

The Minutes of the Meeting of Leeds Parish Council on Tuesday, 12th July 2022
at 7.00pm in the Leeds and Broomfield Village Hall.

*Councillor's present: Bernini
China
Gallafant
Greeff
Springford*

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

The meeting was chaired by Councillor China.

Prior to the start of the meeting the Chairman introduced Rev Mark Pavey from Leeds Church, who had attended the meeting to speak with the Parish Council regarding the progress of the Church.

Rev Pavey spoke regarding the role of the Church within the Parish and the local community, and its interaction with the local school.

He stated that the Church would like to come together with the local community and build future relationships, he was aware of the lack of unity within the community and the membership of the Church. He suggested that community events could be held in the Church and other uses could also be considered. He raised issues with parking at the church car park at weekends as this was being used by people outside of the Parish.

He stated that he was open for discussions with the Parish Council and their suggestions with how these issues could be overcome.

Cllr Greeff spoke regarding the sense of community generated by the Jubilee events and suggested this could be repeated throughout the year with additional events, and the church and its grounds could be utilised for these.

Rev Pavey confirmed that the Church would be willing to work with the Parish Council of future events. The Chairman summarised the discussions and stated at the Parish Council was willing to assist and support the Church wherever possible.

1. Apologies.

Apologies and reasons for absence were received from Cllrs Ingram, 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 Springford as a true record, seconded by Cllr Greeff and agreed by all present.

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

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

Church Lighting

It was reported that quotations were being sought for the lighting.

Permission from the Church would also be sought when the costs were known.

Brian Hardy stated that this would be taken up with the Church Dioceses.

Defibrillator

The Clerk presented members with a quotation for the defibrillator at a cost of approximately £1800, this included electrician costs which were approximately £150.

It was agreed that this quotation be approved, and that the Village Hall should be contacted for permission to site the defibrillator on the outside wall of the hall. As soon as the Village Hall had confirmed their permission, the Clerk was asked to progress this order.

Action: Clerk to action.

5. Public Comments and Observations.

A resident spoke regarding the possibility of having a one-way system in the Parish which they felt would assist with the traffic problems.

Councillor Cooke explained the reasons why this was not possible, and confirmed that KCC had investigated this in the past.

Residents attended the meeting to raise concerns regarding the issues involved with the current South East Water emergency works taking place in the village and their signage.

Cllr Bernini spoke regarding this and stated that he would take these issues up with both South East Water and KCC.

Councillor Cook stated that KCC had acquired powers to undertake 6 pilot schemes throughout Kent, and the Leeds B2163 was part of this pilot scheme. He stated the cameras would be located along this road to record overweight lorries and fine them, he confirmed that this scheme would be commencing fairly shortly.

He spoke regarding the Relief Road and stated that the Borough Council had allowed for a corridor of no development within the Local Plan to ensure that there was a potential route for a Relief Road

A resident spoke regarding the woods to the rear of the playing field and the footpath that was owned by Abbey Farm, which was no longer in use. The Chairman confirmed this was not a formal footpath, and that Cllr Gallafant was progressing an application to KCC on behalf of the Parish Council, to seek to have the footpath formally registered as a PROW.

Residents raised concerns about issues with parking on pavements in Upper Street and Farmers Close, due to the football team using the field during weekday evenings.

This was noted by members and the Chairman confirmed that the rental agreements for the playing field was due to be reviewed.

Abbey Farm Planning application – The Chairman confirmed been called into the Planning Committee and the Parish Council had objected to this.

6. Highways Matters.

No matters were raised.

7. Clerks Report.

The Clerk's Report was noted by members.

8. Chairman's Report.

The Chairman's reported on the following:

The rent for the Loose Lions Football Club needed to be reviewed, and he asked the Clerk to circulate a report and details to all members for their consideration. It was agreed that this would be considered during the summer recess and any decisions would be ratified at the next Parish Council meeting.

Action: Clerk to progress.

Church Grounds – The Chairman stated that maintenance was needed to ensure that the church grounds were maintained. It was agreed that a village workday would be organised, and volunteers would be asked to meet at the church to undertake maintenance to the church grounds. It was agreed that a community event would be organised for the 6th of August 2022, this would be advertised in the parish magazine and on the parish website.

Electric car charging points – it was agreed not to progress this at present.

Operation Brock meeting with Helen Whateley MP on the 22nd of September 2022 - The Chairman stated that he would attend this meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.

9. Financial Matters.**a. Financial Statement**

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

10. KCC Councillors Report.

KCC Councillor Cook gave his report to the meeting. He spoke regarding the Aviva Bus Services and the cutbacks and savings being undertaken by KCC.

11. MBC Councillors Report.

Cllr Fort gave her apologies to the meeting.

12. Planning Matters.**New Applications Received**

22/502892/FULL Rose Cottage Lower Street Leeds Kent ME17 1RJ

Internal and external alterations to the ground floor to change the layout of the property, together with erection of an infill wall to replace existing glazed section, replacement of flat roof and installation of new rooflight.

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22/502611/LBC Abbey Farm Lower Street Leeds Maidstone Kent ME17

Listed Building Consent for restoration and repair works to the Slype, Dovecotes, medieval wall to the southeast of Abbey Farmhouse, and northern boundary wall. Conversion of Cattle Barn to a pool house and demolition of modern barns.

22/502610/FULL Abbey Farm Lower Street Leeds Maidstone Kent ME17

Phased development comprising the erection of a new self-build detached dwelling and conversion of cattle barn to a pool house, erection of 2no. detached residential gatehouses, restoration works to listed structures (slype and dovecotes), demolition of two modern barns, restoration of the former Capability Brown Landscape, access, and other associated works (phasing plan submitted).

MBC Planning Decisions

22/501934/FULL

2 Brogden Farm Cottages Old Mill Road Leeds Maidstone Kent ME17 1RT

Erection of an outbuilding in rear garden with decking area ancillary to the main dwelling (Part retrospective).

Status Decided

Application Permitted

22/501651/FULL

Dunelm Caring Lane Leeds Maidstone Kent ME17 1TJ

Erection of a single storey rear extension with 2no. roof lanterns.

Application Permitted

21/504540/SUB

Ledian Farm Upper Street Leeds Kent ME17 1RZ

Submission of details partially pursuant to condition 13 (verification report) of application

18/503361/FULL (Continuing Care Retirement Community scheme (C2 Use Class)) in regard of Phase 1 (excluding the construction compound)

Application Permitted

Other Planning Matters

No matters were raised.

13. Parish Maintenance.

No matters were raised.

14. Leeds Playing Field.

No matters were raised.

15. Street Lighting.

CLlr China reported on the street lighting in the village.

16. Parish Council Policy Review.

The Clerk confirmed that she would send out the policies for review to all members during the summer recess and this item would then be placed on the September agenda for members consideration.

Action: Clerk to circulate policies to all members.

17. Emergency Plan.

It was agreed that this item would be considered at the next meeting.

18. Church Car Park.

Potholes – The Chairman stated that a quotation had been received for £1280 to fill the dangerous potholes in the car park.

This was considered and approved.

School Parking – The Chairman stated that the Head Teacher of the School had raised concerns with the PC about the parking in the parish during school pick up and drop off times, he stated that she had asked to use the church overflow car park on a regular basis. It was agreed that a formal request should be submitted to the Parish Council for consideration at the next PC meeting.

19. Leeds Events Committee.

It was agreed to set up a village Events Committee comprising of residents and representatives from the PC to arrange future events in the Parish.

20. Items for the next agenda.

No matters were raised.

21. Date of next meeting.

13th September 2022.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.50pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____