

LECONFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 4th December 2017

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

4 members of the public

Apologies for absence – Cllr Breen

Declarations of interest – None.

76/17	<u>Minutes of the meeting</u> held on 6 th November 2017 were agreed and signed as a complete record.
77/17	<u>Matters arising</u> Commuted Sums Funding Cllr Healy has been contacted by ERYC about the funding and the form has been forwarded. ERYC had confirmed that they are prepared to do another 35 year lease of the Playing Field with similar conditions of the last one. Resolved – to begin to pull together funding bids. Bubble Park Tree Work The tree work is due to go ahead after Christmas and the resident who complained has been informed. Resolved – Cllr Huzzard agreed to liaise with the tree surgeon about the work. Trial bus stop Debbie McGurn had confirmed that the trial bus stop will remain until next year. There had been an email from a resident supporting the new stop and this had been passed on to ERYC. Millennium Green Ex Cllr Wray still needs to be contacted to get information about the boundaries. Resolved – email him. Corner View Arram rat problem ERYC had written stating they have advised the resident to feed the birds above the ground and sweep any waste food away each day and that the rat problem seemed to be coming from other areas due to the rural location. Cllr Welbourn expressed concern that this did not seem to be helping the situation and had further photographs of rat damage to the property next door and inside their car. Resolved – it was agreed that this was an ERYC problem and to contact Cllr Pollard to suggest resident stops feeding the birds to see if it helps the situation and that contacts the resident. Playing Field Hedge ERYC had confirmed that they will cut it shortly and then annually.

	<p>Tree Work on Playing Field Some major tree work needs to be done. Resolved – have an on-site meeting and discuss with Mike Lount and Ashley Briggs.</p> <p>Village Hall Curtains Cllr Scruton reported that he had spoken to a member of the Village Hall Committee who stated that because the cost of curtains had gone up and the uncertainty about the future of the Recreation Club they have put the matter on hold for now.</p>
78/17	<p><u>Planning Applications</u> Erection of extension to side at The Hollies, Main Street – no comments. Cllr Huzzard queried why the public notice was not put up until about a week after the application appeared on the Public Forum and how long the notice would stay up. Resolved – to contact ERYC for clarification.</p>
79/17	<p><u>ERYC matters</u> Roadworks in the Village Notice had been received from ERYC about two roadworks that were planned. 1. Carriageway re-surfacing A164 between Grange Road and Swanbridge Vets commencing 6th December 2017. 2. Resurfacing work between Drays Drive junction and 70m north of Brigadier bend commencing on 11th December.</p> <p>Civil Parking Report This had been received for information.</p> <p>Precept 2018/19 The Clerk distributed a summary of the accounts and confirmed that they were in a healthy state. There was a discussion about possible work that needs to be done to the Village Hall and budgeting for that. Resolved – to increase the Precept amount by 2%.</p> <p>Chairman’s Awards 2018 Nominations were invited for the various categories and information was available on the ERYC website.</p>
80/17	<p><u>Correspondence Received</u> Airfield An email enquiry had been received about how to book the airfield. Resolved – suggest contacting MOD</p> <p>Playground Equipment Inspection A quote of £65 had been received from the Play Inspection Company to undertake the annual inspection. Resolved – to accept the quote.</p>

81/17	<p><u>Accounts for Payment</u> The following payments were agreed:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>(a) Clerk Salary and expenses November</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 172.63</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(b) Zurich Insurance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 257.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(c) Wilberforce Insurance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 378.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(d) Newsletter</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 230.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(e) PAYE</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 129.00</td> </tr> </table>	(a) Clerk Salary and expenses November	£ 172.63	(b) Zurich Insurance	£ 257.60	(c) Wilberforce Insurance	£ 378.40	(d) Newsletter	£ 230.00	(e) PAYE	£ 129.00
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82/17	<p><u>Any Other Business</u> <u>Village Hall Maintenance</u> Photographs of maintenance issues had been forwarded by a member of the Village Hall committee. Resolved - It was agreed that the guttering repairs and weed removal should have priority – Cllr Welbourn may be able to arrange this, but otherwise the Clerk to try and get 3 quotes for the work. Repairs to back door – Cllr Webourn agreed to find out costs to repair/replace. Weeds in guttering on car park which may need hosing out – Chair to contact Ashley Briggs to see if he can do the work. Cllr Huzzard agreed to liaise with Mr Foote to get clarification on the other photos.</p> <p>Cllr Huzzard mentioned the problems with water running down Miles Lane last year and the Playing Field being waterlogged. Resolved – to get more evidence if it comes again this winter.</p> <p>A resident asked if the tree overhanging the dyke has been assessed yet but Cllr Huzzard had not had a chance to check this. Resolved – Cllr Huzzard to photograph tree.</p> <p>The same resident asked if it would be possible to have a half-length layby next to the telephone exchange for the bus to pull into, possibly using funds from the projected developments in the village. Resolved – to consider the suggestion when the trial period for the new bus stop has ended.</p> <p>Footpath 13 from Old Road to Main Street Another resident again expressed his concern about the narrowness of the footpath and the leaning fence at one side restricting access even further. Resolved – to highlight again with Simon Parker at ERYC and Cllr Pollard and mention the narrowness is restricting disabled access.</p>										
	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u> Monday 8th January 2018</p>										