

# LECONFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017

Present:-Parish Councillors Huzzard (Chair), Breen, Broadhurst, Leng, Scruton and Welbourn.

7 members of the public

Apologies for absence – Cllrs Healy and Metcalfe-Thompson

Declarations of interest – Cllr Huzzard declared an interest in new tea urn.

62/17	<p><b><u>Minutes of the meeting</u></b> held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017 were agreed and signed as a complete record.</p>
63/17	<p><b><u>Matters arising</u></b></p> <p><b>Parish Council Vacancies</b> Cllr Broadhurst was welcomed to the meeting.</p> <p><b>Commuted Sums Funding</b> Ongoing.</p> <p><b>BT boxes Gun Club corner</b> The box in the dip near to the junction just past the Gun Club still needs attention but the other one has been done. The new casing had been hit by a car and there was a discussion about the possible hazard.</p> <p><b>Playground Equipment Inspection</b> A quote has been received to do the repairs highlighted in the annual report and it was for £1600. <b>Resolved</b> – to examine the quote and see which parts of the more general work can be done locally and then decide.</p> <p><b>Trial bus stop</b> Debbie McGurn had rung and explained that ERYC have concerns about situating the stop after the bend on the main road, as there is no funding available for a lay-by and ERYC felt there were issues involving visibility past the bend. Concerns were also discussed about the proximity to the zebra crossing and the zig zag lines. Despite these concerns ERYC felt that the current site could be the only option for a bus stop at that end of the village. <b>Resolved</b> – to await the result of the trial period.</p> <p><b>Spring at The Haven, Arram.</b> Mr Sugden had sent a number of photographs supposedly showing no problems of water leakage, but the location of the photographs seemed to be in another area. <b>Resolved</b> – to query the location of the photographs.</p> <p><b>Sportsfield Lease</b> No response from ERYC as yet.</p>

	<p><b>Tea Urn</b> A quote has been received from Arthur Day for £120 plus VAT to replace the urn. <b>Resolved</b> – to go ahead with the replacement.</p> <p><b>Memorial Gardens</b> The area has been tidied up and weeds have been removed. Cllr Breen reported that the person who complained had sent their thanks for the work. There was a discussion about the condition of the fence and it was proposed that the PC remove the plaques and record the positions, remove the railings for painting, polish the plaques and replace them. Also replace the notice giving information about how to get a plaque. <b>Resolved</b> – to arrange the work.</p> <p><b>Parking on grass verge outside Post Office</b> ERYC will be writing to the resident as this is in contravention of Section 131 of the Highways Act.</p>
64/17	<p><b><u>Planning Applications</u></b> <u>Notice of Decision</u> Erection of single storey extension at St Catherine’s Church – approved with conditions.</p>
65/17	<p><b><u>ERYC matters</u></b> <u>Flood Prevention Measures</u> Mr Towse had agreed to contact the residents of Bridge House about the condition of the bank and piping the drain there and along part of Old Road. Cllr Huzzard expressed concerns about the culvert at Black Barn which is in need of clearing. The culvert at the junction of Old Road/Main Street is becoming overgrown as well and could be cleared at the same time. <b>Resolved</b> – to find out the progress of the discussions with Bridge House and ask if the culverts could be cleared of weeds.</p>
66/17	<p><b><u>Correspondence Received</u></b> <b>Weeds on Sportsfield</b> A resident had asked if the area on the Sportsfield near the tennis/basketball part could be cleared of weeds. <b>Resolved</b> - Cllr Huzzard agreed to see if Ashley Briggs could do the work, along with other hedge-trimming etc.</p> <p><b>Condition of allotments</b> Mr and Mrs Chambers, who rent allotments, had complained about the poor condition of some of the plots. <b>Resolved</b> – Cllr Huzzard agreed to liaise with them to discuss the problems. The Clerk agreed to send him a plan and list of plot holders.</p> <p><b>Whist Club donation</b> The Whist Club had written to thank the PC for their donation.</p>

	<p><b>Overhanging trees St Catherine's Drive</b> Mr Lobb had complained of overhanging trees in the Bubble park which are shading his garden. Cllr Huzzard has spoken to him and agreed that the trees were planted by the PC in the past. <b>Resolved</b> – to try and get three quotes for the removal of the tree and lilac bush at rear 36/38 and separate quote for the other tree at the far end.</p> <p><b>Village Hall</b> The Committee had emailed and are making sure that the curtain material is fire retardant. Three of the big lights are out and Days have repaired in the past. <b>Resolved</b> – to go ahead and get them replaced.</p>						
67/17	<p><b><u>Accounts for Payment</u></b> The following payments were agreed:-</p> <table data-bbox="320 748 1310 857"> <tr> <td>(a) Clerk Salary and expenses September</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 190.12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(b) Newsletter</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 190.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(c) Grant for Whist Club</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 140.00</td> </tr> </table>	(a) Clerk Salary and expenses September	£ 190.12	(b) Newsletter	£ 190.00	(c) Grant for Whist Club	£ 140.00
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68/17	<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b> Cllr Leng brought up the new kerbing by the Gun Club which appears to have narrowed the road and she has seen some near misses and there had been a crash. <b>Resolved</b> – to monitor the situation</p> <p>Cllr Breen reported that there is a skylight leaking in the Village Hall. <b>Resolved</b> – get more details of the leak.</p> <p>Resident highlighted the lamppost at the Grange Road junction with Carnaby Close which is leaning. None of lampposts are working but road is not adopted.</p>						
	<p><b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b> Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017.</p>						