

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 21st January, 2021 at 7.00pm. This was an Extra-Ordinary meeting.

Present: Parish councillors Scruton (Acting Chair), Thomas, Breen, Houlby, Broadhurst, Ward Councillor Gateshill. Clerk: Mr.Huzzard.

Apologies: Ward Councillor Greenwood.

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.

Intro.	This was the 8 th 'virtual' meeting held by the Parish Council
09/21	Surface Water Drainage group : A meeting of the working party took place on 14/1/2021 'virtually' by Zoom and was Minuted by the Clerk. Cllr Scruton (Chair), Cllr Thomas, Ward Councillor Gateshill and 2 members of the public attended by invitation.
10/21	Matters arising: Resident, Mr John Nickolds, requested that a proposed idea to re-route the surface water from the 2 sites recently granted planning approval, away from the village, to flow in a South-easterly direction to enter North Drain at Pump Bridge corner (A164). Both he and the Clerk had previously walked the site to follow the proposed route and a drawing was presented to the working group. This would require a trench to run at the rear of the plots 'LEC 1 and 2' (but would need to be bridged so as ensure that Footpath 17 was not compromised) and flow South-Easterly to pick up the existing dyke in the field running parallel with 'Castle Elms'. The dyke turns 90 degrees to run parallel with A164 and terminates at the point of the track entering into the field. It is known from previous investigations by Lecpc that this dyke runs under a164 and through MOD property, wherein it is believed that there is a blockage as the dyke does not empty after heavy rain. The proposal is to extend the dyke in the field, running parallel with A164 down to Pump Bridge corner. The route would need to be surveyed to establish the 'levels', but the belief is that it could flow via gravity along the route, but ensuring a gentle flow so as not to overwhelm Pump Bridge corner, where it is known that it flooded in 2007. (Remembering that if the 100+ houses are built in Cherry Burton at the end of Canada Drive, that surface water will be routed into North Drain). If this scheme were successful it may be able to restrict the use of the Suds basins and possibly the Pump houses.
11/21	Proposal of the plan to Lecpc: At the meeting of Lecpc on 21/1/21 the Chair asked the Council for their approval of the proposal and to agree to a draft letter to the builders and the land owners. Lecpc agreed (no objections recorded at the meeting), and the Clerk was asked to send out the letter and plan to the 2 builders (LEC1 and 2) and 3 land owners. Councillor Broadhurst again declared his interest with regard to LEC1 development. It is recorded that Cllr Welbourn (on Leave of Absence) had been consulted prior to the meeting and recorded his concerns regarding the extra water flowing to Arram, via North Drain, and that he did not favour the proposal.
12/21	Temporary Post Office
	Following the meeting of 4/1/2021 the Clerk had received a call from Post Office Ltd asking to order the installation of a BT telephone line into the 'Library' room of the Village Hall (VH), as there would be lead time for the installation.

	<p>Lecpc did not feel they could grant this permission for the reasons stated in the meeting of 4/1/2021:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lecpc has not received written confirmation from either post Office Ltd, or the Post Mistress stating that the VH was a suitable venue to house a 'table top' service for the post office service. 2. The Clerk had already contacted ERYC (landlord of VH) to ask if the post office could be operated from VH (as the building is leased from ERYC) awaiting reply. Cllr Gateshill provided a contact name at ERYC and the Clerk would contact him the next to ensure that this was being actioned. 3. A rental figure would need to be negotiated. 4. A legal agreement would need to be in place between the Post Mistress and Lecpc. The Council was advised that a 'Licensing' agreement may be more favourable. <p>.....</p> <p>The Clerk pointed out that whilst Cllr Broadhurst has always declared his interest in regard with LEC1, that he may be asked to offer his professional guidance with regard a trading agreement, and the Clerk formally asked the Council to confirm that this was not a 'Conflict of Interest'. Lecpc thanked Cllr Broadhurst for any professional guidance offered and recorded this was not a 'Conflict of Interest'.</p> <p>Discussions took place with regard to suggesting any other venue for the PO service, but this proved difficult. Lecpc confirmed, once again that they agree to the 'principle' of housing a temporary post office service in the Village Hall. Cllr Breen pointed out that up to recently there had been an active BT line in the adjoin Recreation Club, but was terminated due to lack of use, however the cabling is still in place. He also pointed out that in the 'Library' room of VH there are a number of unused computer terminal points, that possibly link up to the BT line. Lecpc agreed that a letter be sent out the following day (22/1/21) to both Post Office Ltd and the Post Mistress informing them of the decision taken at this meeting. Clerk to send out letters. The Chair thanked the working group for their hard work, who had put in a lot of time and effort, and confirmed that the working group proposals were agreed at this public meeting.</p>
13/21	Date of next meeting: Monday 1st February, 2021 (virtually -'Zoom') at 7.00pm