Ellington Parish Council

Minutes of Ellington Parish Council Meeting
Held Monday 3rd July, at 7.30 pm in Ellington Village Hall

Present:

Councillors: Cllr Lumbers, Cllr Porter, Cllr Walters, Cllr King, Cllr Woods

Clerk: Darren Tysoe

Public: None (so no Open Forum).

1124. Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs Chapman and Elliot
1125. The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th May 2017 were approved as a correct record with one minor typo on the first page.
1126. Matters arising from Minutes held on 8th May 2017. The Village Sign would benefit from re-painting, and the support is not firm. Cllr Lumbers will contact a local builder and also Mr Glyn Mould (who painted the previous sign) to obtain quotes.

Action: Cllr Lumbers will also make inquiries about relocating the Millstone to opposite Windmill Close and also make enquiries regarding the Village sign (liaise with Cllr Porter – see item 1130 e below).

There was dissatisfaction regarding the response from the County Council Highways Dept regarding the slip road.

Action: Clerk to write again to request a site visit.

Carried Forward Action: The Clerk to contact Balfour Beatty regarding a contract for the street lamps on Thrapston Road.

1127. There were no Declarations of Interest in any agenda item.
1128. Update from District and County Councillors – no update.
1129. Finances
   a) The Cashbook and Bank Reconciliation as of 31 May 2017 was approved. The Clerk was asked to re-invest £10,000 on a 12 month deposit. **Action: Clerk.**
   b) The Clerk's Q1 Salary (Apr-June) of £487.14 Net; and payment to HMRC £290.09 was approved.
   c) The following payments since the last meeting were noted:
      - replacement cheque no 585, amount: £100 payable to East Leightonstone PCC
      - £125.87 for internal audit to Canalbs Ltd (Chq 581)
      - £453.05 for insurance to AON UK Ltd (Chq 582)
      - £3600 for first-part payment for Shelter to Realise Futures Ltd (Chq 583)
      - £486.40 for grass cutting, invoices 00589 and 00581 (Chq 584)
      - £250 for tree stump grinding of Willow tree payable to Jonathan Steel (Chq 5
      - £243.20 in respect of grass cutting invoice 00593 (Chq 587)

1130. Other Matters to consider/updates

a) It was noted that the 2015/16 Annual Return had been approved by the internal auditor. A few points were raised which included the need to register under the ICO, one address missing on a Register of Interest, and that grants could no longer be made to support church operations. The Parish Council were keen to support the church lighting which was an asset to the village as it creates an attractive focal point within the village. **Action: Clerk to seek further advice.**

b) Update on Enforcement issues (if any). A further update was included in the Minutes of the previous meeting. The Clerk was asked to thank Mr Swaby for the update and to ensure that the Parish Council is given early notification of the Planning Application from Buffaload in order for an Open/Public Meeting to be held. **Action: Clerk.**

c) Facebook comments regarding reversing beeping noises from Buffaload. It was agreed to forward these comments to Nigel Swaby. **Action: Clerk.**

d) Update on double yellow lines. In view of the comments from residents at Vine Row, it was agreed to only carry out adding double yellow lines at St Peters Road, rather than outside Vine Row. **Action: Clerk to inform the LHI bid and residents at Vine Row.**

e) To consider Grant Applications. Cllr Porter confirmed he would be willing to obtain quotes for a new village sign. **Action: Cllr Porter.** Another possibility was to apply for new goals/nets from the RES fund. **Action: Cllr Lumbers would speak to the VH Committee Treasurer regarding this.**

f) Village Hall Update – no report.

g) Playing Field Committee Update – the deposit for the Shelter has been paid.

h) Neighbourhood Watch Update – there has been an increase in car crime, especially with keys being stolen from inside houses to drive off with cars.

1131. Correspondence No further correspondence was discussed.

1132. Items for discussion at next meeting – Village signs.

1133. Date of next Meeting – Monday, 4th Sept 2017 at 7.30 pm

Signed Clerk: 9th July 2017