

LECONFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held VIRTUALLY (Webex), due to Covid 19 restrictions on 1st June, 2020 at 7.00pm.

Present: Parish Councillors Healy (Chair), Scruton (Vice-Chair), Broadhurst, Leng, Breen, Houltyby, Ward Councillor Bernard Gateshill.

Clerk: Huzzard

Apologies: Cllr Welbourn, Cllr Metcalfe-Thompson.

Declarations of interest - none

Introduction	<p>Due to the restrictions placed by the Government on holding public meetings, Leconfield Parish Council had chosen not to hand over devolved power to the Clerk. (The Clerk was in full agreement of this). The Council has shown that it could act remotely during this period and decisions made by a quorate of the Councillors.</p> <p>This was accepted by the members and the Clerk thanked the members for their support during these difficult times.</p>
82/20	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March, 2020 were agreed that they represent a true record.</p> <p>Chair authorised the Clerk to sign manual the manual record.</p>
83/20	<p>Footpath side of St Catherines Church</p> <p>Clerk to report back at next meeting.</p>
84/20	<p>Flooding issues:</p> <p>Leconfield – The clerk has had discussions with ERYC and local land owners, following the extremely wet winter weather.</p> <p>On-site meetings to take place when restrictions permit.</p> <p>A report had been sent to the Clerk regarding surveyors on the ERYC owned land on the Flood Alleviation scheme. They were from a private company undertaking a survey on behalf of a resident.</p> <p>The matter was reported to ERYC who had not given such permission and had no knowledge of their actions</p> <p>As soon as the restrictions are eased ERYC has agreed to walk the flood scheme again and the Councillors welcomed the support from ERYC.</p> <p>Tickton & Routh Parish Council – Joint flood alleviation working group – following previous meetings where members of Lecpc had attended, the group has produced a draft report to send to Graham Stuart MP reflecting concerns relating to River Hull, Local Plan, House building on flood plains and local flooding issues.</p> <p>Lec pc agreed to await the outcome of the report and would remain in the group for the time being.</p>
85/20	<p>Planning – Land South of Post Office, Leconfield – application for 55 units + 2 retail units. (20/00535/STPLF) LEC1 and LEC 2 (castle farm site) 69 units.</p> <p>Both applications are due to go to an ERYC Strategic Planning meeting, but no date set.</p> <p>These applications have not yet gone to strategic planning at ERYC.</p> <p>Erection of a single dwelling at Station Farm, Arram</p> <p>Applicant is appealing in relation to conditions imposed by ERYC Planning, no comments from Lecpc.</p>
86/20	<p>ERYC – Draft Town and Parish Council Charter consultation.</p>

	Asking Parish Councils as to whether they agree to the draft. Deadline has been extended to 1/8/2020.To discuss at next meeting.
87/20	ERYC – VE Day celebrations for 8/5/20 cancelled due to Covid 19 restrictions. Several local celebrations took place and pictures were shown on social media and the local press also received pictures. A request will be placed in the next newsletter asking people to share their pictures as a historic record.
88/20	Rats reported: Following the report of the rats and the subsequent visit by ERYC, the builder’s rubble has now been removed from the old play park at the rear of St. Catherines Drive.
89/20	New Street names – LEC2 This was raised and some suggestions have been made. ERYC holds the following: Acaster (John – a long standing Vice- Chair to Lecpc) Hirst (Geoff – a long standing Chair to Lecpc) Brusby (a long standing family in the village) Jessop – already used Other names proposed to add to the list: Pexton (long standing Arram family) Lount (long standing land owners) Ravensthorpe (lost village) Paradice Roebuck Topcliffe Deer Park Lec pc agreed to submit the proposed names. The planning application at the rear of the post office – the builder has already proposed street names to ERYC.
90/20	Salt Bins: The Clerk has since received clarification of the ownership of the salt bins in the Parish. The bins at Arram (level crossing), Leconfield – junction St. Catherines Drive/Old Road, junction Arram Road/Grange Road (3 in total) are the responsibility of ERYC and will be inspected and topped in in their winter schedule. A further yellow bin is situated near the railway crossing at the bottom of Scarborough Lane and is on private land not council responsibility. The yellow bin in The Poplars, Leconfield (situated on private land adjacent to the pavement) is the ownership of Lecpc. The Councillors decided not to ask ERYC to ‘adopt’ the bin, but to remove it due to possible insurance implications. The land owner to be informed and the clerk to arrange removal.
91/20	Parish Council co-option – the position will be advertised again in the next newsletter. Members of the public who had previously enquired about the position will be informed of this by the Clerk.
92/20	Allotments:

	<p>Cllr Houlby has been asked by the tenants to organise a board showing the names of the plot holders, to be erected within the site, this was agreed.</p> <p>The Clerk continuing to chase up ERYC regarding renewal of the lease.</p>
93/20	<p>Newsletter</p> <p>Due to costs, the members proposed a new format for the newsletter, to be A5, printed on both sides, totalling 4 pages.</p> <p>Clerk to request costings and the Chair to discuss with another Parish Council who use a similar format.</p>
94/20	<p>Insurances</p> <p>With effect from 4/5/20 the Buildings insurance is now in place for both the Hall and Recreation Club. This is more expensive but is as a result of a revaluation of the level of cover needed.</p> <p>The Clerk has written to the Recreation Club for a share of the insurance cost.</p>
95/20	<p>Millenium Green – the Clerk reported that ERYC had not cut the grass and to report to ERYC.</p>
96/20	<p>Defibrillator</p> <p>Clerk to monitor the battery light, and install the new pads when they arrive.</p>
97/20	<p>Playing Field – vehicular access from far car park.</p> <p>Clerk to obtain prices for removable poles to prevent unauthorised vehicular access to the Playing Field.</p> <p>Playing Field – play equipment</p> <p>The equipment was taped off and the zip wire has been made inoperable during the crisis.</p> <p>Cllr Leng to source notices to advise non usage of the equipment.</p> <p>Sub-committee to act on the previous inspection to be discussed at next meeting.</p>
98/20	<p>Little Lane – rubbish deposited</p> <p>Following the replacement of a section of hedge, by wooden fencing, the spoil has been deposited on the grass against the wall to the garden of the ‘Old Rectory’.</p> <p>Lecpc to investigate the person/s responsible and the Clerk to write a letter pointing out that this is ‘fly tipping’.</p>
99/20	<p>Financial Year End</p> <p>The financial year ended on 31/3/20 and the Declaration (Part2PM) was signed by the Chair for the external auditor.</p> <p>Clerk to arrange the accounts to be sent to the internal auditor.</p>
100/20	<p>ERNLLCA membership</p> <p>The Council agreed not to renew the membership from 19/5/20 for £666.20.</p>
101/20	<p>Clerk’s salary</p> <p>The Council agreed the salary with effect from 3/6/2020.</p> <p>Clerk to arrange setting up PAYE with HMRC and to notify the Pension Regulator.</p>
102/20	<p>Correspondence received</p>

	<p>Rural Community Safety Priorities – questionnaire to be completed prior to 6/6/20, the priorities being Speeding, Fly Tipping, Theft.</p> <p>A request to be made for further speed checks on A164 Main Street and on Arram Road.</p>
103/20	<p>Payment of accounts:</p> <p>The Council has been informed that an outstanding amount of £45.59 is owed as the final payment for the previous Clerk.</p> <p>The Clerk is to raise a cheque to HMRC.</p> <p>Cllr Leng asked that future bills for work done reflect the split between parts and labour.</p> <p>The following bills were paid by quorate since the last meeting in March.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Mole Country Stores £130.20 Playing Field gate</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Paul Lyon - £245.00 fitting Playing Field gate.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Arthur Day Electrical £728.62 Five year Electrical inspection + repairs.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Arthur Day Electrical £26.25 Annual electricity defibrillator.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">ERYC – Playing Field rent (half year) £865.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Clerk – Admin £24.31</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Ashley Briggs £45 Playing hedge part removal for gate</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Ashley Briggs £375.00 Millenium Green- hedge cutting/strimming</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Henderson Insurance from 4/5/20. £1457.24</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Clerk Salary – March + April + May – NIL</p>
104/20	<p>Any other business:</p> <p>Parish Councillors may not be able to attend virtual meetings for reasons beyond their control – to discuss the implications should this run for more than 6 months so as to avoid automatic disqualification.</p> <p>The damaged footpath outside 41 Old Road, Leconfield has resulted in a resident tripping and falling.</p> <p>Clerk to re-report it to ERYC.</p> <p>Cllr Broadhurst to further investigate the gas boiler inspection at the Village Hall.</p>
105/20	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>6/7/2020 – in virtual format by ‘Webex’ at 7.00pm.</p>