

LECONFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd April 2017

Present:-Parish Councillors Healy (in the Chair), Brean, Metcalfe-Thompson, and Welbourn

5 members of the public

Mr Siddle – Rural housing enabler for ERYC

Apologies for absence – Cllr Scruton, Huzzard and Leng.

Declarations of interest – None

22/17	<u>Minutes of the meeting</u> held on 6 th March 2017 were agreed and signed as a complete record.
23/17	<p><u>Matters arising</u> <u>Housing survey</u></p> <p>Mr Siddle reported back on the recent housing survey. He recapped on his last presentation, with the average house price in the village being £200,000. There are some low-cost homes but very few rental properties and no bungalows.</p> <p>Response to the survey was low with 21 replies. Ten of these were people in housing need, although these needs were quite wide. Many of these were aspiring to rent elsewhere or to purchase their own property.</p> <p>He concluded that there was housing need in the village. As there was a prospective major development included in the Local Plan Mr Siddle suggested lobbying for bungalows, housing for rent and low cost housing. He also suggested a small infill scheme of bungalows or starter homes, approximately 4 to 6 units somewhere in the village.</p> <p>Mr Siddle also mentioned the School of Defence Transport which is a large local employer and further housing needs could be identified by their staff. Cllr Healy brought up the issue of the military housing that has been sold off and Cllr Metcalfe-Thompson highlighted the number of ex-military who are keen to stay locally to keep their children in the local school.</p> <p>Cllr Healy mentioned housing on Carnaby Close which was supposed to be low cost but the builder had gone out of business.</p> <p>She asked how the PC could influence the amount of affordable housing and Mr Siddle responded that 25% should be affordable and that is encouraged by ERYC. These are usually small two bedroomed houses for rent.</p> <p>Cllr Metcalfe-Thompson brought up the right to buy legislation and how this is the case for secure local authority housing. Mr Siddle explained about the legislation for this and for other housing groups.</p> <p>Cllr Healy brought up the lack of bungalows and Mr Siddle discussed the high cost of this kind of development as the builders do not find them profitable, but this can be negotiable.</p> <p>Cllr Welbourn was concerned about the affordable housing being available for the local population and Mr Siddle said that this could be done through the housing register initially to make sure the local population was served first.</p> <p>A resident asked if the infill sites were identified in the local plan and Mr</p>

	<p>Siddle responded that this was not the case as there was a minimum size before inclusion. The Chair thanked Mr Siddle for attending and he left the meeting.</p> <p>Stones on road These have now been cleared.</p> <p>Village Hall Heating The work has now been done and thanks were given to Cllr Huzzard for all his efforts.</p> <p>Damage to the raised area on The Poplars This has been reported again.</p> <p>Playground Equipment Inspection As Cllr Leng was not present, this was postponed to the next meeting</p> <p>Newsletter An article had been included about going bi-monthly. Resolved – to await any responses.</p> <p>Flood Defences No further information to the queries. Resolved – discuss with Cllr Pollard next month.</p> <p>Bus stop ERYC have responded and are looking into the extra bus stop.</p> <p>Football Posts The resident who had requested permanent football posts on the Playing Field had contacted the Village Hall Committee but had been told that the posts would not be going up as the grass cutters did not want any obstacles. There was a discussion about how posts could be available for him. Resolved – to look into some of the suggestions.</p> <p>Fish and Chip Van Permit It was reported that the owners had now forwarded a copy of their permit from ERYC.</p> <p>BT Concrete boxes on Gun Club Corner These had been reported to ERYC as a hazard.</p>
24/17	<p><u>Planning Applications</u> None this month</p>
25/17	<p><u>ERYC matters</u> Parish Council Liaison Meeting This would take place on Tuesday 16th May 2017 6pm at County Hall. Resolved – Cllr Breen agreed to attend if possible.</p> <p>Recycling Credits July to December 2016 - £294.71</p>
26/17	<p><u>Correspondence Received</u> Notice of Audit The accounts had to be completed and submitted to the Auditors by the beginning of June 2017.</p> <p>Estuary TV They have asked for items of interest to broadcast on their local channel Resolved – to publicise to local groups.</p>

	<p>Query as to location of Leconfield Park There had been an email enquiry asking about the location of Leconfield Park and this is now where the MOD camp is. Resolved - Cllr Metcalfe Thompson agreed to respond to the enquiry.</p>
27/17	<p><u>Accounts for Payment</u> The following payments were agreed:- (a) Clerk Salary and expenses March £ 182.12 (b) Molescroft Press £ 190.00</p>
28/17	<p><u>Any other matters</u> Parish Council Vacancies for Co-option. These have been advertised with a closing date of 22nd May to allow interested parties to attend a meeting. There has been one email response so far.</p> <p>Commuted Sums Cllr Healy outlined the type of project that can be funded and confirmed that information had been included in the newsletter and there had been some suggestions. One suggestion was replacing the planters which was probably not eligible, but funding could be made available for this separately. Other suggestions included:- Fitness equipment. Bubble park made into sensory or wildlife area. Development of a multi games facility. Cllr Brean brought up the problems of isolation for older men and the possibility of some sort of social group. Refurbishment and better insulation of the Village Hall. Resolved – to get some costing for new planters for the next meeting.</p> <p>Village Hall A resident brought up the fire doors in the Village Hall which are not closing properly. Resolved – to investigate</p> <p>It was reported that a drainage cover surround is sinking at the bottom end of Ashtree Drive. Resolved – report to ERYC</p>
	<p><u>Date of next meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting –</u> Tuesday 2nd May 2017 as the first Monday is a Bank Holiday.</p>