: Parish Clerk, Mrs Sherrie Babington and KCC Councillor Gary Cooke.

The meeting was chaired by Councillor China.

1. To elect a Chairman.

It was proposed by Cllr Martin to elect Cllr China as Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Fort and agreed by all present.

Cllr China accepted this role and took the Chair.

2. Apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Ingram.

3. Declaration of Interests.

No interests were declared.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting.

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

These were proposed by Cllr Martin as a true record, seconded by Cllr Greeff and agreed by all present.

The minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes.

There were no matters arising.

6. Public Comments and Observations.

No matters were raised.

7. Parish Councillor Vacancy.

The Clerk reported that a vacancy had arisen on the Parish Council due to the resignation of Cllr Govett. The first notice had been displayed inline with the regulations, and MBC would inform the PC whether a by-election would take place or whether the vacancy could be filled by cooption.

8. KCC Councillors Report.

KCC Councillor Cooke gave his report to the meeting and referred to his written report circulated to all members.

He spoke regarding the recent accident in the parish and stated that KCC had reacted to this and made the damaged area safe. He stated that the accident was a third-party liability claim as the wall and fence was private property.

Cllr China stated that his issue was that the police did nothing about the accident.

This was discussed and it was agreed that the Police and Crime Commissioner should be invited to attend a future meeting of the PC.

Action: Clerk to progress.

Relief Road – Cllr Cooke reported that the leader of KCC had written to the leader of MBC to support the Relief Road.

Cllr Cooke stated that the route options would not be published until after a Public Consultation had taken place, and this may still be some time away.

9. **MBC Ward Councillors Report.**

MBC Councillor Fort gave her report to the meeting.

She reported on the Local Plan Review and the need for the PC to put in its response to the consultation by 22nd December 2020.

It was agreed that a small group of members would meeting to discuss this and draft the PC response.

Action: Clerk to arrange a meeting for members.

A discussion took place regarding the Covid support from MBC and KCC.

10. **Highways Matters.**

No matters were raised.

11. **Correspondence Report.**

The correspondence received during the month was noted by members.

12. **Planning Matters.**

New Applications Received

20/503981/LBC	Arnold Hill Cottage Back Street Leeds ME17 1TF Listed Building Consent for erection of entrance gates and walls with an enlarged driveway.
20/503980/FULL	Arnold Hill Cottage Back Street Leeds ME17 1TF Consent for erection of entrance gates and walls with an enlarged driveway.
20/504736/FULL	Spout House Caring Lane Leeds Maidstone Kent Erection of new two bay garage.
20/504737/LBC	Spout House Caring Lane Leeds Maidstone Kent LBC Erection of new two bay garage.
20/505182/REM	Land at Woodcut Farm Ashford Road Hollingbourne Kent ME17 1XH Approval of Reserved Matters (Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale being sought) for Phase 1 being landscaping, infrastructure work required to create

development platforms across the site, and 22,884sqm of flexible Use Class B1(c)/B8 employment

20/505195/OUT Land at Woodcut Farm Ashford Road Hollingbourne Kent ME17 1XH
Section 73 - Application for Variation of Condition 3 to allow buildings on the eastern part of the site to have a footprint up to 10,000sqm, and variation of Condition 4 to allow buildings on the western part of the site to have a footprint up to 4,800sq

MBC Decisions

20/504620/SUB
4 Rutland Cottages Back Street Leeds ME17 1TE
Submission of details pursuant to condition 2 (materials) for 18/504135/FULL.
Application Permitted

13. Financial Matters.

a. Financial Statement

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

b. 2021/2022 Budget and Report.

The Clerk informed members that she would circulate the draft budget and report to all members via email for discussion at the January 2021 Parish Council Meeting.

14. Parish Maintenance.

Cllr China reported that the notice board near to the village hall was in need of repair. This was discussed and approval was given to have this repaired.

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

Cllr China reported that the Loose Lions wished to hire the Playing Field for the football season. It was agreed that due to COVID the hire fees would be reduced to £300 for the season.

Action: Clerk to invoice for the hire fees.

He reported that an additional CCTV Camera had now been installed at the Playing Field and was facing the road as agreed.

16. Street Lighting.

Cllr China reported on the street lighting.

He stated that UK Power Networks had erected some new poles in the parish and as a result one of the Parish Councils streetlamps had been removed and not replaced.

He stated that he had followed this up with them and they had stated that this was damaged, however he disagreed with this, as it had been in operation prior to their work.

He said that he had taken this up with them and was currently in discussions about this with UK Power Networks and KCC.

He reported that the corroded light column had now been programmed in to be replaced by UK Power Networks.

He was also in the process of trying to acquire a quotation for the replacement of the damaged lamp column that was removed as a result of the accident in the village. This was needed in order for the PC to progress the insurance claim.

17. Urgent Matters.

Cllr Fort spoke regarding a funeral that had taken place in Leeds and attracted a large number of mourners. She stated that the number of people attending had resulted in the local pub having to closed and the village being impassable. She stated that the police had attended but little action was taken.

Cllr China stated that the litter in the village had increased, and he suggested that an item was placed on the website to try to encourage residents to keep the village tidy and keep the areas in front of their houses clear of litter. He stated that he would place an article in the parish magazine.

Christmas Tree Lights – Cllr China stated that he would arrange for these to be connected and turned on. Cllr Greeff asked if these could be on by 28th November. This was agreed.

18. Date of next meeting.

12th January 2021.

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

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____