

The Minutes of the Meeting of Leeds Parish Council
held in Leeds and Broomfield Village Hall on Tuesday, 11th February 2020 at 7:30 PM.

Councillors present: China
Fort
Greeff
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 Govett and Martin.

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 Fort as a true record, seconded by Cllr Springford 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. Parish Councillor Vacancy.

The Clerk stated that the first notice advertising the vacancy would be displayed in line with the regulations.

6. Public Comments and Observations.

A resident from Leeds attended the meeting to speak regarding his suggestion to make a one-way system on Burberry Lane to assist with the traffic issues.

Councillor Cooke stated that Burberry Lane did not meet the criteria for a one-way route. He had previously asked the question and had been told that KCC had looked at this as an option in the past and this had not been deemed safe by KCC.

This was disputed by the resident and it was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with KCC to establish the reasons why KCC considered this hazardous.

Action: Clerk to action.

A resident spoke regarding the road surface outside of the village hall, he stated that this was in a poor condition and needed to be repaired.

Councillor Cooke stated that he was aware of the surface erosion and he would speak to KCC regarding this and seek to have it reported.

It was reported that there was a large pothole in the church car park that was in need of repair. This was noted and it was agreed that Cllr China would arrange for this to be repaired.

Action: Repairs to pothole at Church car park to be repaired.

Councillor Cooke reported that KCC was going to undertake a blitz in the spring to ensure that roads were repaired to a satisfactory standard.

Concerns were raised regarding the flooding at Penfold Hill. The Clerk stated that this had been reported to KCC.

A general discussion took place regarding Lorry Watch.

7. KCC Councillors Report.

KCC Councillor Cooke gave his report to the meeting.

He reported that South East Maidstone was being used as a pilot by KCC regarding lorries, it would mean that lorry drivers would be advised to use specified routes and KCC would have the power to act and issue on the spot fines. He stated that this was still being drawn up and he would keep the PC updated.

He reported on the progress of the Relief Road, stating that work was ongoing, and he hoped that this would be included as part of the MBC Local Plan Review.

He informed members that he was holding a You Decide event on 4th April at the Maidstone Skills and Community Centre, and he had £5000 of his members grant to allocate to community projects.

8. MBC Ward Councillors Report.

MBC Councillor Fort gave her report to the meeting.

She spoke regarding the Call for Sites and stated that a meeting had been held with MBC and the PC views had been put forward.

She stated that she had a sum of £500 Ward Councillors Grant available for community projects.

Cllr Fort spoke regarding the issue of paper through the village and the need to identify the source of this, as it was happening on a regular basis.

This was discussed by members and it was agreed that Cllr Greeff would access the CCTV to see whether this had picked up any evidence.

9. Highways Matters.

Cllr China reported that traffic signs and cones had been left on the A20 following road works.

It was reported that vehicles were parking on the verges and junction of Old Mill Road and the A20, and this was now causing an issue.

Councillor Cooke stated that the vehicles were not parking illegally.

10. Police Report.

The PCSO was not present at the meeting.

Members discussed this and the need to have revaluation crime reports, it was noted that these details were available on the Kent Police Website.

11. Correspondence Report.

The correspondence received during the month was noted by members.

Cllr China reported that he had 200 leaflets for the Feeder Bus Service to distribute around the parish.

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

19/506387/FULL Ledian Farm Upper Street Leeds Maidstone Kent

Erection of 44no. Assisted Living Units (Class C2) with associated parking and landscaping (Amendment to outline permission MA/12/2046 and Reserved Matters consent MA/17/501933/REM)

20/500304/FULL Barnhall Lodge Gravelly Bottom Road Kingswood Maidstone Kent

Erection of single storey rear extension including basement and alterations to existing balconies and bifolding doors.

MBC Decisions

19/505813/FULL

32 Farmers Close Leeds Maidstone Kent ME17 1SB

Erection of single storey rear extension.

Application Permitted

13. Financial Matters.**a. Financial Statement.**

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

<u>Bank Balances</u>				
			22248.07	
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits		0.00		22248.07
Less Account for payment				8528.52
Closing Balance on Community Direct Plus Account				£ 13,719.55
Opening Balance on Business Select 14 Day Account		30160.35		
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits		0.00		30160.35
Closing Balance on Business Select 14 Day Account				£ 30,160.35
<u>Balance on all PC Accounts</u>				£ 43,879.90

14. Parish Maintenance.

Litter Pick – Date arranged for 22nd February 2020, meeting at 10am at the Playing Field.

Cllr Fort gave her apologies and left the meeting at 8.50pm

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

Cllr China reported on the Playing Field.

He stated that the Loose Lions Football Team had asked for the PC permission to add an additional under 5's pitch to the rear of the tennis courts at the Playing Field.
This was discussed and agreed by members.

16. Street Lighting.

Cllr China reported on this matter.

17. Public Comments and Observations.

No Matters were raised.

18. Urgent Matters.

The Clerk reported that the Website may need reviewing as from 30th September all PC websites needed to be compliant with the Accessibility Regulations.

19. Date of next meeting.

10th March 2020.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.55pm.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____