

LECONFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 6th January, 2020

Present:- Parish Councillors Healy (Chair), Scruton (Deputy Chair), Broadhurst, Leng, Metcalfe-Thompson, Welbourn and Tom Houltyby. Ward Councillor Gateshill and Ward Councillor Greenwood. Huzzard (Clerk)

11 members of the public

Apologies for absence – Cllr Breen.

Declarations of interest – none.

01/20	Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December, 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record
	Matters arising – (no declarations of interest)
02/20	The Parish Council (LecPC) welcomed the attendance of Cllr Gateshill and Cllr Greenwood.
03/20	Footpath side of St Catherines Church The Clerk has received a reply from Scotts, the land agent for the Hellier Trust, who state that they do not believe the Trust own the path. Cllr Gateshill to seek a copy of the Conveyance to clarify the last known owner and report back.
04/20	Flooding issues: The Clerk reported that following a request by ERYC seeking opinion on how the Flood Alleviation Scheme had coped with the recent wet weather, a response was sent highlighting to ERYC the ongoing concerns regarding the scheme. A resident reported that he had arranged to meet Steve Charlton from the ERYC flood Management team on 10/1/20 to discuss flooding concerns at the rear of his property. It was reported that during the recent heavy rain the Alleviation dyke had over topped at the rear of properties in and around No 58 Old Road. It had entered the gardens but not reached the properties. It was also reported that residents who had cut their boundary hedges had left the cuttings and some of those found their way into the Alleviation dyke. A further concern is the flooding on Old Road at the corner, the junction to Gomery Farm where the road had been flooded on 27/12/19 and again on 3/1/20. It is clear that the recently installed gullies are not easing flooding, as due to the water running off the fields they are dragging debris, that blocks the gullies.
05/20	Damaged Footpath: The Clerk reported that the damaged footpath had been repaired at 41 Old Road, Leconfield, but more damage was reported. Clerk to contact ERYC again.
06/20	Insurances The Clerk reported that the Wilberforce policy at £387.36 was renewed by a cheque being raised on 19/12/19 and the Zurich policy would need to be agreed at this meeting. Cllr Broadhurst had looked at the policies and felt that the Buildings insurance for the Village Hall and recreation Club needed further investigation.

	<p>Cllr Broadhurst and the Clerk to meet and discuss the policy and report back at the next meeting.</p>
07/20	<p>Planning – Land South of Castle Farm, Leconfield – application for 69 dwellings. As the deadline for comments has passed (5/12/19 for Lecpc and 13/12/19 for the public), a member of the public asked what is the next stage in the application. Cllr Greenwood replied that it would come before the Strategic Committee, but no date had been set. When it does one member of the public would be able to comment and the public were reminded that it would be a strict time allocation, in this case 5 minutes. Cllr Gateshill and Cllr Greenwood stated that they would be willing to speak at the Committee and highlight the concerns of the parishioners. Mr Murrey produced a booklet highlighting issues regarding the application and previous flooding and a copy was given to then Clerk and Ward Cllr Greenwood (No building until we fix Leconfield) and he trusted that this document would be given consideration. Cllr Gateshill referred to the fact that a resident had made inaccurate comments regarding the interests of the Chair to Lecpc. This was reported to ERYC and Matthew Buckley wrote to the resident pointing out the comments were of a liable nature, and such comments must not be repeated. A resident requested that a copy of the flood report (Refer 04/20) be sent to the Planning officer and the Leconfield website– agreed Clerk to action.</p>
08/20	<p>Zebra Crossing – Main Street, Leconfield (A164) The Chair and the Clerk and Cllr Houlty all stated that they had been involved in near misses on the crossing as a result of vehicles speeding into the village and refusing to stop at the crossing, even when traffic on one side has already stopped. Cllr Gateshill reported that North Newbald were looking at a scheme where residents could be trained to use radar guns to record speeding. Clerk to contact Clerk of North Newbald Parish Council.</p>
09/20	<p>Code of Conduct One of the Councillors reported that his declared status as a Trustee would shortly end. Clerk to arrange for amended form to be completed and sent to ERYC.</p>
10/20	<p>Parish Council vacancy: The Clerk to arrange with ERYC for their press office to advertise the vacancy and for it to be shown on Parish notice boards and Leconfield website.</p>
11/20	<p>Allotments: Clerk reported that Plot 4 will become vacant on 31/3/20. The rent for the period 1/4/20 to 31/3/21 to be decided at a later meeting as clarification is needed from ERYC whether an increase can be implemented that is in excess of the total invoice from ERYC. Clerk to investigate.</p>
12/20	<p>Sub-Committees The Chair presented forms to the Councillors for consideration, and to report back at the next meeting.</p>
13/20	<p>Parish Precept 2020/21</p>

	<p>The deadline for submission to ERYC is 17/1/20</p> <p>The Clerk stated that in this financial year the Council had in ‘real’ terms spent more than the precept (due to a 10 month saving on the Clerk’s salary).</p> <p>The Chair also pointed out that Lec pc may have to fund an election to fulfil that vacancy, depending on the outcome.</p> <p>After discussing several options regarding the increase to the precept, an annual increase was agreed of £4.16 for a Band D property for 2020/21.</p>
14/20	<p>Any other business.</p> <p>The Clerk referred back to the pedestrian gate to Playing Field, Miles Lane. Due to the high cost of a ‘kissing gate’ he proposed the re-instatement of a hard wood post in its original position and then to install a standard galvanized pedestrian gate, and keep the original ‘V’ positioning of opening/closing. Agreed for Clerk to action.</p> <p>Arram – the wooden planters have rotted – Cllr Welbourn to investigate.</p> <p>In a field at Arram, near to Rose Cottage there was a possible contamination to standing surface water – to monitor.</p> <p>Fence to the paddock at the corner of Arram Road/Grange Road was in a dangerous condition, this is next to the pedestrian entrance to the Primary School.</p> <p>Clerk to report to ERYC.</p> <p>Clerk to contact ERYC regarding the value of ‘Parish’ lights as to how the cost should be reflected in the asset register of Lec pc that is being updated.</p>
15/20	<p>Payment of Accounts:</p> <p>Wilberforce Insurance (19/12/19) £387.36</p> <p>Zurich Insurance £257.60</p> <p>ERYC – grass cutting schedule £364.75</p> <p>Molescroft Press (Dec/Jan) £203.00</p> <p>ERYC – Allotment rent £119.00</p> <p>Clerk salary – Nil.</p>
16/20	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>3rd February, 2020 at 7.30p.m. in the meeting room (1st Floor) Leconfield Village Hall, Miles Lane, Leconfield.</p>