

The Minutes of the Meeting of Leeds Parish Council
held in Leeds and Broomfield Village Hall on Tuesday, 13th March 2018 at 7:30 PM.

Councillors present: Fort
Govett
Martin

Also, present: Parish Clerk, Mrs Sherrie Babington.

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Govett.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Springford, China and Beale.

2. Declaration of Interests.

No interests were declared.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting.

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

These were proposed by Cllr Govett as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Fort and agreed by all present.

The notes were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

There were no matters arising.

5. Parish Councillor Vacancy.

The Chairman informed members that Cllr Bowles had resigned from the Parish Council.

The Clerk stated that the first notice for the vacancy had been displayed in the parish as required and MBC had been informed of the resignation.

6. Public Comments and Observations.

A resident reported that the two street lights in Burgess Hall Drive and were not working.

It was agreed that the resident would email the numbers to the Clerk to report to the contractor.

Action: Clerk to action.

A resident asked about the development at Ledian Farm.

Cllr Fort spoke regarding the proposals and progress of the site.

Concerns were raised regarding the poor condition of the pavements in Burgess Hall Drive and stated that these had not been swept.

Action: Clerk to report to MBC.

7. KCC Councillors Report.

KCC Councillor Cooke gave his apologies to the meeting.

8. MBC Ward Councillors Report.

MBC Councillor Fort gave her report to the meeting.

She reported that MBC had agreed to increase its Council Tax by 3%.

She spoke regarding the fly-tipping in the parish and stated that she would report the burnt-out car on Burberry Lane to MBC.

She reported that the Joint Transportation Board Meeting in April had been cancelled, however KCC were still working on a feasibility study for the Relief Road.

She informed members that there would be a 2.3% increase in the council tax and this was due to be debated by Full Council next week.

She reported that the appeal for Woodcut Farm was still pending.

She reported that the CPRE Judicial Review had been unsuccessful and they were now looking for donations from Parishes to assist with the costs associated with this.

A general discussion took place regarding development at Junction 8 and the traffic implications in the area.

9. Highways Matters.

Cllr Govett referred to an article in the KM by Helen Grant regarding the Relief Road and a meeting that had taken place between KCC and MBC.

He stated that he had written to Helen Whateley MP, KCC Councillor Cooke and MBC Councillor Fort regarding LEP funding to support infrastructure.

He suggested that the LEP was approached directly to try to progress this further. IT was agreed that Cllr Fort and Govett would progress this.

Action: Cllr Govett and Fort to action.

It was also agreed that Cllr Govett would seek a meeting with the new Highways Officer at KCC.

Action: Cllr Govett to action.

10. Police Report.

Cllr Govett referred to reports of a burglary in Forge Lane and suggested that the resident who had CCTV installed along this road may be able to assist the police with CCTV footage.

He suggested that the PC considers parish security and the possibility of having CCTV and signage in selected areas of the village.

He stated that he would look into this and report back to a future meeting.

Action: Clerk to place CCTV on next agenda.

11. Correspondence Report.

The correspondence received during the month was noted by members.

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

No applications were considered.

MBC Decisions

No matters were reported.

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

The Financial Statement was circulated to all members present.

Bank Balances

Opening Balance on Community Direct Plus Account	£46645.33
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00
Less Account for payment	£953.00
Closing Balance on Community Direct Plus Account	£38589.68

Opening Balance on Business Select 14 Day Account	£30146.21
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00

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<u>Balance on all PC Accounts</u>	<u>£68735.89</u>
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14. Parish Maintenance.

A discussion took place regarding parish maintenance.

The options for the future maintenance are considered and it was agreed that the Clerk would email all Councillor to seek their views on the options as follows:

1. Appoint a contractor.
2. Seek a local Warden/Gardener to undertake maintenance.
3. Seek a volunteer to undertake small items of maintenance.

Cllr Martin stated that she was still storing the Parish Councils gardening equipment.

Action: Clerk to action.

The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council approached Leeds Castle to suggest working with them in undertaking maintenance in the parish and ask them to maintain the area outside of the castle entrance from the bridge to the roundabout.

It was agreed that the PC would invite a representative from the Castle to attend a future meeting.

Action: Clerk to progress.

15. Data Protection Regulations.

The Clerk reported on the new data Protection Regulations.

It was agreed by members that the Clerk would seek a quotation on the appointment of a Data Protection Company.

Action: Clerk to progress.

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

No matters were raised.

17. Street Lighting.

No matters were raised.

18. Beacons of Light.

It was agreed that details and guidance would be emailed to all members and they would consider an event in November 2018.

Action: Clerk to progress.

19. Joint Parish Group and Local Plan.

No matters were raised.

20. Public Comments and Observations.

No matters were raised.

21. Urgent Matters.

No matters were raised.

22. Date of next meeting.

10th April 2018.

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

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____