

## **LECONFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

**(representing the communities of Arram, Leconfield and Scarborough)**

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### **Annual Public meeting held 'virtually on 4/5/2021 at 7.00pm**

Councillors present: Scruton, Thomas, Haslam, Breen, Houltyby. Ward Councillors Gateshill and Greenwood. Clerk: Huzzard.

Apologies for absence: Cllr Broadhurst.

Leaves of absence - Healy, Metcalfe-Thompson, Welbourn.

No Declarations of interest.

Members of public - 4

### **Chairman's report - a summary of Lecpc since the March meeting 2020 and Covid restrictions.**

Following the public meeting on 2/3/20, the restrictions due to the covid crisis came in and no public meetings took place in April and no Annual meeting in May.

Lecpc was asked if it wanted to take Devolved powers, enabling the Clerk to make many decisions. Neither the Chair nor the Clerk wanted this and felt that Lecpc could continue to work and make decisions remotely.

There was no VE day celebrations in May.

The first virtual meeting took place on 1/6/20.

Throughout the year the 2 planning applications at Castle farm and Post Office were being challenged due to housing density, surface water flood risk and sewage capability.

Finally in November the 2 applications were given planning permission totalling 108 dwellings + 1 retail unit.

The year saw one resignation and 2 co-options, and 3 members taking 'Leave of absence'.

Lecpc withdrew from the Tickton and Routh joint flood alleviation group and Lecpc continued to discuss with ERYC improvements to our own flood alleviation scheme.

In November the Chair took leave of absence on health grounds and the vice chair took over in what was to become an extremely challenging role.

Discussions began in December regarding relocating the Post Office to the Village hall as the current building is due to be demolished.

This was a complicated process as 5 agencies were involved:

ERYC (landlord), Insurers, Post Office Ltd, Royal Mail and Post Mistress.

It took PO Ltd 7 weeks to decide the Hall was a suitable location and this followed a further 3 months of intense negotiations for Lecpc to finally secure the relocation of a temporary outreach.

The members worked tirelessly to get this over the line and to finally secure a working agreement with PM.

A working group was set up to look at preparing the hall for re-opening and after a fire safety inspection the fire alarm system was updated in both the Hall and Rec Club.

Further meetings are ongoing to look at how the hall can be improved and managed.

The introduction of Focus groups has got off to a good start in order to establish greater discussion with the public and to establish what they want from their village.

A financial budget for the forthcoming year was agreed and posted to the website.

Under extremely difficult conditions Lecpc feels that it has achieved a great deal in the last year and expects progress to continue at pace.

The Chairman thanked the Councillors and the Clerk for all the hard work that they had put in through this extremely challenging year.

For 2021 -2022 Lecpc is looking to continue with greater engagement with the residents and to organise a number of public events as the covid restrictions ease.

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At this point the acting Chairman stood down and the Councillors made the following proposals:

Chairman - Cllr Neil Scruton was proposed and seconded as Chairman - all in favour.

Vice-Chair - Cllr Elizabeth Thomas was proposed and seconded - all in favour.

The Public meeting ended and Lecpc moved to the Parish Council meeting.