

## 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 March, 2021 at 7.00pm.

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

Apologies: None.

7 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 10 <sup>th</sup> 'virtual' public meeting held by the Parish Council
29/21	Minutes of the meeting on 1/2/2021 were agreed as an accurate record and the Clerk was authorised to sign the manual copies.
30/21	<p><b>Matters arising:</b></p> <p><b>Fibre Broadband-BT Open reach/Kcom initiative:</b></p> <p>Resident Mr Roger Haywood gave a 'virtual' presentation to the meeting regarding the implementation of fibre Broadband to Leconfield. Whilst there is no plan within the next 18 months for the scheme, Roger is in talks with both BT and Kcom. He has also been in contact with our Ward Councillors and the local MP, all of whom are in favour of improving the internet service to the village.</p> <p>The scheme will be given local publicity and residents will be asked to state their interest to give the providers an idea of the potential customers. The new building at LEC 1 and LEC2 will have fibre Broadband installed, Clerk to enquire as to which provider will be selected.</p> <p>The Clerk stated that both BT and Kcom would be welcomed should they request an opportunity to talk to a public meeting of Lecpc, but the Council must remain neutral.</p> <p>The Chair proposed a working group be set up from Lecpc to engage in ongoing discussions with RH. Clarification would be sought regarding the cost of installation, should residents be asked to contribute.</p> <p>A sub-group met in March and it was agreed that the initiative would be given local publicity (Newsletter etc) as KCom are coming anyway they will need to know the number of households who express an interest.</p> <p>It was pointed out that Arram would like to benefit from the technology, but it will be down to cost, whilst the population is not high, there are a number of businesses operating at Arram who rely on good internet facility.</p>
31/21	<p><b>Village Hall:</b></p> <p>Clerk reported that the high branches of the trees behind the Village Hall have now been pruned. This should eliminate the volume of leaves falling into the gutters in Autumn. It also enables access for maintenance to the rear of the Hall, and also to allow light and wind to help to dry off the rear wall.</p> <p>An annual tidy up of bushes is now all that will be needed.</p> <p>Access to the rear of the 'Play Court' was restricted but the majority of the overhanging branches/bushes has now been cleared.</p> <p>A further tree pruning took place near the car park entrance due to the poor condition of the tree and possible risk to falling on to Miles Lane.</p> <p>Clerk has obtained an estimate from a commercial heating company, based on a standard service for the hall gas boiler of £300 (inc vat). Obviously there would be extra costs should any remedial work to be done.</p> <p>Cllr Breen to contact a local heating engineer to provide similar costings.</p> <p>It was agreed that the external gas boiler be serviced prior to the Hall reopening.</p>

	<p>Cllr Houlby reported that the sheeting lining the walls of the Hall do not meet fire retardancy standards, as a result of a test.</p> <p>Agreed that the sheeting be removed prior to the Hall reopening.</p> <p>Cllr Houlby to investigate alternative acoustic cladding and will liaise regarding the annual fire safety checks.</p> <p>Cllr Thomas and resident Georgina Haslam are to organise public events (when restrictions allow) where residents will be able to meet members of Lecpc and discuss their opinions regarding the Hall and to discuss other Parish matters, in order to raise awareness of the Parish Council and to engage with the residents. The survey is being organised and will be sent out, possibly as an extra newsletter delivery.</p> <p>Cllr Houlby is looking to organise a fair in the Playing Field, when restrictions are lifted - details to follow.</p>
32/21	<p><b>Temporary Post Office in the Village Hall.</b></p> <p>Having given the go ahead for the BT line to be ordered on 29/1/21 Lecpc was informed on 3/2/21 that it had been put on hold until an agreement is in place between both parties, due to the cost of installing the line.</p> <p>An 'outreach' was mentioned but it was not until 1/3/2021 that PO Ltd confirmed that they would agree to offer such a service for Leconfield.</p> <p>A template agreement form was requested from PO Ltd, to see if it could be adapted to suit an agreement between Lecpc and PM.</p> <p>Within such an agreement the opening hours of the post office outreach service need to be proposed and agreed by Lecpc, and the weekly fee for the use of the Hall need to be written into the agreement.</p> <p>The hosted outreach service will only be set up as a temporary outreach service in Leconfield as Post office Ltd still want to see a fulltime service in the village restored, and the vacancy will be available for a future retailer to apply and reopen a branch. If the hosted service is set up all that is needed is access to a double electric socket, table and chair. if the Post office equipment can get a good wireless service for online transactions then a phone line will not be required. (the belief is that the wi-fi signal will not be reliable and the BT line will need to be installed.)</p> <p>When an agreement is drawn up and signed by both Lecpc and PM, it will need to be presented to ERYC (from whom the premises are leased), for their acceptance that such a private business would be allowed to operate from the Village Hall.</p>
33/21	<p><b>Newsletter:</b></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>
34/21	<p><b>Allotments :</b></p> <p>Lecpc agreed unanimously to keep the annual rental cost for a plot at £25.00 for a full plots and £12.50 for a 'half' plot, for the period 1/4/2021 to 31/3/2022.</p> <p>The Clerk explained that the invoices will not be sent out until the end of March as the revenue needs to show in the new financial year.</p>
35/21	<p><b>Former Play Park (Bubble Park) - rear of St. Catherines Drive/Wyndham Close/Percy Close:</b></p> <p>Further discussion deferred until next meeting.</p>
	<p><b>Road Verge management</b></p> <p>A resident raised the awareness of the 'Good Verge Guide' where roadside verges are planted with wild flowers, and would therefore reduce the cost of mowing.'</p>

	<p>ERYC would need to be consulted as they own the verges, and the areas would need to be considered for both motorist and pedestrian sight lines in key areas. It was felt it was probably too late for this season, but this matter could be considered with the forthcoming 'public initiatives' in the process of being organised by one of the sub-groups of Lecpc.</p>
36/21	<p><b>Speeding:</b>  Cllr Houlty reported that the initiative at North Newbald, where members of the public are trained as volunteers to operate hand held speed cameras, has disbanded due to a lack of commitment from the residents.  Cllr Houlty is to monitor the number of recorded concerns in relation to local speeding.</p>
37/21	<p><b>Parish Council vacancy</b>  The closing date for applications was 22/2/2021 and the Clerk has received confirmation from ERYC that a co-option can take place as 2 candidates have registered.  Co-option to take place at April meeting.</p>
38/21	<p><b>Dog fouling</b>  Clerk has now received an updated map locating bins and is looking into the costs of an extra bin at Grange Road/Arram Road corner.  A discussion took place regarding more bins in the village, but this will be revisited when the costs are known.  Clerk is still looking into extra signage for the Playing Field.</p>
39/21	<p><b>Play equipment inspection:</b>  The annual independent inspection report has been received and the Clerk and a Councillor will meet on site to go through the report (awaiting drier conditions).  The Clerk reported that the zip-wire mechanism will need to be removed and inspected by an engineer to ensure it meets standards, so it could be out of action for a period.  Basket ball hoops - deferred.</p>
40/21	<p><b>Grants</b>  The Clerk pointed out that the payment of grants is discretionary.  The members agreed that there needs to be in place a formal process for the application of grants, and a figure will be set aside in the next budget for grants.  The request for £250 to the Bowls Club was granted.</p>
41/21	<p><b>Budget 2021/2022</b>  The Clerk will present a draft budget to the members later in March, in order that it can be presented for approval at the April meeting.  When the budget is approved it will be posted on to the Parish website.  The Clerk will then present quarterly updates of expenditure to the Council.</p>
42/21	<p><b>Playing Field:</b>  Following previous concerns over vehicle access on to the field the Clerk was given the go ahead to order 2 galvanised steel gates and posts to be erected in the 14 foot wide gap near the Hall entrance.  They will be kept locked with a master key that is shared by the grass cutting teams to enable ERYC access to mow the field.  Clerk to organise extra keys for appropriate key holders.  Gates to be erected in the new financial year.</p>
43/21	<p><b>Overhanging trees - A164</b>  A resident reported that there were branches overhanging the road and pavement leading out of Leconfield towards 'Pump Bridge' corner.  The trees are on land owned by MOD. Clerk to write to MOD.</p>
44/21	<p><b>Plant troughs on approaches to Leconfield:</b>  The resident that kindly offered to put plants in the troughs has kindly offered to do the same this year, but is concerned about the condition of some of the planters. The planters are to be inspected and some will be replaced.</p>

	It was also noted that the 2 planters by A164 entering from Beverley have been carefully maintained for a number of years by Mr Abel, whose efforts are also appreciated.												
45/21	<p><b>Correspondence received:</b>  <b>ERYC - Joint authority Mayor</b>  Cllr Richard Burton rebuking Cllr Nolan for contacting Councils regarding a proposal of a joint Mayor for Hull/East Riding pointing out that was a proposal that central government has not yet responded to.  <b>Invitation to meet the Police &amp; Crime Commissioner</b>  <b>Guidance regarding the 'Annual' parish meeting</b> from 7/5/21.  <b>Census - 21/3/21 is Census day (reminder)</b></p>												
46/21	<p><b>Payment of Accounts:</b></p> <table> <tr> <td>Cllr Thomas - Zoom subscription</td> <td>£14.39</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk salary - February 2021</td> <td>£200 (gross)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk - stamps</td> <td>£7.92</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ashley Briggs - clearing drain in Car Park</td> <td>£30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>H Lount &amp; Sons - pruning trees rear of Village Hall</td> <td>£240</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Leconfield Bowls Club - Grant</td> <td>£250</td> </tr> </table>	Cllr Thomas - Zoom subscription	£14.39	Clerk salary - February 2021	£200 (gross)	Clerk - stamps	£7.92	Ashley Briggs - clearing drain in Car Park	£30	H Lount & Sons - pruning trees rear of Village Hall	£240	Leconfield Bowls Club - Grant	£250
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47/21	<p><b>Any other business:</b>  Surface Water Drainage - a proposal was previously put to the land owners, but rejected, as reported at the February meeting. Resident Mr John Nickolds had offered to survey the area in question, but now felt that due to a lack of public indemnity insurance that he withdrew his offer.  He apologised as he felt that he had let Lecpc down, but the members fully understood his position and did feel let down, and once again thanked Mr Nickolds for all his efforts in addressing flood risk issues in and around the village.</p>												
48/21	<p><b>Date of next meeting: Monday 12th April, 2021- virtually by 'Zoom' at 7.00pm,</b>  <b>Later changed to Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2021, virtually by 'Zoom' at 7.00pm.</b></p>												