

LECONFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

(representing the communities of Arram, Leconfield and Scarborough)

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held VIRTUALLY due to Covid 19 restrictions on 1st February, 2021 at 7.00pm.

Present: Parish Councillors Scruton (Acting Chair), Thomas, Breen, Houlty, Broadhurst, Ward Councillor Gateshill and Greenwood. Clerk: Mr.Huzzard.

Apologies: None.

6 members of public attended 'virtually'

Councillors taking leave of absence: Healy, Metcalfe-Thompson, Welbourn.

Declarations of Interest: Cllr Broadhurst regarding to LEC1 planning application.

MINUTES

Intro.		This was the 9 th 'virtual' public meeting held by the Parish Council
14/21		Minutes of the meeting on 4/1/2021 and the extra-ordinary meeting of 21/1/2021 were agreed as an accurate record and the Clerk was authorised to sign the manual copies.
15/21		<p>Matters arising: Surface Water Drainage: Following the circulation to the 5 interested parties, relating to a proposed plan to reroute surface water away from the village in relation to the planning applications LEC1 and LEC2, none of the 5 expressed an interest. Lecpc thanked resident, Mr John Nickolds for his efforts and following discussions with Ward Councillor Gateshill, it was agreed that should funding be available in the future, that this plan could be re-presented as a possible flood alleviation project for Leconfield.</p>
16/21		<p>Village Hall: It was agreed that Cllr Houlty would chair the working group for the Hall. It was agreed that a survey be printed in the April Newsletter with 3 aims:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To find out whether parishioners want a Village Hall and what it should be used for in the future. 2. To build a project team of volunteers from within Leconfield Parish. 3. To gather evidence for refurbishing and further development of the Village Hall. <p>The working group will collect the results of the survey, with the possible use of a computer software package. User groups will be consulted in order to achieve a representation from each group. It could take up to 6 months to analyse all the data. Dependant on the covid restrictions it may be possible to organise a Summer fair. In order to update the Hall, grant funding will be needed and the working group will work towards administrating the Hall to become eligible for such funding.</p>
17/21		<p>Temporary Post Office in the Village Hall. Following the meeting of Lecpc on 21/1/21: (It was Minuted from the meeting of 04/01/2021 (point 04/21) that the Village hall working Group had stated that they agreed in 'principle' to the move of the PO into the Hall. This was agreed unanimously by Lecpc at that meeting.) At the meeting of 21/01/2021 Lecpc re-clarified its position, unanimously, to be supportive of a temporary move to the Village Hall and would work with the various parties to play their part in putting things in place for it to happen. 22/1/21 - Clerk wrote to 'Post Office Ltd' (PO Ltd) to inform them that they did not approve the installation of the BT data phone line - the main reasons being that Lecpc had not received a written confirmation from neither PO Ltd, nor the Post Mistress confirming that the Hall would be a suitable location for the post office counter service. 22/1/21- Clerk wrote to the landlord of the Hall (ERYC) to request their permission for the principle of a private business to operate from within the community Hall.</p>

	<p>26/1/21 - ERYC responded to say that they would agree, in principle, to the post office move provided a written agreement were to be in place, acceptable to both parties and their solicitors.</p> <p>Lecpc had proposed that a 'Licence' agreement be drawn up, in order to save high legal costs.</p> <p>26/1/21 - Clerk wrote to Lecpc's insurers to ask how the post office move would impact on their insurance.</p> <p>27/1/21 - clerk received an e mail from the Post Mistress (PM) stating that Post Office Ltd confirmed that the Hall would be suitable to operate the counter service.</p> <p>28/1/21 - Lecpc met to discuss the way ahead and the public were not invited. The reason being that confidential financial matters were under discussion in relation to costs for the Post mistress, and due to the delicate nature of the discussions, they should remain out of the public domain until a discussion could take place with PM.</p> <p>It was agreed that ideally a template agreement from PO Ltd would be a starting point, for it be tailored to Lecpc conditions.</p> <p>The opening hours would need to be confirmed, and that the PM would not have exclusive access to the 'Library' room as it also houses the Library and access to the toilets for other hall users.</p> <p>A weekly fee would need to be negotiated that would include utilities, and that fee would be in the Licencing agreement between MA and Lecpc, and that fee would be paid direct to Lecpc.</p> <p>Lecpc agreed that they would give the go ahead for the installation of the dedicated BT data line to be installed, but that this sanctioning did not form nor infer any agreement, until all the other conditions were met.</p> <p>The forward thinking of Lecpc was that when the post office left the Hall, the line could be reused as a phone/internet connection, facilitating wi-fi to the Hall</p> <p>29/1/21 - Clerk wrote to PO Ltd to confirm that they could now go ahead and order the BT line for the Hall, and its exact positioning in the Hall would be agreed with MA and Lecpc. (the cost of installation of the line would be met by MA and not Lecpc).</p> <p>1/2/21 - Lecpc agreed that a meeting should take place with MA to discuss the conditions that need to be in place to enable the post office service to move into the Hall. The meeting was to take place on 3/2/21 and would be Minuted by the Clerk.</p> <p>The Chair thanked the Council for their hard work, who had put in a lot of time and effort, and confirmed that the proposals discussed on 28/1/21 were agreed at this public meeting.</p>
18/21	<p>Newsletter:</p> <p>The February issue has now been circulated and includes the vacancy for a Parish Councillor.</p> <p>Clerk to contact ERYC to request the position be advertised via their website.</p> <p>Clerk pointed out that the last invoice for printing contained VAT, in error. A new invoice had been sought.</p>
19/21	<p>Allotments :</p> <p>Clerk confirmed that there are now 3 residents on the waiting list for a plot.</p> <p>It was proposed that at the meeting on 1/3/21 Lecpc would set the rent for the tenants, to be effective from 1/4/21. (The legal lease cost of £350 has still not been received from ERYC).</p>
20/21	<p>Former Play Park (Bubble Park) - rear of St. Catherines Drive/Wynham Close/Percy Close:</p> <p>A member of the public, working for ERVAS discussed the possibility of developing the area and welcomed the idea of teenage projects and possible routes to external funding.</p>

	<p>Clerk pointed out that this area is covered by the ERYC grass cutting schedule and that any tree planting must ensure that it did not overhang resident's gardens.</p> <p>Lecpc agreed in principle to develop the area and further discussions to take place.</p>
21/21	<p>Speeding: Cllr Houlty is actively involved with the Police and other agencies in order to address the speeding issues in and throughout Leconfield. A number of residents had contacted the Clerk about speeding and these details have been passed to Cllr Houlty, who is to write to the concerned parties. A resident pointed out that these issues had been raised on facebook and it was pointed out that the Clerk's role is not directed by facebook comments. Cllr Houlty is in liaison with North Newbald who were looking at a volunteer scheme with speed cameras.</p>
22/21	<p>Dog Fouling: A resident from Grange Road expressed concern regarding the problem in that area, as well as bin positioning. Clerk to verify the ERYC map of bins as it contains errors. Extra signs were agreed throughout the village, but the clerk pointed out that land owner's permission may be needed before affixing signs. Resident Mr. John Nickolds agreed to fix a sign on his wall near 'Little Lane'. Clerk to investigate more signs as well as for the Playing Field where it has been reported that people are using the field to walk their dogs. There are already blue signs at both entrances stating that dogs are not allowed. Clerk to contact ERYC to request a price a position a litter bin at the corner of Arram Road/Grange Road (en-route to the School).</p>
23/21	<p>Scope textile bank In the car park of the Recreation Club. The bin is full and Clerk has contacted 'Scope' but due to the covid restrictions the bin is not being emptied.</p>
24/21	<p>Bowls Club A request has been received for a grant of £250 towards maintenance of the bowling green. Lecpc decided to defer this matter to the March meeting as the members felt that there should be put in place a clear policy on grants. To discuss at March meeting.</p>
25/21	<p>Correspondence received: Beverley & Holderness Drainage Board - annual drainage rates Draft flood risk planning document (SPD)</p>
26/21	<p>Payment of Accounts: Cllr Thomas - Zoom subscription £14.39 Clerk salary - January 2021 £200 (gross) Clerk stationery - paper/envelopes/laminates £14.35 Ashley Briggs - Millenium Green - trees + conifers at Pump station £205 Brian Hoy - Gutters (3) at Village Hall £90. ERYC - Allotment rent £119</p>
27/21	<p>Any other business: An issue that had previously been reported to Lecpc is the broken Septic Tank lid on the grass next to the Recreation Club car park The lid is in cast iron so cannot be welded, but it poses a possible safety risk. Clerk to contact J. Scott (Engineering) to see if a steel platform can be made to cover the lid, but still enable it to be lifted when emptying the tank.</p>
28/21	<p>Date of next meeting: Monday 1st March, 2021- virtually by 'Zoom' at 7.00pm.</p>

