

LECONFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 3rd February, 2020

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

12 members of the public

Apologies for absence – Cllr Scruton.

Declarations of interest – Cllr Broadhurst .

17/20	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 6th January, 2020 were agreed and signed as a true record.</p> <p>It was confirmed tha the Minutes will be posted on to the Leconfield Parish Council website, after they have been signed by the Chair.</p>
18/20	<p>Matters arising – Cllr Broadhurst declared an Interest with regard to planning – 33 dwellings at rear of Post office.)</p>
19/20	<p>The Parish Council (LecPC) welcomed the attendance of Cllr Gateshill and Cllr Greenwood.</p>
20/20	<p>Footpath side of St Catherines Church</p> <p>Cllr Gateshill had sought a copy of the Conveyance to clarify the last known owner but it would not scan, so a hard copy will be brought to the March meeting.</p>
21/20	<p>Flooding issues:</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the meeting took place at the rear 20 Harthill Avenue and Steve Charlton SC (ERYC) attended and discussions took place relating to flooding concerns relating to the culvert and the build up of water near to the properties, during periods of heavy rainfall.</p> <p>A discussion took place about the possible removal of some of the grilles in the system, but SC would not agree to remove the grille at 20 Harthill Avenue, as it was at the entry of a long pipeline, with curves.</p> <p>SC agreed to discuss other grilles in the alleviation scheme when a further walkabout is to take place. (date to be confirmed).</p> <p>On 20/1/20 Cllr Gateshill, along with the Clerk and Mr John Nickolds conducted a walk along the Flood Alleviation scheme, starting at the exit to the Recreation Club car park, following the dyke along to 50 Old Road, and down the scheme to ‘Black Barn’</p> <p>Lecpc thanked Cllr Gateshill for taking the time to do the walk and gain insight as to its workings.</p> <p>The Clerk and John Nickolds agreed to raise key issues for discussion with SC when his walkabout takes place.</p> <p>Cllr Gateshill and Cllr Greenwood along with the Clerk, Cllr Scruton and Cllr Houlby are to attend a joint meeting with Leven/Routh/Tickton Parish Councils to form a joint strategy team to discuss issues relating to the River Hull basin.</p>
22/20	<p>Damaged Footpath:</p> <p>The Clerk had re-contacted ERYC regarding the damaged footpath at 41 Old Road, Leconfield , and it will be monitored to ensure it is repaired when the building work has been completed.</p>

	<p>Dangerous fence – at the paddock on the corner of Arram Road/Grange Road (next to the School) to be reported to ERYC as this could cause a Health and Safety risk to passing children etc.</p>
23/20	<p>Insurances The Clerk and Cllr Broadhurst had met to discuss upgrading the insurances for the Village Hall and Recreation Club. More detailed information had been requested in order to obtain new quotes and Cllr Broadhurst had calculated an up to date insurance value for the 2 premises, allowing for an extreme case of demolition and rebuilding, totalling £1.1million, and this will result in a higher premium. Cllr Broadhurst was thanked for his efforts. A question was posed to ERYC as to whether they would insure the buildings on behalf of Lecpc, and charge it back. Awaiting a response. The Lease to be rechecked to clarify insurance responsibility.</p>
24/20	<p>Parish precept 2020/21 – Confirmed the increase of a Band D property will be £4.16.</p>
25/20	<p>Planning – Land South of Post Office, Leconfield – application for 33 dwellings plus one retail unit. The deadline for comments was reported as 11/2/20 and members of the public were to make their comments. Lec pc had prepared their comments and wanted to hear views from the public prior to submission to ERYC. (A member of the public introduced a revised plan for 54 dwellings but the Ward Councillors confirmed that only the plans on the ERYC website could be discussed. If a revised plan were to be submitted to ERYC it would be discussed and considered completely separate to the current application for 33.) The same concerns were expressed as the previous application for the adjacent planning application for 69 units: Surface water and sewage evacuation into an already overstretched infrastructure. The pump house and holding tank raised concerns as a similar tank had been troublesome at the local school. A question was raised regarding ‘One Bedroom’ properties as they had not been identified in the Housing Survey 2017, undertaken by ERYC. Lecpc were concerned that the 2 proposed applications should not be joined with vehicular access, and at the exit onto A164 was near to Grange Road, perhaps the 30mph signs could be repositioned nearer to Beverley direction. The greenery area at the front of the Post Office could cause visibility issues for vehicles and also hide the Post Office from view from passing trade. Lecpc did not want to take responsibility for the ‘Play area’ due to costs. A point was raised by a member of the public that the 2 ongoing applications exceed the amount of properties identified in the Local Plan. A point was also raised by a member of the public relating to a communication with ERYC in 2015, that stated no more surface water would be evacuated into Hags Dyke as a result of further building, and questioned the validity of this statement. Clerk to seek clarification. Other planning issues:</p>

	3 Beeler Close, Scarborough – front porch/conservatory – refused by ERYC. The Hollies, Main Street, Leconfield – Resident to appeal latest planning refusal.
26/20	Parish Precept 2020/21 – Confirmed the increase of a Band D property would be £4.16
27/20	Code of Conduct Cllr Welbourn signed the form to state he was no longer a trustee. Clerk to send amended form to ERYC, for their website.
	Grass Cutting contract 2020 – agreed to accept the increase for the year from £364.75 to £375.70 (including 20% VAT). Clerk to confirm with ERYC before deadline date of 17/2/20.
28/20	Parish Council vacancy: The closing date for applicants was 3/2/20, and ERYC confirmed to the Chair that the position could now be co-opted by The Parish Council. The Chair agreed to put a piece in the next newsletter.
29/20	Allotments: Clerk reported that there were issues with the Lease as ERYC had failed to notify Lecpc that the 7 year period had lapsed. The Lease needs to be renewed and will be further discussed at March meeting.
30/20	Zebra Crossing – further concerns were raised regarding road safety and Cllr Houlby has written (as a Resident) to ERYC expressing his concerns
31/20	Asset Register –The Clerk has confirmed with ERYC the status of the ‘Parish ‘ street lights, that Lecpc do not own the 14 wooden posts that carry lights, therefore the asset register should reflect this. Clerk confirmed that the asset register for Lecpc has now been updated and will be updated annually.
32/20	Sub-Committees The Chair presented forms to the Councillors for consideration, and to report back at the next meeting.
33/20	Stairlift – Village Hall – Clerk stated that it has been serviced, and will be serviced on an annual basis.
34/20	Correspondance received: Defibrillator – Main Street, Leconfield – Arthur Day Electrical wrote to state that the annual standing charge for electricity would increase by £1.00 from 1/4/20 -agreed.
35/20	Any other business. Neighbourhood Watch launch to take place 29/2/20 in the Village Hall 11.00 to 13.00 hours. A resident/School Governor requested that the sign on A164 pointing down Arram Road should now include the word ‘Nursery’ in time for the Autumn term.
36/20	Payment of Accounts: Arthur Day Electrical – £24.95-Kettle for Village Hall to replace leaking kettle. Clerk £24.50 Admin- Printer cartridges and postage stamps. Fox Mobility – service stairlift Village hall £85.00 Clerk salary – January - Nil.
37/20	Next meeting 2 nd March, 2020 at 7.30p.m. in the meeting room (1 st Floor) Leconfield Village Hall, Miles Lane, Leconfield.

