

**FEEDBACK ON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
FOCUS GROUPS 1 AND 2**

Focus Group 1 - 19 April 2021

Environment Infrastructure

Roads & Speeding

Footpath upkeep & Safety

Planning Issues

Flooding Risk

Present:

Parish Council -

Mike Huzzard

Tom Houlby

Georgina Haslam

Elizabeth Thomas

Residents:

My Broad

Deb Oxley

Pete Murray

Lynne George

Deborah

Concerns Raised by Residents	Initial Response by PC at meeting	Follow Up
Parking at junction of St Catherine's Drive/Old Road causing a hazard with poor visibility. Vans being parked are believed to be from the second house in St Catherine's Drive.	PC would ask residents to stop parking there.	
Cars parked at junction of Carnaby Close. No Yellow Lines, but they might help with the parking.		Letter sent to ERYC re road markings
Footpath drop down's not good for smaller wheels on mobility scooters.	Damage around the KCOM areas of the footpaths which will be monitored when KCOM come into the village to fit fibre broadband. East Riding Street Scene in July when footpaths will be pointed out to those visiting.	

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<p>Young adults, from the Army camp, have been congregating and leaving rubbish half way down Grange Road. The same adults were seen kicking and breaking the fence in the playing fields area, 4 adults going on the zip wire at the same time. Drinking alcohol and then driving cars. Apparently, this has been going on for months. Resident complained to both the police and the Army.</p>	<p>Since the focus group session the Colonel has been in touch with the PC Clerk to arrange for the PC to meet with representatives of the Army with a view to improving relationships and to identify potential ways that the Army can support the local community.</p>	
<p>Speeding on the main road is quite shocking, even in the vicinity of the zebra crossing, where cars don't slow down and don't always stop. Need to gather our own evidence using our own speed cameras? Use newsletter to ask volunteers to come forward to go on courses? Flashing 30 sign in wrong place, you are in the village before you see them. The one on the Driffield road is covered by trees. Should a 30 sign be painted on the road?</p>	<p>ERYC not been supportive, major route to Driffield. Been in touch with police at safer roads and road traffic management. Full survey of all villages in the County to be undertaken this year. Speed in Leconfield not significant enough evidence.</p>	<p>Letters sent to ERYC Traffic Management and Humberside Police, setting out all concerns and suggestions.</p>
<p>Dog fouling on grass areas. More bins are needed around Carnaby Close/Grange Road.</p>	<p>Price of extra bins has already been asked for and the PC Clerk would chase up progress on this.</p>	
<p>Pump at Keepmoat site running 24/7. Developers will try to put cladding on it to reduce noise. High levels of dust currently. Asbestos in the barn is an issue for everyone. Traffic through Harthill is a problem.</p>	<p>Pipework/groundwork currently being carried out. Barns to be removed in around 3 weeks' time. One barn has asbestos. 4 houses (show houses) to be built backing onto Harthill, then will build on the field and then build the main street cottages.</p>	

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<p>No shop and post office in the village would be a negative step backwards for the village. What can the residents and the PC do about it?</p>	<p>Temporary, limited post office services will be delivered in the Village Hall until the retail unit is built.</p> <p>If the paddocks to the rear of the post office site are not purchased by the developer then a change of planning request will be required. If this does not include a retail unit the Ward Councillors will be asked to intervene.</p>	
<p>A view was expressed that residents don't always get involved until things seriously affects them.</p> <p>Using someone outside of the PC on the Leconfield Hub to ask questions of residents: do you have a footpath unsafe near you? Have you experienced speeding issues in the village?</p>		
<p>Residents had found the meeting informative and interesting and said that it would be good when we can meet up face to face. They would tell residents about the focus groups where they could.</p>		

Focus Group 2 - 26 April 2021

Amenities

Post Office update

Shop – what sort of shop would villagers welcome and use?

Internet access

Present:

Parish Council -

Mike Huzzard
Tom Houlby
Georgina Haslam
Elizabeth Thomas
Neil Scruton

Residents:

Chris Fellows
Deb Oxley
Pete Murray
Mike Roberts
Margaret Roberts
Roger Haywood
Paul Needley
Sarah Roberts

Concerns Raised by Residents	Initial Response by PC at meeting	Follow Up
<p>Update on fibre broadband in the villages by resident who is taking this initiative forward on behalf of residents (Roger Haywood). KCOM coming into the village in August regardless of the take up. One disadvantage of using KCOM is that another supplier cannot use their equipment etc in the future. 114 addresses interested in KCOM. Fibre would be to the home rather than copper from the cabinet to the home.</p> <p>Options around BT Outreach had also been explored, although it looked like they would not be in the village for 4/5 years in line with current plans.</p>	<p>KCOM gave a presentation at a recent PC meeting. BT Open Reach are also welcome to present at a PC meeting.</p>	

<p>Residents in Arram had also been contacted by Roger as KCOM have stated they would look at Arram if they got at least 30 residents in Arram to register.</p> <p>Speed of internet in the villages is a problem. Not meeting residents' needs, particularly around home schooling and gaming etc. Some residents keeping their options open around future supplier.</p> <p>One resident had not had a good experience with KCOM saying that they were very prescriptive.</p> <p>Will KCOM visit the village to speak to residents?</p>		
<p>Residents wanted a shop in the village to “keep it alive” provide vibrancy, a social place where residents catch up. There is a need to keep hold of our amenities, especially for the older people in the village.</p> <p>Is there no compulsion on the developer to build a retail unit/PO?</p> <p>Who puts the new shop out for tender?</p> <p>One local retailer who currently has Post Offices are not aware of the retail development.</p> <p>Do residents need to put pressure on?</p> <p>If the developer hasn't put a tender out widely, then he needs to do so.</p> <p>Leconfield known as a sustainable village, surprised that planning hasn't been made conditional on retail unit.</p> <p>Are there car parking places at the shop?</p> <p>What can we do about this? We need stronger communications – names on a petition to back it up?</p>	<p>Main Post Office to close on 27th April and a temporary outreach Post Office would be located in the Village Hall from 11 May 2021. The temporary Post Office would open 4 hours a week with a temporary contract in place. The current Post Office building to be demolished soon. Post Office Ltd want to see a full post office service being re-instated in the village once the new retail unit is built.</p> <p>Made the MOD aware of the situation.</p> <p>Planning agreed to 41 dwellings and a single storey retail unit. It appears that the developer has not yet secured the 2 paddocks behind the PO land and therefore currently has the land to build 5 houses and a single storey retail unit. If current plans are different to the original submitted plans, a revised planning application from the developer will be required.</p> <p>We believe the developer is putting out feelers for interest in a shop but we don't know who the</p>	

<p>Houses in the village will lose value if there is no shop/PO.</p> <p>Trends are changing and local shops are being encouraged, so that people can walk to them rather than using transport – re climate change. National and Global trends ie localism – shops 15 minutes from home.</p> <p>We need to be proactive rather than reactive to what the developer does.</p> <p>Could the shop end up being a “fast food” shop?</p> <p>Residents want a general shop and Post Office.</p> <p>Planning has been given for 114 houses based on a train station (which is 2.5 miles away, with one train stopping per day) an hourly bus service and a shop/PO.</p>	<p>developer is in discussion with in relation to the retail unit.</p> <p>There is parking on the plans.</p> <p>There are 1522 people 18+ on the electoral roll and a 2200 population, which will only grow as new houses are built. This will work in our favour in relation to a shop/PO.</p> <p>Discussions ongoing with our Ward Councillors who are supportive of our situation.</p> <p>PC is restricted in what it can do at this point, we have fought for the PO to stay open in the interim.</p> <p>The PC can ask the developer what the plans are and who has been contacted re tendering for the retail unit.</p> <p>The plans explicitly state no “fast food”.</p>	
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Focus Group 3 – 10 May 2021

Environment Green Space

Proposal to re wild verges

Proposal to re plant the Bubble Park

Development of a community gardening group

Litter in the villages

Dog Fouling

Present:

Parish Council -

Mike Huzzard

Tom Houlby

Georgina Haslam

Elizabeth Thomas

Neil Scruton

Residents:

Chris Fellows

Chris Fellows

Pete Murray

Steve Hogg

Bridget Bawn

Lisa Harris

Concerns Raised by Residents	Initial Response by PC at meeting	Follow Up
<p>A representative from East Riding Voluntary Action Services (ERVAS) provided a brief on proposed plans for the Bubble Park (the grassed area between St Catherine’s Drive, Percy Close and Wyndham Close). The proposed plan is to do something with the area to improve it for residents. The project would involve the community and young people in the village, to include planting of trees and a seated area. ERYC has been contacted as they own the land and a response is awaited.</p> <p>Other residents present brought up the potential problem of young people congregating there but</p>	<p>The PC had written to ERYC but not yet had a response therefore would chase.</p> <p>Other points provided by the PC is that there is a resident who is currently using the bubble park for access although there is no vehicular access. There is only one parish light and the area is dark in the evening. Trees were hanging over the gardens in the past which was an issue.</p>	

<p>agreed that a seated area, dog waste bins and nice plants would benefit the area. If this was also an environmental project the young people working on the project would invest in it.</p> <p>The village has a high number of youths and this project carried out by the young people could improve things for the older generation.</p> <p>It was suggested that the school might also want to be involved with the project as the school children enjoy the gardening club at the school.</p> <p>There is an environmental project taking place on the military camp currently and young people who attend the school are working on it. It would be good to bring this out into the wider community.</p> <p>The representative from ERVAS would like feedback from residents of all ages as we are more likely to gain agreement from ERYC if the project has village support.</p> <p>The area could have a bench, sensory area, bird box etc and would also be beneficial to mental health.</p> <p>The ERVAS representative would link with the school re taking this project forward.</p>		
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<p>There was previously a beautiful village group in the village which came to an end. Thousands of bulbs were planted and flower boxes were made and maintained. There was a view that it would be good to re-instate this group.</p>	<p>The PC already doing some work around replenishing boxes but would look into the potential of a community gardening group.</p>	
<p>Could we revive the annual awards for people in the village, young and old, who have done good work?</p>	<p>The PC keen to review this.</p>	
<p>Would like to see more seats and trees in the village.</p>		
<p>A presentation was given around Verges for Wildlife in Leconfield Scarborough and Arram by a resident in conjunction with Plantlife.</p> <p>The project provides a different approach to managing road verges.</p> <p>The benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • seeing wildflowers about our villages and the pleasure they will give to walkers drivers through our villages. • This could provide nectar and pollen from February to September for wildlife • Improve number of pollinators which are in great decline • 97% of wildflower meadows destroyed since 1930's road verges are a vital refuge for bees butterflies bats birds and bugs. • Overtime the council would reduce costs by reducing the number of cuts and amount of cuttings produced. 	<p>Participants in the focus group were keen to take this forward and the PC would have further talks with the resident giving the presentation to identify next steps.</p> <p>PC representative would look at the boxes for planters to see if they are suitable.</p>	

<p>Recognises the need for road safety for all users and the need for safety cuts for sightlines and junctions are a priority.</p> <p>ERYC are open to volunteers/groups taking on local projects and the focus group was asked for its thoughts on trying to get a wild verge group going in Leconfield.</p> <p>Should a pilot be carried out first? Maybe we just get on with it?</p> <p>Small cops on the Driffield road just on the verge of the village which could be used. Land owned by ERYC.</p> <p>The very bottom of Grange Road, belonging to ERYC, has be left and it has wild verges.</p> <p>It was highlighted that this was not simply not cutting the grass and getting lovely flowers. It needed to be planned and maintained.</p> <p>Boxes were available for free to use as planters and one gentleman in the village was happy to replant boxes.</p> <p>A suggestion of asking the community to “adopt a box”.</p>		
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<p>Residents present had a view that there were sufficient dog waste bins in the village with the exception of one needed near the school, the Bubble Park and the top end of Miles Lane.</p> <p>There are 14 bins currently in the village which are emptied once a week.</p>		
<p>There was a view that on the whole there wasn't a litter problem but recognition that sometimes on the road to Arram and road through Miles Lane rubbish appeared to be thrown from cars in to the verges.</p> <p>Recognition that the young people using the bus stop usually used the bins and were very good at getting rid of their rubbish.</p>	<p>PC had a meeting arranged with the MOD and they would mention litter at the meeting.</p>	

Focus Group 4 – 17 May 2021

Community Networking

Children’s Play areas and playing fields
Refurbishment & future use of the Hall
Development of new and existing clubs
Community support and networking

Present:

Parish Council - Mike Huzzard
Tom Houlby
Georgina Haslam
Elizabeth Thomas
Neil Scruton
Geoff Breen

Residents: Kate Capes
Brian Fellows
Pete Murray
Steve Hogg

Concerns Raised by Residents	Initial Response by PC at meeting	Follow Up
	<p>An update on the village hall was provided by the PC. A village hall working group had been set up with members from the Parish Council, the Recreation Club and parishioners. Looking at options for management of a community hub and whether there should be a joint committee.</p> <p>Also looking at the structure of the building and have addressed health and safety matters before re-opening after covid, eg fire, covid restrictions.</p> <p>Residents had volunteered to help clean the village hall prior to opening, following a mice</p>	<p>14 volunteers and PC members spent a full weekend cleaning the village hall store, kitchen, meeting room carpet and Rec Club furniture ready for reopening in June.</p>

	<p>infestation in the hall during lockdown. The mice had destroyed curtains, equipment and books, games and jigsaws in the library. As a result the library books and games had to be destroyed safely, due to contamination by the mice. Although the library had not be used much recently, prior to covid, residents would be asked whether they wanted a library re-instating.</p> <p>Work required on the structure of the building was significant and a considerations report was being commissioned to assess the costs associated with any work needing to be done. The costs are likely to be significant and grants will be required. It is up to the parishioners to say what they want in relation to a village hall and the PC will support those needs where possible.</p> <p>An update on the Recreation Club was given. It is the hub of the village and is not just for drinking. It has many activities taking place such as choir, bingo, whist, music evenings, darts/pool competitions, quizzes. There are around 10-14 volunteers, 9 of whom are on the committee.</p> <p>There are strict licensing hours due to it being a private members club and not a pub. Everyone is welcome to join for £6 a year and there is a need to attract some younger people.</p>	
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<p>Some residents had been and looked at the club and said it does look different.</p> <p>Many of the young parents in Leconfield have children that attend school in Cherry Burton due to better childcare facilities, as there are no childminders in Leconfield to take babies and toddlers.</p> <p>A suggestion to use 18+ to run the Recreation Club bar on a voluntary basis for work experience.</p> <p>Plans for a Mindful Playgroup being run from September in the village hall. The village hall could be used as a mindful hub, from “Babies to Wiser” attracting people from outside of the village too.</p> <p>The play area (park) is a benefit in Leconfield and young families often use it. Could there be a café in the village hall?</p> <p>People don’t know what’s going on in the village.</p>	<p>Desire for it to become “life of the village” again and currently being refurbished and modernised by volunteers. It will hopefully be re-opened by end of June.</p> <p>Age demographics in the village is relatively spread out with around one third being under the age of 18.</p> <p>Members of the PC found this idea could be of real benefit to the village and two of the councillors would pick up with the person running these sessions, around support we could offer.</p> <p>This is an option that will be explored with residents.</p> <p>PC exploring options for further engagement and communication with residents, including strengthening the PC website.</p>	
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<p>When we carry out work on the village hall we need to ensure we take account of the environment etc.</p> <p>Don't want to spend anything on the village hall unless we have a report and that any work is in line with environmental issues, green etc, even. If it means knocking it down and starting again.</p> <p>Who owns the village hall?</p>	<p>We need nice facilities to get people into the village and we need activities for all age groups.</p> <p>We have a low base precept and have had several years of austerity when we only had enough to pay the bills. There has been a lack of investment and it is recognised that we need a different model for the management of the Village Hall, if we are to bring investment and grants in.</p> <p>We have asked for a conditions report and once we know how much we need and how we can get the funds we can plan.</p> <p>The current facilities have been running for 30 years and in need of modernising. What do residents want? There is a view that the premises should be run as one with one committee and we are looking at the options.</p> <p>If the conditions report is damming the monies spent of late were needed to be legally safe when re-open the hall ie fire, covid regulations etc.</p> <p>The land, building and the playing fields site is owned by ERYC. Leconfield PC has a 35 year lease and the Recreation Club is a sub tenant to Leconfield PC. Over the years the village hall has</p>	
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<p>If leased don't ERYC have the responsibility to maintain structure etc. Put back to the landlord?</p> <p>The PC seems to be taking the problem by the scruff of the neck and I believe you will get lots of support from parishioners.</p> <p>Everyone needs to be a member including footballers etc.</p> <p>We have more confidence in PC now than ever before. Don't want the village hall to be closed or knocked down.</p>	<p>been unable to apply for grants as it is within a private members club.</p> <p>No, the contract states that Leconfield PC is responsible. The assets were reviewed and new insurance taken out and the costs shared between the Hall/Club.</p> <p>Within the last 12 months had to use zoom and had many issues, including planning, flooding, post office and village hall. PCs have worked tirelessly and very proud of what members have achieved which is far more than would be expected.</p>	
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