

LECONFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held VIRTUALLY due to Covid 19 restrictions on 5th October, 2020 at 7.00pm.

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

Clerk: Huzzard

Apologies: Cllr Breen

Leave of Absence: Cllr Welbourn, Cllr Metcalfe-Thompson.

5 members of the public attended virtually.

Declarations of interest – Cllr Broadhurst with reference to LEC1 application, rear of Post Office.

Introduction	This was the 4th ‘virtual’ meeting held by the Parish Council.
144/20	Minutes of the meeting held on 7 th September, 2020 were agreed that they represent a true record. Chair authorised the Clerk to sign manual the manual record.
145/20	Footpath side of St Catherines Church Clerk is still awaiting a response from the land agents – defer to November meeting.
146/20	Planning – Land South of Post Office, Leconfield LEC1) The application for 33 units had been heard at ERYC Strategic planning 33 units – agreed by all but one Councillor at Strategic Planning, 51 units – was heard at Strategic planning meeting 10/9/20 but the application was deferred. Overdevelopment was a concern and Ward Councillor spoke as well as resident Mr Keith Abel (who lives next door to Post office). There is still an ongoing applications for 55 to be heard. A further amended plan has been submitted for 41 dwellings + 1 Retail unit With a deadline for comments to ERYC of 19/10/20, so it was agreed that the Councillors comments should be submitted to the Clerk by 12/10/20. A site meeting was proposed for Saturday 10/10/20. The ongoing concerns were stated as the ability of the ‘Suds’ basin to cope with the surface water volumes and the sewage system that was already not fit for purpose. A suggestion was made a Strategic Planning meeting for the Parish Council to meet with Yorkshire Water and the Ward Councillors. A suggestion was made that if such a meeting could take place, then it might be better if members of the Parish were involved too. The chair requested that any photographic evidence of flooding/flood risk should be made available to view. Cllr Gateshill explained that sewage was not an issue for the Planning Department, in that they ask YW if their system can cope, and unless they say it cannot, they are powerless to act. The surface water issue is a matter for ERYC. 41 units was still seen as overdevelopment and noting that the plan now includes the land at the rear of Castle Elms, where a previous application for 5 dwellings was refused by ERYC.

	<p>Positive comment was that the 1 Bedroom dwellings have now been removed, and the Retail unit is now a single storey unit. All were in agreement that the outcome needs to establish a new shop with Post Office, as a vital lifeline to the village. Land at rear of Castle farm (LEC2) 69 units: This application was heard at ERYC Strategic Planning on 1/10/20. Lecpc had pointed out the amended street scene was not in keeping with the current aspect on that side of the road. Resident Mr Peter Murray spoke at the meeting and he was thanked for giving a detailed and professional presentation, explaining the concerns of the traffic infrastructure along with the surface water and sewage issues. The same concerns relate to this application relating to the capacity of the ‘Suds’ basin. It was felt that the play areas for both applications were not central to the housing and were potentially remote. The Strategic Planning meeting concluded that some of the properties were not in keeping with a rural development and that the density was too great. It was agreed that it should be deferred and that it should go back to Keep Moat to present a less dense proposal. Their density figures were questioned as they were including the Suds/play area as being the area of the whole site so the density would appear less, however it was pointed out that the Suds/play area was in fact outside the Local Plan. The concern was raised again that Footpath 17 should only be accessed from both LEC1 and LEC2 by pedestrians and not vehicular access. The Hollies, Leconfield – erection of outbuilding at bottom of garden. A query had been raised as to whether planning permission had been granted. The Clerk clarified with Planning Officer at ERYC that 17/04290/PLF was approved but it looked as if it was being built to 20/02072/PLF, this has not yet been approved. ERYC contacted resident who agreed not to finalise building until the latest application was approved by ERYC. (the main difference being the large bi-fold doors – neither of the plans had been objected to by Lecpc). Lecpc has commented to ERYC that the property should not be allowed at any time to become a residential dwelling.</p>
147/20	<p>Flood Alleviation scheme: It was agreed that the Clerk should re-contact ERYC to request the agreed removal of a number of grilles in the scheme, in order to ensure a freer flow of water during heavy rainfall, those being: In the verge opposite No 58 Old Road The last grille in the scheme before crossing A164 The last grille at rear of Ash tree Drive, in the fenced area, before it enters the culvert behind Black barn. These are the 3 discussed when we last walked the scheme, prior to Covid restrictions. The grill and the culvert at the bridge on Old Road, near A164 are also to be discussed.</p>
148/20	<p>Parish Council Vacancy – advertised in September Newsletter.</p>

	<p>The closing date for applications was 25/9/20 and 2 applications were received.</p> <p>A ballot was held by the Councillors and Elizabeth Thomas, a resident of Leconfield was elected (the clerk to ensure the necessary forms are completed and submitted to ERYC for acceptance.).</p> <p>The second candidate was thanked for applying and encouraged to maintain interest in the parish Council.</p>
149/20	<p>Clerk – HMRC</p> <p>The Clerk is still experiencing problems with the HMRC website. The system crashed whilst registering the September declaration, resulting in the payment being recorded as accepted but currently unmatched against a payment period. Clerk to try to resolve this when registering October payment.</p>
150/20	<p>Allotments</p> <p>Lec pc is still awaiting the invoice for the Lease renewal.</p>
151/20	<p>Newsletter:</p> <p>The new A5 format was printed by the Lib-Dem office as they submitted the lowest price. The September issue contained a piece by the Chair, explain the process for planning applications.</p> <p>The invoice has been paid.</p>

152/20	<p>Village Hall:</p> <p>A meeting took place between 2 Councillors, with the Clerk also present, with the Chair and Treasurer of the Recreation Club to open discussions to work towards Lecpc being able to produce a set of accounts, in order to work towards applying for grant funding in the future.</p> <p>A % figure was agreed to apportion against the utility bills and this information has been requested from the Rec club.</p> <p>The Clerk to look at Lecpc costs for the Hall and produce a set of 'Accounts' for examination.</p> <p>Further discussion is needed in relation to re-opening the Village hall.</p> <p>Gutters – these are badly overgrown at both the front and rear of the Hall, and it was agreed that the Clerk is to look at the cost of pruning back the trees at the rear so as to enable access to the gutters.</p> <p>A cost will then be needed for the clearing of the gutters.</p> <p>Boiler – A safety platform is being installed so as to enable a safe access for the servicing and maintenance of the boiler. This will do away with expensive scaffolding hire.</p>
153/20	<p>Speeding – The Clerk has contacted ERYC 'Highways/Traffic Management' in order to gain a response from 'Safer roads Humber' to reinvestigate our speeding concerns.</p> <p>Cllr Houlty and the Newsletter editor were asked to write a piece for the next Newsletter regarding the speeding issue in the village.</p>
154/20	<p>Yorkshire Water</p> <p>The Clerk to report back at November meeting regarding a response from Yorkshire Water.</p>
155/20	<p>Payment of accounts</p> <p>Hull Liberal Democrats - Newsletter printing - £23.25</p> <p>Ashley Briggs – Hedge near BT exchange £80</p> <p>Clerk salary – September £160.00 +£40 HMRC.</p>

156/20	<p>Correspondence received ERYC – annual notification relating to the rules regarding displaying festive lighting on land/premises owned by ERYC and in relation to over footpaths and highway. This will relate to all aspects of the Leconfield Playing field and buildings as well as the allotments and Millenium Green.</p>
157/20	<p>Any other business: Clerk reported growth of weeds around the pedestrian gate to Playing Field, on Miles lane – agreed to get them cut back to improve the sight line for motorists/pedestrians. Clerk had been informed of break-in to Bowls field with the removal of a ladder to access the Recreation club roof, and the vandalising of a wheel barrow. Councillors agreed it should be reported to the police. A Councillor expressed concern over an overgrown hedge in ‘Little Lane’ The vice-chair had been notified that one of the volunteers who deliver the newsletter is about to retire. The Chair had received a request from a member of the public to look into the installation of 2 basketball hoops, with back boards, to the playing court in the Playing Field – Clerk to investigate.</p>
158/20	<p>Next meeting 9/11/2020 – in virtual format at 7.00pm.</p>