

LECONFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 6th November 2017

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

ERY Cllr Pollard

7 members of the public

Apologies for absence – Cllr Leng

Declarations of interest – Cllr Broadhurst on Planning Application Decoy Farm.

69/17	<p><u>Minutes of the meeting</u> held on 2nd October 2017 were agreed and signed as a complete record with the following amendment:- Item 63/17 Matters Arising Memorial Garden should read Millennium Green</p>
70/17	<p><u>Matters arising</u></p> <p>Commutated Sums Funding Ongoing. Cllr Healy expressed her concern to ERYC Pollard about the problems the Parish Council had experienced trying to obtain an application form for the funding. Resolved – Cllr Pollard agreed to investigate the matter.</p> <p>Bubble Park Tree Work An estimate had been received from Jonathan Neighbour who is a qualified tree surgeon. To remove the White Beam would be £270, the Elder scrub £150 and to crown lift the other White Beam on the opposite side would be £80. He could not do the work until after the Christmas holidays. Resolved – to accept the quote.</p> <p>Trial bus stop Debbie McGurn had been trying to get evidence that the stop is not safe and is putting contact details on the stop for residents to contact her if they witness any hazardous incidents. The Chair expressed concern about safety issues due to the siting of the new stop and having to get evidence of near misses. Resolved – to include in the Newsletter to get opinions of residents.</p> <p>Spring at The Haven, Arram. This has now been sorted.</p> <p>Sportsfield Lease Still nothing from ERYC. Resolved – Cllr Pollard agreed to chase this up.</p> <p>.</p> <p>Tea Urn The replacement urn is now in place.</p>

	<p>Millennium Green maintenance Ongoing</p> <p>Condition of allotment plots Cllr Huzzard had checked the plots and felt that Plot 5 was rather overgrown. Resolved – to contact the plot holder.</p>
71/17	<p><u>Planning Applications</u></p> <p><u>Erection of 10 dwellings on land south of Lissett Close, Leconfield.</u> An extension for comments until after the meeting had been requested and agreed by ERYC. There was a discussion about the application Resolved – to recommend refusal (see attached comments sheet)</p> <p><u>Installation of door and other alterations at Decoy Farm, Scarborough.</u> Resolved – no observations.</p>
72/17	<p><u>ERYC matters</u></p> <p><u>Review of Internal Drainage Boards</u> Cllr Huzzard had checked this document, but it did not seem to concern the village.</p> <p><u>Information request re the hedge on Old Road</u> ERYC had been contacted by a resident who had reported an uncut hedge on Old Road. This would appear to refer to the Playing Field hedge. Cllr Huzzard queried why ERYC had cut this hedge in 2015 but not since then. Resolved – Cllr Pollard agreed to find out.</p> <p><u>Anti Social Behaviour Statistics</u> These had been received.</p> <p><u>Community Safety Survey</u> The Community Safety Partnership was requesting feedback on their performance.</p> <p><u>Parish Council Name Banks</u> The suggestions in the Leconfield Name Bank were reviewed and some were deleted. Hirst and Brusby were added as suggestions. Resolved – to consider other options.</p> <p><u>Rough Sleeper survey</u> This would be taking place on the early hours of Wednesday 22nd November 2017. Resolved – to report any sightings.</p> <p><u>Rats</u> A resident of Arram had concerns about a rat problem at Corner View Arram. They felt that it was due to bird food being put out regularly. Resolved – as the alleged problem was on council property Cllr Pollard agreed to investigate.</p>

	<p><u>Flood prevention</u> Mr Towse had emailed about the work that had been done clearing the culverts and the culverting of dyke seems to be progressing.</p>																
73/17	<p><u>Correspondence Received</u> Children in Need fundraising Peter Levy from BBC Look North would be cycling through the village on Sunday 12th November 2017 as part of the fundraising.</p>																
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75/17	<p><u>Any Other Business</u> Cllr Metcalfe-Thompson reported problems with dog fouling in her street which is open plan. Resolved – to include an article in the newsletter and advise the residents to contact the dog warden.</p> <p>Cllr Huzzard commented that part of fence in the Village Hall car park was down. Cllr Breen responded that it had been down for some time, possibly due to vandalism.</p> <p>Cllr Healy had been contacted about the condition of the fences around the Millennium Green and who owns them as parts of them are rotting. Resolved – email ex Cllr Wray who was involved in the original planning.</p> <p>A resident mentioned the large ash tree behind Black Barn overhanging the water course and dropping leaves into the water. Resolved - Cllr Huzzard agreed to investigate and take a photograph.</p> <p>Recreation Club A member of the Recreation Club committee addressed the meeting to discuss his concerns about the future of the Club. There are currently 10 members on the Committee, but four of these will not be standing again next year. They have tried to get support by publicising it on the radio and an article in the newsletter will be asking for more volunteers. Resolved - To think of other suggestions.</p>																
	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u> Monday 4th December 2017.</p>																

Application 17/03253/PLF

Erection of 10 dwellings on land to the south of Lissett Close, Leconfield.

Leconfield Parish Council recommend that the application be refused for the following reasons:-

1. The site is not identified on the Local Development Plan and would be overdevelopment of the site with the new houses not blending in with the current housing stock. There are already empty properties on Lissett Close and the development does not address any issues of affordable development in the village.
2. The road is poor condition currently unadopted by the local authority. Previous applications have suggested that the road would be brought up to an adoptable condition so that it could be taken over by ERYC but there is no mention of that in this application.
3. There is a lack of parking allocated to the new properties. There are already problems with parking congestion on the road and the new properties will add to this. This could lead to problems of access for emergency services and there are no footpaths on the road which could be hazardous to pedestrians.
4. The application seems to include part of the 5metre perimeter of MOD land which should not be developed.
5. The area is a flood risk and has had to be pumped out in the past. There have also been problems with the sewage system. The original system was put in by the MOD and taken over by Yorkshire Water but is not in good condition and may struggle to cope with the demands of another 10 houses.

The Parish Council request that, if the planning officer is recommending a different decision, it should be referred to the appropriate Committee.