

# LECONFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Present:- Parish Councillors Cllr Healy (in the Chair), Breen, Broadhurst, Huzzard, Leng, Metcalfe- Thompson, Scruton and Welbourn

6 members of the public

Mr Siddle, Rural Housing Enabler from ERYC

Apologies for absence – none

Declarations of interest – Cllr Huzzard for defibrillator.

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| 38/18 | <b>Minutes of the meeting</b> held on 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2018 were agreed and signed as a complete record.   |
| 39/18 | <b>Register of Interests forms</b><br>Cllrs Broadhurst and Leng had returned their forms. All the forms will now be published on the website.   |
| 40/18 | <b>Affordable Rural Housing</b><br>Mr Siddle was welcomed to the meeting and he went over the housing needs survey that had indicated a need for affordable rural housing, either for the elderly or first-time buyers. Two sites on Arram Road had been identified for a small scheme of bungalows for the elderly to rent but there was no guarantee that the land would be available.<br>The Chair asked for clarification as she felt there were bungalows available, but Mr Siddle clarified that there were some, but not available for affordable rent.<br>Any development would have a local lettings policy, so residents, or someone who needed to move back, would have priority.<br>Mr Siddle suggested an open afternoon to find out if any residents would be interested in the schemes.<br>The Chair queried what would happen if the properties changed hands and Mr Siddle stated that a covenant would be in place to prevent profiteering.<br>There was a discussion about how this would fit in with the large development that had just received outline planning permission, but Mr Siddle felt that there was still a place for the small schemes.<br>Cllr Huzzard brought up the identified sites, which had been discussed when the Local Plan was being drawn up. It had been agreed when this was discussed that the one next to the school should be left so that the School could expand if necessary. The other site on the opposite side of the road also had a major sewer running through it.<br><b>Resolved</b> – Mr Siddle agreed to check on the two land issues raised and possibly return once more information had been gained.<br>Mr Siddle left the meeting. |
| 41/18 | <b>Matters Arising</b><br><b>Footpath adjacent to Churchyard</b><br>The Commonwealth War Graves Commission had responded to the resident that had complained they would be re-instating the path by re-seeding. The area would be fenced off until the grass grew.<br>Cllr Pollard had responded with a reply from Simon Parker at ERYC. He stated that the Church had access to the path for maintenance purposes, but no mention of funerals. The Parish Council has powers to maintain public right of way, but concerns were expressed about taking this on   |

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|       | <p>regularly. It is still not confirmed who owns the strip of land, although it had been discussed on the Village Walkabout and they were trying to find out. Still no response from the Church.</p> <p><b>Resolved</b> – to do more enquiries about who owns the land. Chase up the Church and Vicar as there is a need to sort out use of path for funerals as any vehicles using the area in the winter would churn up the path.</p> <p><b>Village Walkabout</b><br/> This had taken place on the 30<sup>th</sup> May and Cllr Metcalfe-Thompson reported back. She went through some of the issues raised.<br/> Concerns about the height of some of the trees on St Catherine’s Drive had been raised, but these need to be reported separately.<br/> Disabled scooter access at barriers near Telephone Exchange – it was felt that it would be easier to make the gap wider.<br/> The loose cowling on the light on zebra crossing SW A164– needs to be reported separately.<br/> The footpaths on Main Street are due to be resurfaced shortly</p> <p><b>Resolved</b> – to thank Cllr Metcalfe Thompson for co-ordinating the walkabout and to report the issues raised.</p> <p><b>Millennium Green</b><br/> Nothing to report until the path is repaired.</p> <p><b>Village Defibrillator</b><br/> Yorkshire Ambulance Service had written asking if the Parish Council would take over the maintenance and care of the defibrillator.<br/> <b>Resolved</b> – it was proposed that the PC take on the defibrillator and agreed on a vote of 5 to 3. Cllr Huzzard agreed to liaise with the shop about the weekly checking of the equipment.</p> <p><b>Play Area</b><br/> There had been a report on social media about someone being injured on rotting boards around the swing area.<br/> <b>Resolved</b> – to make sure the area is checked monthly. The Chair agreed to draw up a spreadsheet of the equipment and a visual checklist and it was agreed to have a monthly rota.</p> <p><b>Bend on A164</b><br/> Mr Hislop at ERYC had confirmed he would be monitoring the new surface which had appeared to be waterlogged after heavy rain.</p> |
| 42/18 | <p><b><u>Planning Applications</u></b><br/> <b>Applications Received</b><br/> Erection of 1<sup>st</sup> floor extension The Leases, Main Street – no comments.</p> <p><b>Notice of Decision</b><br/> Erection of 4 terraced houses on land south of Lissett Close – planning permission granted with conditions.<br/> A resident had contacted the planning department with concerns that soakaways had not been put in during the development of the above site,</p>  |

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|       | as specified in the approved plans. He felt that this would be a major issue with regards to the past flooding of the area.  |
| 43/18 | <b><u>ERYC matters</u></b><br>None   |
| 44/18 | <b><u>Correspondence Received</u></b><br><b><u>ERNLLCA information re Clerk Salary increase</u></b><br>Information had been received about an increase in the Clerk's Salary Scale and this would result in an increase of £6.50 per month from April 2018.<br><b>Resolved</b> – to agree to the increase.<br><br><b><u>Email from resident</u></b><br>A resident had emailed and asked if a litter pick could be done around the village and had concerns about noise from dogs barking.<br><b>Resolved</b> – to ask if there was a specific area that had a litter problem and highlight the recent work that had been done by ERYC.<br>Also, to suggest contacting the Animal Warden who may be able to advise about the dog barking nuisance.<br><br><b><u>Electoral register update</u></b> |
| 45/18 | <b><u>Accounts for Payment</u></b><br>The following payments were agreed:-<br>(a) Clerk Salary and expenses May £228.63<br>(b) Newsletter June/July £195.00  |
| 46/18 | <b><u>Annual Audit</u></b><br>The Accounts were due to go to audit and were signed by the Chair.   |
| 47/18 | <b><u>Any other business</u></b><br>A resident had queried the outline permission for 49 properties and whether part of it should have been included. It was agreed that as the permission was only outline and needed further clarification.<br><br>Another resident queried the poor grass cutting and disposal of the cuttings on St Catherine's Drive.<br>Also, some work had been done near to Nos 95/97 St Catherine's Drive and the verge needs re-instating.<br><b>Resolved</b> – to highlight to ERYC.<br><br>The resident also brought up concerns about the bottom exit doors on the Village Hall that are not closing properly.<br><b>Resolved</b> – to get estimates for the work.  |
|       | <b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b><br>Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2018   |

