Ellington Parish Council

Minutes of Ellington Parish Council
Held Monday 2nd July 2018 at 7.30 at the Village Hall, Ellington

Present:

Councillors: Cllrs Chapman, Palmer, Porter, and Walters.
Clerk/Dist Cllr: Darren Tysoe
Public: None

1197. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Elliott, Cllr Lumbers, and Cllr McCutcheon. Cllr Walters was in the Chair.
1198. The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th May 2018 was approved with the addition that speeding in the village was discussed under the Public Forum. The Minutes Annual Parish Meeting held on 16 May 2018 were approved.
1199. Matters arising – the Clerk was asked to chase CC I Gardner in respect of a person from Highways to come to the village and inspect the local roads, pavements, etc.
1200. There were no Declarations of Interest.
1201. District Councillor D Tysoe presented a report which included action on the A14/A1 road closures and the effect on the village.
1202. Finances
    a) The Cashbook and Bank Reconciliation as of 31 May 2018 was approved.
    b) Payments made since the May Meeting were noted. They were: SLCC £46, Stationery and expenses £64.26, Ellington Express £250, Village Sign painting £250, website and email addresses £24.00, CAPALC £230.15, BHIB Insurance £407.15 and Grass Cutting £407.75
    c) The following other payments were approved: Internal Audit £137.42, Clerk's Salary Q1 £528.18 Net, PAYE Inland Revenue £317.45, Grass Cutting £729.60 (Invoice 5,6,7), Election Costs £1030.26
1203. Planning Applications
    a) 25 High Street, (ref: 18/01075/HHFUL).

    With respect to the above planning application, members agreed to recommend APPROVAL for the following reasons:

    - Additional amenity space for a growing family
    - Sympathetic design - use of existing footprint and first floor to generate additional space
    - Minimal impact on street scene and neighbouring properties

    Proposed by Cllr Walters and seconded by Cllr Porter.

1204. Other Matters to consider/updates
    a) Impact of A14/A1 Closures on the Village. Members noted the overnight closures in particular were increasing traffic through the village in the form of HGVs which were ignoring weight restrictions and also the increase in speeding. The Clerk (and District Cllr) reported on the work that he had been doing to raise awareness with Highways England and the Police, as well as the media.

b) Speedwatch – request to assist with Grafham. Members said they would be pleased to assist Grafham with their speedwatch plans by inviting them to sit in with them whilst carrying out speedwatch duties, and then offer a reciprocal arrangement once Grafham Speedwatch members had received relevant training.
c) Update on Millstone/Village Sign. Cllr Chapman stated that he would arrange for another quote in order to expedite the works. An update would be provided by the next meeting. It was noted that the village sign had been painted.
d) Councillor's Training and CAPALC Access. The Chairman circulated dates of training and asked new members to notify the Clerk if they wished to undertake any training. The next dates were in September.
e) Projects for 2018/19. The Chairman stated that a village sign/gates with an incorporated speedlimit, similar to the one at Perry and Gravely would be useful. The Clerk agreed to investigate prices. Cllr Porter raised some highways issues that could be candidates for funding. These included the slip road from the eastbound A14 (protect verge, clean bollards); construction of a footpath from Green Lane to The Green.
f) Enforcement Updates (if any). Nigel Swaby from the District Council circulated a brief update with respect to Buffaload. He reported that the agent met with the operators on Tuesday 5th June to discuss the process to regularise the development on the site and he has recently received confirmation for the proposed strategy. It remains their intention to submit a Section 73 application to regularise the use of the Phase 1 building and associated land as B1/B2/B8. The application is to include a lighting assessment to assess any light spill outside of the site and any necessary remediation to appropriate levels. Surveys are underway and it is expected that the application will be submitted in July. It remains the intention of the applicant to proceed with development of the wider site as per extant permission 0601759FUL with the construction of Phase 2 and 3 buildings in due course and any permission will seek to ensure that the long term development of the site is not compromised.
g) Neighbourhood Plan update – no further update.
h) Village Hall Update – no further update/
i) Playing Field Committee Update – no update.
j) Neighbourhood Watch Update – no update.

1205. Correspondence - reminder to provide update on grant for millstone (CCF).
1206. Items for discussion at next meeting – millstone, village gates, A14/A1 road closures.
1207. Date of next Meetings in 2018: 3rd Sept, 5th Nov