

The Minutes of the Meeting of Leeds Parish Council
held in Leeds and Broomfield Village Hall on Tuesday, 8th October 2019 at 7:30 PM.

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

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

The meeting was chaired by Councillor China.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Greeff, Govett and Springford.

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 Martin as a true record, seconded by Cllr Fort 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.

The Resident from 5 Farmers Close attended the meeting to speak regarding an issue concerning parking over her driveway, she asked for the support of the Parish Council in seeking to have a white line outside of her property. She stated that KCC were willing to do this if the Parish Council had no objections.

This was discussed by members and it was agreed that the Parish Council would write to KCC to give its support to the installation of the white line.

Action: Clerk to action.

A resident attended the meeting to seek clarification regarding the status of the land with the pond to the rear of the Playing field. He stated that this was private land which had been used by the public for many years, however there was no right of access.

Members stated that they would seek to establish the ownership of the land.

Action: Clerk to action.

A resident spoke regarding the Lorry Watch taking place on 18th October, she stated that volunteers were needed for this.

Cllr Martin confirmed that the PCSO was not allowed to assist with Lorry Watch as she had no powers of enforcement.

Concerns were raised regarding the speed and traffic through the village.

Cllr Cooke suggested that the Parish Council invited the PCC to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council. This was agreed.

Action: Clerk to progress.

6. Cricket Club Pavillion Project.

A representative from the Cricket Club attended the meeting to speak regarding the proposed new Cricket Pavillion and how this may be of benefit to the local community.

He stated that whilst the project was at the planning stage, the Cricket Club was seeking the views of the local community on ideas that they could incorporate in the project to benefit the local community. They were also exploring alternative uses when it was upgraded, and he asked members for their views.

Members discussed this further and gave their views and suggestions on the usage, they stated that they supported the concept of the new Pavillion.

Cllr China suggested that an article could be placed on the website to encourage other ideas to come forward.

Cllr Cooke suggested that the Cricket Club also approach other local organisations and the local school to seek their views.

Cllr China thanked the Representative for attending the meeting to speak with the Parish Council.

7. KCC Councillors Report.

KCC Councillor Cooke gave his report to the meeting.

He reported that a new Leader had been appointed for the Conservatives and he would become Leader of KCC on 17th October 19.

He stated that the JTB was due to meet on 16th October and a verbal statement was due to be given on the Relief Road, following this a meeting would then be arranged with Parishes.

He updated members on this further.

8. MBC Ward Councillors Report.

MBC Councillor Fort gave her report to the meeting.

She spoke regarding the Local Plan and stated that the Call for Sites had been published for Parishes ahead of the public consultation on 4th November 2019.

9. Highways Matters.

No further matters were raised.

10. Police Report.

No matters were raised.

11. Correspondence Report.

The correspondence received during the month was noted by members.

A letter from a resident was circulated and discussed, this raised concerns regarding Footpaths in the parish.

The Clerk was asked to report these issues raised to KCC.

Action: Clerk to progress.

12. Planning Matters.

New Applications Received

19/504579/FULL Bay Tree Cottage Upper Street Leeds Maidstone Kent
Demolition of existing Bay Tree Cottage and the erection of a replacement C2 Assisted Living Unit (with intervening temporary use for car parking associated with adjacent care village marketing suite).

No objections.

MBC Decisions

19/504279/TCA

Brook House Lower Street Leeds ME17 1RR

Trees in a Conservation Area notification: G1 - Row of conifer trees on the roadside boundary line.
Remove all trees ready to re plant with deciduous trees.

13. Financial Matters.

a. Financial Statement.

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

Two additional cheques were authorised as follows:

Mr D China - £12.99 – reimbursement for keys

Royal British Legion - £50.00 – Poppy Wreath

Bank Balances

Opening Balance on Community Direct Plus Account	£31788.99
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
Less Account for payment	£2462.97
Closing Balance on Community Direct Plus Account	£29326.02

Opening Balance on Business Select 14 Day Account	£30160.35
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Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
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<u>Balance on all PC Accounts</u>	<u>£59486.37</u>
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14. Parish Maintenance.

Salt Bags – Cllr China asked the Clerk to order a salt bag for the Church Car Park.

Action: Clerk to action.

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

Cllr China reported that he had installed a key box at the pavilion as agreed at a previous meeting.

16. Street Lighting.

Cllr China reported on this matter.

17. Christmas Tree Lights.

Members agreed to purchase new Christmas lights at the approximate cost of £350.00, this was proposed by Cllr Fort, seconded by Cllr Martin and agreed by all present.

Action: Clerk to action.

18. Public Comments and Observations.

No Matters were raised.

19. Urgent Matters.

No matters were raised.

20. Date of next meeting.

8th October 2019.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 9.20pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____