Ellington Parish Council

Minutes of Ellington Parish Council Meeting
Held Monday 8 May 2017, at 7.15 pm in Ellington Village Hall

Present:

Councillors: Cllr Chapman, Cllr Elliott, Cllr King, Cllr Lumbers, Cllr Porter, Cllr Walters, and Cllr Woods.

Clerk: Darren Tysoe

Public: 3 members of the public were present.

Open Forum

A member of the public stated that the quality of the grass cutting had improved form last year. It was requested that the playing field was cut prior to the Gala and possibly Church Lane had been missed.

Action: The Clerk agreed to contact BEAM to ensure that the Green and the Playing Field was cut by the Wednesday before the gala.

A member of the public asked about the path from Green Lane to where the chip van is sited.
Action: Cllrs Lumbers and Chapman agreed to review this.

A member of the public stated that the Village Sign needs some pointing and re-painting.
Action: Cllrs Lumbers and Chapman agreed to investigate this, together with siting the Millstone.

It was agreed to close the item of speed humps/chicanes as it had not been possible to identify a scheme that would reduce speeds on Grafham road and have an acceptable impact on road noise or nuisance to farm vehicles.

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Balfour Beatty to obtain quotes to maintain the remaining street lamps along Thrapston Road, including the replacement of lamps.
Action: Clerk.

It was agreed that Cllr Walters and the Clerk would meet with HDC staff in respect of a Neighbourhood Plan. **Action: Clerk/Cllr Walters.**

1103. Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr Bywater and Cllr White, and Apologies for Late Arrival were received from Cllr Elliott.
1104. Election of Chairman for Municipal Year 2017/18. Cllr Mark Chapman was elected as Chairman for the next municipal year.
1105 Election of Vice Chairman for Municipal Year 2017/18. Cllr Jill Elliot was elected as Vice Chairman for the next municipal year.
1106. Appointment to Outside Bodies: Playing Field Committee – Cllr Lumbers, Village Hall Committee – Cllr Woods; Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr King; RES – Cllr Elliott and Cllr Walters.

1107. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th March 2017 and Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 12th April 2017 were approved.
1108. Matters arising from Minutes held on 6th March 2017. It was agreed to close the item of the Operators' Licence. Regarding the beeping noises from Buffaload, the Clerk agreed to gauge opinion from residents and report back at the next meeting
1109. There were no Declarations of Interest from Members
1110. Update from District and County Councillors – not present.
1111. Finances
    a) The Cashbook and Bank Reconciliation as of 31 March 2017 was approved.
    b) It was agreed to continue with AON UK Ltd for insurance arrangements for the 2017/18 Municipal Year
    c) The payment of £486.40 for grass cutting (invoices dated 5th March and 28th March) was noted.
    d) The payment of Clerk's Q4 Salary (Jan-March). £487.14 Net; Payment to HMRC £290.09 was noted.
    e) The payment of £250 towards costs of producing Ellington Express (payee R Green) was approved.
    f) The payment of £250 for dismantling of Willow tree payable to Jonathan Steel was approved.
    g) To payment of £486.40 for invoices dated 12th April and 28th April for grass cutting was approved.
    h) It was agreed to contribute £1000 towards the Playing Field Shelter, paid from the Capital Projects Fund.

1112. The updated Asset Register was approved.
1113. The Chairman and Clerk approved/signed Section 1 of the Annual Return 2016/17.
1114. The Chairman and Clerk approved/signed Section 2 of the Annual Return 2016/17.
1115. There were no updates of Register of Interest Forms.
1116. The Risk Assessment Register was approved.
1117. It was noted that policies were due for re-approval/review for May 2018.
1118. The Playing Field Equipment ROSPA report was noted. It was agreed that the Playing Field Committee would be asked to obtain quotes for adjusting the chain heights for the swing on The Green.

1119. Planning Matters
    To consider planning applications
    a) 17/00766/HHFUL, Longwaite, Grafham Road, Ellington, single-storey side extension to existing building. **Recommend Approval** as: No impact on neighbours, Useful additional amenity space and Design is in-keeping with the house and the village.

    b) 17/00824/HHFUL, Newcot, Grafham Road, Elington, Proposed two-storey rear extension. Recommend Approval as: No impact on neighbours, Useful additional amenity space and Design is in-keeping with the house and the village

1120. Other Matters to consider/updates
    a) Update from Nigel Swaby (this item was discussed after item 1109). See Appendix. In addition to these notes, Cllr Woods raised the issue of the spotlights near the car park, Cllr Chapman raised asked whether additional structures that had been erected would be addressed in the application, the reversing alarms was raised again; and Cllr Lumbers raised the issue of the lack of landscaping due to the felled woodland.
    b) Village Hall Update – None.
    c) Playing Field Committee Update. Cllr Lumbers reported that a 'Big Breakfast and Treasure Hunt event was being held in support of the Playing Field on 14th May.
    d) Neighbourhood Watch Update – it was reported that a trailer had been stolen from Green Lane.

1121. Correspondence - see attached list of correspondence and emails received since March meeting.
1122. Items for discussion at next meeting – matters arising.
1123. Date of next Meeting – Monday, 3rd July 2017 at 7.30 pm

Signed Clerk: 20th June 2017

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