

**The Minutes of the Meeting of Leeds Parish Council  
held by Zoom on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7.00 PM.**

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

***Also, present: Parish Clerk, Mrs Sherrie Babington.***

***The meeting was chaired by Councillor Govett.***

**1. Apologies.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Ingram, Fort and KCC Councillor Gary Cooke.

**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 China 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. Public Comments and Observations.**

No public were present, and no matters were raised.

**6. KCC Councillors Report.**

KCC Councillor Cooke gave his apologies to the meeting and a written report was noted in his absence.

Cllr China reported that he and Cllr Fort was due to meet with the developer at the Abbey Farm site on 24<sup>th</sup> September.

Cllr Greeff spoke regarding the work undertaken at the site, he stated that he was concerned about this and felt that the meeting would benefit the PC in establishing the current situation.

Cllr China stated that the rights of way was a separate issue from the development and should be looked at separately. He raised concerns regarding the Dove Cote at the site.

He asked the Clerk to follow this up with KCC Councillor Cooke to establish what action had been taken to date.

***Action: Clerk to progress.***

**7. MBC Ward Councillors Report.**

MBC Councillor Fort gave her apologies to the meeting.

**8. Highways Matters.**

Members discussed the Relief Road, and it was agreed that a letter should be written to Helen Whateley MP to seek her reassurances that the relief road would be included in the Local Plan. Cllr Govett stated that the Relief Road should be included in the Local Plan to be considered in the context of the MBC plan for housing.

**Action: Clerk to write letter to Helen Whateley MP as discussed.**

Members agreed that the PC should have the CCTV Camera at the Leeds Playing Field moved to cover the highway.

**Action: Cllr China and Clerk to action.**

Cllr China raised concerns that the damage caused by the accident in Forge Lane/Lower Street had not yet been reinstated by KCC, he stated that he was disappointed by their lack of action.

Cllr Martin stated that the road needed to be resurfaced outside of the allotments.

**Action: Clerk to report to KCC.**

**Cllr Springfield gave his apologies and left the meeting at 7.30pm.**

**9. Correspondence Report.**

The correspondence received during the month was noted by members.

**10. Planning Matters.**

New Applications Received

20/503177/FULL Woodlands 25 Caring Lane Bearsted Maidstone Kent  
Construction of a hard tennis court with fenced enclosure  
25/08/2020

20/503380/FULL 10 Burgess Hall Drive Leeds Maidstone Kent ME17 1SH  
Remove existing conservatory and erection of single store side and rear extension  
25/08/2020

20/500791/FULL Caring Farm Oast Caring Road Leeds  
Conversion of existing agricultural building into a dwelling.  
Appeal lodged as refused.

20/503073/ADV Ledian Farm Upper Street Leeds Maidstone Kent ME17  
Advert application for 4 no. non illuminated hoarding signs, 1 free standing sign, and  
4 no flags.  
16/09/2020

MBC Decisions

20/502864/TCA

Foley Farmhouse Lower Street Leeds ME17 1TL

Tree in a Conservation Area notification: Single Holm Oak tree in the front garden measures approx. 13m in height. Request to reduce the crown by 4m. Request to reduce the main limb nearest the house down to main trunk about 3m from the ground.

No Objections

20/502746/NMAMD

Bay Tree Cottage Upper Street Leeds Maidstone Kent ME17 1RZ

Non-Material Amendment for alteration to description of development to amend the description of development to include confirmation that the approved proposals relate to two C2 Assisted Living Units as per the approved plans subject to 19/504579/FULL.

Application Permitted

**11. Financial Matters.**

Financial Statement

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

**12. Parish Maintenance.**

No matters were raised.

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

Cllr China reported on the Playing Field.

**14. Street Lighting.**

Cllr China reported on this matter.

**15. Urgent Matters.**

No matters were raised.

**16. Date of next meeting.**

13<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

*There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 7.40pm.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_