

LECONFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Monday 2nd September 2019

Present:- Parish Councillors Breen, Healy, Scruton, Broadhurst, Leng and Welbourn.
Ward Councillor Gateshill. Huzzard (Clerk)

3 members of the public

Apologies for absence – Cllr Metcalfe-Thompson

Declarations of interest – none.

Minutes of the meeting held on 1st July 2019 were agreed and signed as a complete record.

Matters Arising

Firstly the Leconfield Parish Council - hereafter to be referred to as LPC and East Riding of Yorkshire Council to be referred to as ERYC.

61/19 -Footpath at the side of St.Catherine's Church, Leconfield.

Following the previous correspondence to the 3 Ward Councillors, Councillor Gateshill confirmed that he had visited the site. He accepted that the path needs a top layer of appropriate stone but he was not overly concerned regarding the safety aspect.

He also confirmed that he would contact the Legal Section at ERYC to try to ascertain who owns the footpath and would report back.

LPC repeated their concern over the fact that ERYC has no record of application for the footpath to have been dug up in 2018 to enable the surface water drains from the 'Mere Glen' development to be connected into the main surface water drain at the far end of the path near the pumping station.

The questions raised being:

Has it been installed to a satisfactory standard?

Was any permission given?

Is this new pipe line on the Yorkshire Water drawings?

Was a 'Section 50' application made?

LPC requested that they wish ERYC to pursue this matter.

Cllr Gateshill accepted the request but proposed that the ownership of the path should first be tried to establish.

62/19-Parish Council Audit

The Clerk raised a question in relation to concerns by National Audit Office (NAO) and the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) where small councils (annual precept less than £25,000) could become subject to an Audit Investigation should a resident/s feel that they are not getting good value from their precept.

The concern from NALC is that an in depth audit/investigation could cost more than the annual precept of the Council.

Cllr Gateshill confirmed that he was not aware of this matter.

To be discussed further at the next meeting, with precept.

63/19-MOD - Trees

Cllr Gateshill confirmed that he would ask ERYC to contact the MOD to undertake a survey of the trees in the area around the former main entrance to the camp, on Grange Road.

64/19-Public Nuisance

Cllr Gateshill said he had been made aware of a public nuisance issue on Main Street regarding barking dogs and stated that this was not for the Dog warden, but an Environmental Health issue.

LPC thanked Cllr Gateshill for attending and for his forthcoming support on the issues raised.

65/19-Pedestrian Gate – Leconfield Playing Field

A quote has been received to install a 'Kissing Gate' to replace the old wooden gate. The cost to supply and install the gate was in excess of £1000 and this was felt to be too high.

Further quotes are to be obtained for a conventional single gate in galvanised steel as a direct replacement of the old gate.

66/19-Precept

The Clerk was asked to investigate whether LPC is capped to a 2% increase in the precept for 2020/2021.

Clerk to report back at next meeting.

67/19-Millennium Green

Cllr Healy to organise the tidying up weeds around the perimeter and the footpath, with contractor.

70/19-Flood Defence Walkabout

LPC members undertook a walkabout of the scheme and noted areas of concern.

The Clerk reported the findings to ERYC and a meeting was arranged with Dan Ashman (ERYC) who arranged for the dyke along Miles lane to be cut. The leasing of the land in the field, parallel to Miles Lane was clarified as in place and the Clerk requested that this area and the Miles Lane section be added to the maintenance programme.

Other areas in the village away from the scheme were visited and the Clerk will continue to liaise with ERYC.

The parked vehicle at Arram has now been moved.

71/19-Hedges – some hedge cutting has taken place outside 2 properties in Arram Road and further cutting may be needed at the permitted time. The overgrown verge on Arram Road has not been cut (refer ERYC matters).

72/19-Planning Matters:

Arram – land used for dog training – refused

The Hollies, Main Street Leconfield – no comments raised

Dwelling at Station farm, Arram – no comments raised.

73/19-ERYC matters

Barriers at side of BT exchange, Leconfield – ERYC to complete before end of October 2019.

Grange Road – yellow lines – no action to date.

Grass cutting – some parts of Grange Road are not being cut – Clerk requested a copy of the schedule from ERYC.

Parish Council Matters:**74/19-Allotments:**

Following the article in the Parish Newsletter, there are now 3 people on the waiting list for allotments.

A new Tenancy Agreement is to be drawn up, to bring it up to date, and A template will be presented to Lec PC by the next meeting.

A member of the public asked if a sign could be put up stating that authorised people only should enter the allotment site.

75/19-Bank Mandate

Clerk reported that all the correct signatories are now in place at Barclays Bank.

3 Lec PC members as authorised signatories. Clerk to receive statements etc.

76/19-Little Lane:

To try, once again, to establish ownership of the small grassed area opposite the site of the former dwelling 'Mere Glen'.

77/19-Parish Councillor vacancies:

A member of the public has shown interest and will report back at next meeting.

78/19-Correspondence received:

The charity 'Scope' has requested placing a textile recycling bin by the car park at the front of the Recreation Club – agreed.

Clerk to organise.

CHCP defibrillator training – the PC members thought it a good idea.

To liaise with the Recreation Club as they too may need training.

Whist Club application for a grant towards hiring of the Recreation Club room – agreed

Local Plan – Update of the number of projected developments needed to meet the requirement. With the proposed developments of LEC1 and 2 Leconfield should meet that requirement.

79/19-Payment of Accounts:

Molescroft Press – Newsletter August/September	£235.00
Dryden Line Marking (Village Hall/Club car park lines)	£492.00
Arthur Day Electrical – PAT testing + electrical repairs	£279.42
Ashley Briggs – Hedge cutting near BT exchange	£75.00

Whist Club (Lec. Recreation Club to administer) – Grant £150.00

Clerk salary – July and August

£NIL

80/19-Any other business:

A wasp's nest was reported in the Playing Field and was eradicated after several attempts.

Pump Bridge corner A164 – road surface damaged by a tractor shedding its load of bales. Metal barriers also crushed.

Clerk to report to ERYC.

Village Hall heating – Cllr Broadhurst to look into the construction of a platform to ease access for servicing.

To report back.

ID badges – any Councillor requiring a badge needs to send their photo to the Clerk.

Damaged KC inspection cover outside 27 Old Road –Clerk to report.

Cllr Breen reported that light fittings had been left in the Village hall w/c, also the replaced w/c door requires painting – to discuss at next meeting.

It was pointed out that the Village Hall does not have a w/c with disabled access.

The Recreation Club had found dry rot under the floor in the shower area and one of the boilers had broken down.

Following the August Military exercises it was reported that whilst the residents of Leconfield had received warning by letter, the residents of Arram and Scarborough had not.

Clerk to write to MOD to try to prevent this omission in the future.

Date of next meeting:

7th October 2019 at 7.30pm Leconfield Village Hall.

