

The Minutes of the Meeting of Leeds Parish Council  
held in Leeds and Broomfield Village Hall on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7:30 PM.

**Councillors present:** *Beale*  
*Fort*  
*Greeff*  
*Springford*

**Also, present:** *Parish Clerk, Mrs Sherrie Babington, and members of the public.*

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

**1. Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Govett, Martin and China.

**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 Beale 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.**

A resident attended the meeting to raise concerns regarding lorries using the B2163 and travelling through the village in the early hours of the morning.

Cllr Fort stated that Lorry Watch had not been successful as there was no enforcement by the police. She stated that the signs regarding HGV access into the village were ambiguous and therefore difficult to enforce.

This was discussed further and it was agreed that the Parish Council would liaise with the police to see whether they could undertake further enforcement in the village to stop HGVs.

**Action: Clerk to progress.**

It was suggested that CCTV in the village may assist the problem.

Cllr Fort stated that the Parish Council was in the process of having CCTV installed at the playing field and at the church car park, and if successful the it may consider having it in other locations around the parish.

It was reported that there was a fly tipping to the rear of gardens in George Lane. Cllr Fort stated that she would inspect this and report back.

Litter pick – it was agreed that a litter pick would take place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 meeting at the Playing Field at 10 AM.

A resident attended the meeting to raise an issue regarding an item in the Leeds Newsletter concerning the Public Right of Way at Foley Farm. The Chairman asked if this could be raised under agenda item 10.

**6. KCC Councillors Report.**

KCC Councillor Cooke have his apologies to the meeting.

**7. MBC Ward Councillors Report.**

MBC Councillor Fort gave her report to the meeting.

She spoke regarding the Maidstone Borough Council Local Plan review currently taking place and stated that Maidstone was likely to have to supply up to 10,000 further new homes by 2042. A general discussion took place regarding the Local Plan and the need for additional homes.

**8. Highways Matters.**

No matters were raised.

**9. Police Report.**

No matters were raised.

**10. Correspondence Report.**

The correspondence received during the month was noted by members.

The Clerk drew members attention to correspondence from Strutt and Parker regarding the gate at Foley Farm Cottages, this included a map that confirmed that Public Right of Way. Cllr Fort spoke regarding the confusion concerning this matter and suggested that KCC clearly marked the Public Right of Way. Residents in attendance spoke regarding this matter and their concerns about this, they asked for the correct route to be placed in the Leeds newsletter. This was agreed by Cllr Fort.

Following further discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with Kent County Council to request clear signage to identify the correct Public Right of Way.

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

**11. Planning Matters.**

**New Applications Received**

18/503583/FULL Merriams Farm Caring Lane Leeds Maidstone Kent  
Change of use of land for keeping of horses and erection of stable building and associated works including laying of hard standing.

18/504135/FULL 4 Rutland Cottages Back Street Leeds Maidstone Kent  
Demolition of existing outbuildings and part of existing car port, construction of a new self-catering holiday let, and new oak framed single garage.

**MBC Decisions**

18/501035/LBC

Cordwainers Cottage Caring Lane Leeds Maidstone Kent ME17 1TJ

Listed Building Consent to alteration to application ref 17/501905/LBC approved 24 June 2017 to relocate en suite shower room in master bedroom and enlarge existing bathroom to incorporate a shower.

Application Permitted

17/506036/SUB

Ledian Farm Upper Street Leeds ME17 1RZ

Submission of details pursuant to Conditions 12 & 35 (Surface Water Drainage), 16 & 33 (Archaeology), and 13 (Contamination) (original application ref: 17/500896/NMAMD being a non-material amendment of 12/2046 for Care Village and Assisted Living units)

Application Permitted

18/503162/LBC

Castle View (Battel Hall Oast) Burberry Lane Leeds Maidstone Kent ME17 1RH

Listed Building Consent for removal of existing lead capped decking to stub remnants of oast cowl. Installation of a white gloss painted dude and arnette timber oast chimney cowl.

Application Permitted

18/503326/FULL

Castle View (Battel Hall Oast) Burberry Lane Leeds Maidstone Kent ME17 1RH

Removal of existing lead capped decking to stub remnants of oast cowl. Installation of a white gloss painted dude and arnette timber oast chimney cowl.

Application Permitted

18/502354/LBC

Cordwainers Caring Lane Leeds Maidstone Kent ME17 1TJ

Listed Building Consent for reconstruction of chimney stack, renewal of timber gutters with lead lined timber gutters, replacement of rainwater goods and general roof repairs.

Application Permitted

18/503160/FULL

Caring Cottage Caring Road Leeds ME17 1TH

Erection of detached 2-bay garage.

Application Refused

18/502895/FULL

The Old Vicarage Lower Street Leeds ME17 1RJ

Erection of an Oak framed garage with adjoining log store.

Application Permitted

18/502947/TPO

The Manor House Lower Street Leeds Maidstone Kent ME17 1RR

TPO application for the crown reduction to a yew tree by 1.2m-1.5m

Application Permitted

**12. Financial Matters.****a. Financial Statement.**

The Financial Statement was circulated to all members present and agreed with the addition of two cheques as follows:

Chq 400681 £160.00 Leeds and Broomfield Hall hire.

Chq 400682 £70.04 reimbursement to Cllr Martin.

**Bank Balances**

<b>Opening Balance on Community Direct Plus Account</b>	<b>£63778.12</b>
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00

Less Account for payment	£1388.52
<b>Closing Balance on Community Direct Plus Account</b>	<b>£62389.60</b>

<b>Opening Balance on Business Select 14 Day Account</b>	<b>£30155.63</b>
Less/Add Account transfers/deposits	£0.00

<b>Closing Balance on Business Select 14 Day Account</b>	<b>£30155.63</b>
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<b><u>Balance on all PC Accounts</u></b>	<b><u>£92545.23</u></b>
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**13. Parish Maintenance.**

The Clerk reported that the Rotary Club had asked permission to plant bulbs in the parish again this year. This was agreed by members.

**Action: Clerk to respond to correspondence.**

**14. Public Rights of Way.**

A resident in attendance at the meeting spoke about the public rights of way in the parish and stated that some of these were overgrown and he was happy to undertake work on these. Cllr Fort thanked him this.

It was reported that a stile was broken on Public Right of Way KH236.

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

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

No matters were raised.

**16. Street Lighting.**

No matters were raised.

**17. CCTV In the Parish.**

The Clerk informed members that CCTV systems was due to be installed towards the end of October 2018.

**18. Public Comments and Observations.**

No matters were raised.

**19. Urgent Matters.**

No matters were raised.

20. Date of next meeting.  
9<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

*There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed to the press and public at 8.30pm.*

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

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