

LECONFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held VIRTUALLY due to Covid 19 restrictions on 7th September, 2020 at 7.00pm.

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

Clerk: Huzzard

Apologies: Cllr Welbourn, Cllr Metcalfe-Thompson, Ward Cllr Greenwood.

1 members of the public attended virtually.

Declarations of interest – none (Cllr Broadhurst did not comment on LEC1 application, therefore no declaration of interest was presented)

Introduction	This was the 3 rd nd ‘virtual’ meeting held by the Parish Council.
128/20	Minutes of the meeting held on 6 th July, 2020 were agreed that they represent a true record. Chair authorised the Clerk to sign manual the manual record.
129/20	Footpath side of St Catherines Church Clerk has written to the Land Agents pointing out that according to the 1949 Conveyance, there is no evidence that the ownership of the footpath (reference 239) has changed from the Hellyer Trust. The Clerk is suggesting that the riparian responsibility of the footpath remains with the Trust, and on that basis, the agents should contact the builder who dug up the path, to ensure that the health and safety issues are resolved.
130/20	Planning – Land South of Post Office, Leconfield LEC1) The application for 33 units had been heard at ERYC Strategic planning and was voted for by the ERYC Councillors, with one voting against. It is deferred until the Section 106 agreement is signed. The application for 51 units to be heard at Strategic Planning on 10/9/20 and Lecpc to check if a member of public would make a presentation. Cllr Gateshill to speak at the meeting, but needed to see the Planning Officer’s report as its content would have an influence the final decision. Cllr Gateshill felt that if the report was not available prior to the meeting, then it should be deferred. Lecpc has previously posted its comments on the ERYC planning portal. Land at the rear of Castle Farm, Leconfield (LEC2) A further amended plan has been issued, the main changes being the properties looking onto main street (A164), from 3 x 3 bed and 3 x 4 bed to 6 x 2 bed and 1 x 4 bed. It was felt that this change to the Main Street streetscene was not in keeping, Clerk to register this on the ERYC portal. Other concerns were the proposed fencing of part of Footpath 17 as it detracted from the open aspect. Also Cllr Leng (declared an Interest) was concerned that the plan showed no border planting to form a natural buffer from the existing properties on Main Street. Arram – dwelling at Station Farm ERYC has dismissed the resident’s objections, but the building is in the process of erection.

	<p>The Hollies, Main Street, Leconfield – outbuilding at the rear of the garden.</p> <p>Lecpc has commented to ERYC that the property should not be allowed at any time to become a residential dwelling.</p> <p>Cllr Broadhurst queried as to which planning application the building to conform to. There is still one application not yet approved.</p> <p>Clerk to question this with ERYC Planning.</p>
131/20	<p>Blocked gullies –</p> <p>Clerk has reported to ERYC, following recent heavy rains the blocked gullies on Arram Road (both sides outside ‘Cowthorpe’, Church corner and opposite house no. 16.</p>
132/20	<p>Parish Council Vacancy – advertised in September Newsletter.</p> <p>Closing date is 25/9/20, and Clerk has received 2 enquiries, to date.</p>
133/20	<p>HMRC – The Clerk made a complaint to HMRC as daily interest was accruing on the account, this was due to a shortage of staff at HMRC resulting in late posting of the payments.</p> <p>The debt has now been written off by HMRC.</p>
134/20	<p>Allotments</p> <p>The hard copy of the Lease has now been signed by the Chair and the Clerk and returned to ERYC.</p> <p>Awaiting the legal charge of £350.</p> <p>There is now 1 person on the waiting list for a plot to rent.</p>
135/20	<p>Newsletter:</p> <p>The new A5 format is to be printed by the Lib-Dem office as they submitted the lowest price. The September issue will contain a piece by the Chair, explain the process for planning applications.</p> <p>The Councillors agreed that the invoice could be paid upon receipt.</p>
136/20	<p>Village Hall:</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the grant for £200 from the Village Halls association has now been received.</p> <p>Lecpc agreed not to join the Village Halls Association, at this time.</p> <p>Due to the complicated situation regarding the income/expenditure, Lecpc is unable to produce annual accounts, that would be needed to apply for grant funding.</p> <p>Clerk to write to the Chair of the Recreation Club to arrange a meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Hall would not be reopened at this time.</p>
137/20	<p>Speeding – Humberside Police finally responded to the Clerk’s letter regarding speeding concerns. They insist that we contact ERYC in the first instance and to be referred to ‘Safer Roads Humber’</p> <p>Clerk to investigate.</p>
138/20	<p>Leave of absence –</p> <p>Cllrs Welbourn and Cllr Metcalfe-Thompson have not been able to attend any of the virtual meetings, (due to Computer availability during the restrictions) as 6 months have passed since their presence the Councillors granted their ‘Leave of absence’ in order for their continuance as a Parish Councillor.</p> <p>(After the meeting the Clerk confirmed this with ERYC and extended their ‘Leave’ until 31/5/21).</p>

139/20	<p>Yorkshire Water</p> <p>The Clerk requested information regarding the number of call outs to Leconfield as a result of blocked drains.</p> <p>YW state they are exempt from the Freedom of Information Act, but have supplied some information but difficult to disseminate.</p>
140/20	<p>Payment of accounts</p> <p>J & S Vicary – Bark for Play Area £300 (paid)</p> <p>Ashley Briggs – Labour to weed and lay bark £75 (paid)</p> <p>Clerk salary – July and August 2020. £320 + £80 HMRC.</p> <p>Clerk admin – Cartridges/stamps/files/key cut/HMRC phone calls £63.30</p>
142/20	<p>Correspondence received</p> <p>Town and Parish Council Charter – consultation extended further.</p> <p>Beverley rural crime statistics.</p> <p>ERYC – planning area map.</p> <p>Joint local access forum – AGM on 16/9/20.</p>
143/20	<p>Any other business:</p> <p>Millenium Green – nettles growing through one of the seats -Clerk to investigate.</p> <p>Playing Field – wasp nest behind goal post – Clerk to report.</p>
143/20	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>5/10/2020 – in virtual format at 7.00pm.</p>