

LECONFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

Leave of Absence: Cllr Healy, 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 6th 'virtual' meeting held by the Parish Council.
174/20	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 9th November, 2020 were agreed that they represent a true record.</p> <p>Chair authorised the Clerk to sign the manual record.</p> <p>Matters arising</p>
175/20	<p>Planning – Land South of Post Office, Leconfield LEC1) The application for 41 dwellings + 1 Retail unit – The application was heard at ERYC Strategic planning on 12/11/20 and planning permission was granted. Resident Mr. Peter Murrey had spoken at the Strategic Planning meeting along with Ward Councillor Gateshill, and they were thanked for reflecting the concerns over this application. The Clerk reported that he had been contacted with regard to the provision of a temporary Post Office when the current building is demolished, to make way for the site entry. The Clerk, along with Cllr Thomas met the Post Mistress and a representative from the Post Office 'properties' as they had requested to see the Village Hall, to assess its suitability for a temporary period. The Clerk Minuted the meeting and reported back to Lecpc. The Post office are to reply in January 2021 as to its suitability as there would need to be a provision to securely store an overnight computer. It was stated that, this would only go ahead with the agreement of Lecpc at a public meeting, and also that the Post Office facility must not impede any other activities scheduled for the Village Hall. The Chair proposed that a 'Working group' should be formed to discuss this request, (it would be Minuted by the Clerk), and to report back to the full Council with its recommendations.</p> <p>Land at rear of Castle farm (LEC2) 67 units: This application was also heard at ERYC Strategic Planning on 12/11/20 and again Mr Peter Murrey and Cllr Gateshill spoke to express concerns regarding to the application. They were thanked again for their efforts with this application. The application was granted planning permission. Both Lecpc and the members of public present expressed the ongoing concerns in relation to both the surface water and foul water evacuation. Cllr Gateshill had previously reported that he is trying to arrange a face to face meeting with Yorkshire Water and representatives from Leconfield, in the new year. The Chair proposed that a 'Working Group' be set up to discuss these issues, with an invitation to Cllr Gateshill to attend, along with two qualified residents. The Working group would meet and it would be Minuted by the Clerk, and their proposals would be reported back to the full Council.</p> <p>Arram Grange Farm (19/04219/PLF) – conversion of outbuilding into a holiday chalet. Deadline for comments to ERYC 18/12/20.</p>
176/20	<p>Flood Alleviation: Following the meeting with ERYC, the grille at the culvert on Old Road, near the bridge, close to Main Street junction, has been reinstated.</p>

	<p>The Clerk received a quote to trim the open culvert sides, clear the culvert floor and take away spoil, based on 4 cuts per year at a total annual cost of £120.00. Lecpc agreed that this should go ahead and the Clerk to inform the contractor. The Clerk reported that the dyke in the field at the rear of the Village Hall had been cleaned out, up to the corner adjacent to the car park exit. This was done to remove much of the debris that finds its way into the Flood alleviation scheme.</p> <p>Tickton and Routh Parish Council flood alleviation group.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had been contacted by the group seeking clarification that Lecpc was still part of the group meetings.</p> <p>The Clerk stated that the last Minuted item on 6/7/20 (126/20) was that Lecpc was still involved.</p> <p>Cllr Gateshill was of the opinion that Lecpc had withdrawn, hence the Clerk, on a point of order, asked the members to decide if they still wished to continue and they now decided to withdraw.</p> <p>The Clerk to write to Tickton and Routh Parish Council to formally withdraw.</p>
177/20	<p>Parish Council matters: Parish Council vacancy - Following the resignation of Cllr Leng, the Chair proposed that the vacancy be advertised in the February 2021 newsletter, to coincide with the ERYC advertisement of the vacant post. The Clerk will contact ERYC at the time so that the vacancy can be advertised for the statutory period.</p>
178/20	<p>Clerk – HMRC The Clerk is still experiencing problems with the HMRC, waiting to see if they can resolve their software issues.</p>
179/20	<p>Allotments Lecpc is still awaiting the invoice for the Lease renewal-further reminder sent to ERYC. Clerk confirmed that there are now 2 people on the waiting list, with an enquiry from a 3rd person.</p>
180/20	<p>Rough sleeper count: The Clerk declared to ERYC a nil count on 11/11/20.</p>
181/20	<p>Village Hall: Most of the bushes and branches have now been cut back behind the Hall, and is awaiting the contractor with a tractor to reach the higher branches. The high front gutter and the lower rear Hall guttering has now been cleared, and is awaiting the rear high gutter to be cleared, when it is less slippery. The rear guard rail has now been installed to the new boiler access platform. Referring to point 175/20, the same Working Group will discuss the way forward with the Village Hall, in conjunction with representatives from the Recreation Club.</p>
182/20	<p>Insurance: The Zurich annual insurance is due for renewal on 1/1/2021 at the same premium as last year £257.60. Agreed to renew.</p>
183/20	<p>Parish Precept: The Clerk has forwarded provisional figures to the members, subject to the formula being agreed at ERYC on 15/12/20. (this includes the members on 'Leave'). The Clerk will notify Lecpc when the formula is finalised, and the precept needs to be agreed at the January meeting and presented to ERYC by mid-January.</p>
184/20	<p>'Zoom' subscription: The Chair proposed that Lecpc subscribe to Zoom so as to avoid the time restrictions on the meetings. Cllr Thomas to organise.</p>
185/20	<p>Correspondence received Six-monthly statistics – Beverley Rural Ward. ERYC – Community response hub during Covid crisis. ERYC – Emergency Plan. – Lecpc agreed to look into establishing a plan to be effective in cases such as the flooding of 2007. Chair to investigate.</p>

	Agreed that the Clerk contacts ERYC and confirms that he and Cllr Breen are key holders of the Village Hall.
186/20	Payment of accounts: Ashley Briggs - £150.00 – Labour to clear behind Hall/Play area Clerk Salary – November 2020 £200.00 (as HMRC already paid) Zurich Insurance - £257.60 (policy from 1/1/2021) J. Scott Engineering - £168.00 (inc.VAT) – boiler guard rail.
187/20	Any other business: A member of the public raised concerns regarding water run-off from the Recreation Club car park during heavy rain. The clerk agreed to meet on site to investigate a possible remedy.
188/20	Next meeting 4/1/2021 – in virtual format at 7.00pm.