

# LECONFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held VIRTUALLY due to Covid 19 restrictions on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 at 7.00pm.

Present: Parish Councillors Scruton (Acting-Chair), Thomas, Broadhurst, Houlby, Breen. Ward Councillor Bernard Gateshill and Pauline Greenwood. Clerk: Huzzard. Apologies: Cllr Healy

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

4 members of the public attended virtually.

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

Introduction	This was the 5th 'virtual' meeting held by the Parish Council.
159/20	<b>Minutes</b> of the meeting held on 5 <sup>th</sup> October, 2020 were agreed that they represent a true record. Chair authorised the Clerk to sign the manual record.
160/20	<b>Footpath side of St Catherines Church</b> Clerk wrote again to the Land Agents, to be informed that they have passed the issue of ownership to their Solicitors.
161/20	<b>Planning – Land South of Post Office, Leconfield LEC1)</b> <b>The application for 41 dwellings + 1 Retail unit –</b> to be heard at ERYC Strategic planning on 12/11/20 and resident Mr. Peter Murrey has registered to speak at the Strategic Meeting along with Ward Councillor Gateshill. Following a site meeting of Parish Councillors and some residents on 10/10/20 it was felt an improvement that the retail unit was reduced to single storey height, and the 1 bedroom units had been removed from the plan. 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. Following the suggestion made at the Strategic Planning meeting for the Parish Council to meet with Yorkshire Water and the Ward Councillors, Cllr Gateshill agreed to look into setting up a meeting in the New Year between Lecpc/ERYC/ Yorkshire Water to discuss the issues relating to the sewage system capability. The Clerk had written to Yorkshire Water asking for information and established in the last 3 years there had been 36 call-outs, but it was not possible to establish the exact nature of the call-outs. 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. <b>Land at rear of Castle farm (LEC2) 67 units:</b> This application was also to be heard at ERYC Strategic Planning on 12/11/20 and again Mr Peter Murrey and Cllr Gateshill were registered to speak. The application has only been reduced by 2 dwellings and Lecpc still felt that this was over development, but welcomed the introduction of the 6 bungalows, but would have preferred that more bungalows were to be built. The same concerns relate to this application relating to the capacity of the 'Suds' basin. The 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. <b>Grange Farm Cottage – Grange Road, Leconfield (20/02916/FLF) –</b> Extension to existing cottage and erection of a log cabin. Lecpc had no objections.
162/20	<b>Flood Alleviation scheme:</b> The Clerk met up with ERYC to discuss the removal of a number of grilles in the scheme, in order to ensure a freer flow of water during heavy rainfall, those being:

	<p>The grille in the verge opposite No 58 Old Road-not to be removed as debris could block up under the road and be difficult to remove.</p> <p>The last grille in the scheme before crossing A164 and the last grille at rear of Ash tree Drive, in the fenced area, before it enters the culvert behind Black barn, were agreed to be removed as a trial.</p> <p>The Clerk requested that the maintenance of the dyke in the field next to the Village Hall car park, running down to Old Road, and then along the verge to be confirmed as part of the Alleviation annual maintenance plan, as well as the open culvert behind the 'Black Barn' at the rear of Arram Road. ERYC to report back.</p> <p>ERYC agreed to further investigate the volume of water running down the Old Road street system, and to divert more water back towards the alleviation scheme.</p> <p>The grill and the culvert at the bridge on Old Road, near A164 were visited and it was agreed that quotes would be sourced to strim the sides and floor, based on 4 cuts per year.</p> <p>A further discussion took place to look at a one-way flap valve on the exit pipe in the culvert, from the street drain (outside Bridge House) to prevent water coming back up the pipe and flooding the road, should the culvert be full of water.</p> <p>ERYC were also requested to visit the open dyke in the grounds of Bridge House to ensure they can handle the impact of a high volume of water.</p>
163/20	<p><b>Footway Lighting</b></p> <p>The Clerk pointed out to ERYC an error on the lighting schedule, that the Light in Pasture Close is an LED type and not a 70 watt light.</p> <p>The Clerk was also informed that in 2021 one of the lights at Arram would be converted to an LED type.</p> <p><b>Parish Council co-option –</b></p> <p>Clerk confirmed that Elizabeth Thomas had been registered as a Parish Councillor following the completion of all documentation.</p>
164/20	<p><b>Clerk – HMRC</b></p> <p>The Clerk is still experiencing problems with the HMRC website and it was agreed that the payroll could be outsourced to ERVAS at an approximate annual cost of £70. However this could only take place when the current problems are resolved. The necessary documentation has been completed. Clerk to update on progress.</p>
165/20	<p><b>Allotments</b></p> <p>Lec pc is still awaiting the invoice for the Lease renewal.</p> <p>Clerk confirmed that there are now 2 people on the waiting list.</p>
166/20	<p><b>Newsletter:</b></p> <p>The next newsletter will be distributed in early December and new volunteers came forward to distribute in St. Catherines Drive.</p> <p>The newsletter will include an article explaining the role of the Parish Council.</p>
167/20	<p><b>Village Hall:</b></p> <p>The Clerk has produced a set of accounts for the last 5 years reflecting the costs incurred by Lecpc as well as the proportion of the utility costs incurred by the Recreation Club in relation to the Hall.</p> <p>It was proposed that a 'Working Group' be set up to look at the way forward towards obtaining grants/commuted sums in order to improve the Hall, in such areas as the Kitchen/Toilets/exterior fabric of the building.</p> <p>An article for future a newsletter was proposed to ask the residents what they want from their Village Hall.</p> <p>No opening date for the Hall was agreed.</p> <p><b>Gutters –</b> the Clerk met contractors on site to discuss cutting back the bushes and trees behind the Hall (and the protruding vegetation in the 'play court'.</p> <p>This would enable access to the rear of the Hall enabling access for the gutters to be cleared, as well as less leaves falling directly into the gutters.</p> <p>It was agreed that the gutters should then be cleared annually.</p> <p><b>Boiler –</b> the access platform has been installed, but it was agreed that it requires a rear safety rail, so as to meet all Health and safety requirements.</p> <p>Clerk to liaise with necessary parties.</p>

	<p>Prior to organising quotes to service the gas boiler, Clerk to establish the make and model of the gas boiler in order to ensure that a competent commercial gas inspection can take place.</p> <p>No decision was taken regarding the Basketball hoops, due to the latest Covid restrictions.</p>										
168/20	<p>Speeding – Cllr Houltyby has been in liaison with the Police and Traffic Management in order to achieve the speed radar checks being reinstated.</p> <p>A proposal for a future Newsletter was to ask the residents to report any issues they encounter in relation to speeding or road safety issues, so that they can be presented as evidence.</p>										
169/20	<p><b>Leave of Absence –</b></p> <p>As well as Cllrs Welbourn and Metcalfe-Thompson having been granted a leave of absence until 31/5/21, it was agreed that Cllr Healy be granted Leave again to 31/5/21.</p> <p>Clerk clarified with ERYC that whilst members are on 'Leave' they can still be canvassed for their opinions and these can be Minuted, as they are still part of the Council, however they are not allowed to vote should a vote be required at a virtual meeting.</p>										
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171/20	<p><b>Correspondence received</b></p> <p>A request to display on the public notice boards from a private company – no information supplied.</p> <p>A request to be added to Allotment waiting list (now totalling 2).</p> <p>ERYC – annual rough sleeper count on 11/11/20 – Clerk to respond.</p> <p>Positive Activity Grant – information sent to Guides/Brownies group.</p> <p>ERYC – guidance for Remembrance Day gatherings.</p> <p>ERYC – response to the Clerk clarifying that new street names would be considered after planning approval is granted.</p>										
172/20	<p><b>Any other business:</b></p> <p>Cllr Houltyby agreed to investigate responsibility for maintaining hedge cutting in 'Little Lane' opposite 'Mere Glen'.</p>										
173/20	<p><b>Next meeting</b></p> <p>7/12/2020 – in virtual format at 7.00pm.</p>										