

# LECONFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2019

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

4 members of the public

Apologies for absence – Cllr Metcalfe-Thompson

Declarations of interest – none.

	The meeting was Chaired by Cllr Scruton in the absence of Cllr Healy.
81/19	Minutes of the meeting held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> September, 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record
	Matters arising – (no declarations of interest)
82/19	The Parish Council (LecPC) welcomed the attendance of Ward Councillor Greenwood for the first time and again the presence of Cllr Gateshill.
83/19	<p><b>Footpath at side of St.Catherines Church, Leconfield.</b></p> <p>Cllr Gateshill confirmed that the Legal Section of East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) stated that they are not the legal owners of the footpath. There is no legal owner registered at Land Registry.</p> <p>The land now occupied by the Yorkshire Water (YW) sewage pumping station at the end of the footpath was sold by the Hellier Trust to Beverley Rural District Council in 1967, and later transferred to Yorkshire Water in 1974.</p> <p>The extended Church yard was sold by the Hellier Trust to the Church in 1996. YW have access rights to enter the path in order to maintain the pumping station. He also suggested that should there be future issues of damage to the path by YW vehicles; that photo evidence be forwarded to ERYC.</p> <p>With regard to the issue of the new drain, Cllr Gateshill suggested that LecPC contact YW direct.</p> <p>Agreed that the Clerk do so and report back at the next meeting.</p>
84/19	<p><b>Parish Council Audit</b></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that Cllr Gateshill had looked into the question of possibly more detailed audits by small councils, and the Clerk had received more details from ERYC staff and we should await the reports by the Nation Audit Office in December and then March 2020.</p> <p>The Clerk presented an Income and Expenditure projected report to LecPC and copies shown to the members of public present.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the Parish precept can be raised in 2020 by more than 2% without the need for a referendum</p> <p>It was proposed that the Income/Expenditure report should be put on the LecPC website 3 or 4 times a year.</p>
85/19	<p><b>MOD trees</b></p> <p>There are a large number of trees on Grange Road, (same side as old Camp entrance) that Cllr Gateshill is to ask ERYC to contact MOD to arrange a survey of the trees, and will report back.</p>
86/19	<p><b>Public nuisance –barking dogs</b></p> <p>Cllr Gateshill stated again that if this a continuing problem it is an Environmental Health issue.</p> <p>None of the members of public present raised this as a complaint.</p>

87/19	LecPC thanked Cllr Gateshill for looking into the issues raised and it was evident that he had spent some time in researching the facts, especially in relation to the footpath.
88/19	<b>Neighbourhood Watch</b> Tracy Gerrard presented proposals to re-establish a Neighbourhood Watch (NW) scheme in Leconfield and is to organise a launch in the Village Hall. She proposed that signs be erected on certain street lights, and would ask ERYC to attach them due to Health and Safety concerns. The Clerk pointed out that some of the street lights are owned by LecPC, so we would need to know exactly which lights were to have signs attached. Tracy will keep LecPC informed of progress.
89/19	<b>Pedestrian gate – Playing Field</b> Awaiting further quotes
90/19	<b>Flood Defence Scheme</b> Concern was raised that some of the bank sides are being eroded by the maintenance team, and puddling is occurring as the trench bottoms are being over dug. The ongoing concern about debris building up at the grills A report will be drawn up and presented to ERYC.
91/19	<b>Barriers at side of BT exchange near Old Road/A164</b> The outer side has been amended with hard standard but not the inner. The Clerk has contacted ERYC about this and a further site visit is to be arranged.
92/19	<b>Parish Council vacancy</b> Leconfield resident Mr Tom Houlty put his name forward to take up a vacancy and was voted by the members to be co-opted to LecPC, by 4 votes (there are currently 7 Councillors). Cllr Leng declared an interest so abstained from voting. Mr Houlty thanked LecPC but will not take up his duties until the next meeting.
93/19	<b>Planning</b> The Hollies, Main Street Leconfield – refused by ERYC (no objections had been raised by LecPC) 52 Old Road, Leconfield – dormer to front and rear. 6 Wyndham Close, Leconfield – Rear Ground floor extension 57 St. Catherines Drive, Leconfield – Two storey extension to the side of the property. No objections raised by LecPC nor public present.
94/19	<b>Defibrillator – Recreation Club</b> Cllr Breen forwarded a request by the Recreation Club for Lec PC to purchase a new defibrillator on their behalf in order to reclaim VAT. The Clerk reported that this would mean that effectively Lec PC would own the machine, which is not the intention, as the Club has raised its own funds, and that LecPC did not want to be seen as evading the payment of VAT. It was proposed that the old cabinet for LecPC defibrillator could be offered to the Recreation Club at no cost to help with the funding.
95/19	<b>Allotment Tenancy agreement</b> The Clerk had drawn up a draft new agreement and the members made some amendments. Amended agreement to be presented at the next meeting.
96/19	<b>Payment of Accounts</b>

	<p>Clerk - £10.00 cutting 2 keys for Stairlift in Village Hall  Matthew Thompson - £73.02 – Website Costs  ERYC - £865.00 – Playing Field Rent (2<sup>nd</sup> half)  Molescroft Press – Oct/Nov – awaiting corrected invoice</p>
97/19	<p><b>Insurances</b>  Cllr Broadhurst has examined one of the policies.  Clerk to forward the 2<sup>nd</sup> policy for scrutiny.</p>
98/19	<p><b>Village Hall boiler</b>  Cllr Broadhurst to continue to research a contractor regarding service and repairs, also to look into gaining easier access to the elevated boiler.</p>
99/19	<p><b>Blocked gullies – Main Street, Leconfield</b>  Cllr Broadhurst reported blocked gullies outside Nos 14, 13a, 13 Main Street, where weeds and other debris are causing water to run onto the road and footpath during heavy rain.  Clerk to report to ERYC.</p>
100/19	<p><b>Suspicious vehicles</b>  Cllr Leng reported that the police have been contacted on Main Street where suspicious activity had been noted around the Castle Farm yard area.  She asked that a piece be put in the next Newsletter warning residents to be vigilant.</p>
101/19	<p><b>Next meeting</b>  2nd December, 2019 at 7.30p.m. in the meeting room (1<sup>st</sup> Floor) Leconfield Village Hall, Miles Lane, Leconfield.</p>