Ellington Parish Council

Minutes of Ellington Parish Council Parish Meeting
Held 3rd September 2018 at 7:30 at the Village Hall, Ellington

Present:

Councillors: Cllrs Chapman, Elliott, Lumbers, McCutcheon, Palmer, Porter, & Walters.
Clerk/DCllr: Darren Tysoe
County Cllr: Ian Gardener

Public: 4

Open Forum

A member of the public asked what the PC could do in respect of traffic travelling the wrong way down the westbound slip road. Councillors acknowledged the problem remains despite this issue being raised previously and the County Highways Dept stating that signage is adequate and correct. There was general agreement by Councillors that the signage was inadequate, and cited other signage at Wyboston which was clearer. **Action: CC Gardener stated that he would raise this with Jo Challis, the Highways Manager.**

A member of the public asked about the outcome of car parking at Windmill Close. Cllr Lumbers stated that he had contacted Luminus regarding parking spaces for residents at Luminus and they stated they have no funds but be willing to assist if The Parish Council was willing to fund the project. Councillors repeated their previous comments that they felt the costs outweighed the benefits for too few beneficiaries, and the matter was now closed.

The Chairman of the Playing Field Association asked if the Parish Council would check the condition of the swing on The Green. **Action: Clerk**

1208. There were no apologies for absence.
1209. The Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2018 were approved as an accurate record (proposed by Cllr Walters and seconded by Cllr Porter).
1210. There were no matters arising from Minutes held on 2nd July 2018 that were not on the Agenda.
1211. There were no declarations of interest from any Member. The Clerk declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 1214(a) and left the meeting whilst Members debated the item and made their recommendation.
1212. Report from County Councillor and District Councillor: CC Gardener reported on the visit from Highways Officers earlier in August. 3 Officers from the CC Highways met with the County Councillor and Councillors Lumbers and Porter. The Officers reviewed the highways issues on the ground and undertook to review the unofficial layby on Thrapston Road, the damage to the flyover and roundabout, and the damaged footway and loose cover on Thrapston Road . They mentioned that they will be speaking at the PC meeting at Grafham the following week in respect of the A14 and A1 traffic being diverted through the village. They reported that they had

put a no right turn at Buckden Road for HGVs, but it is recognised that this is being ignored by some HGV drivers despite the 18T weight limit.

Cllr Porter asked CC Gardener why Highways England could not put up adequate signage. The response was that it is the police who enforce traffic restrictions. The Clerk was asked to write to the Police and Crime Commissioner. Action: **Clerk**.

CCllr Gardener stated that potholes had been improved in the village. Members of the public and parish councillors were encouraged to report potholes using the online system at the County Council. It was also recommended to include photographs. Cllr Gardener also warned against A14 tarmac scams.

DCllr Tysoe reported on his efforts to relieve the issues in relation to the A14 works and chased up damage to the village by vehicles.

1213. Finances
   a) The Cashbook and Bank Reconciliation as of 31 July 2018 was approved. Proposed by the Chairman, and seconded by Cllr Walters.
   b) To approve other payments and to note payments made since last meeting BEAM Grass Cutting invoices 5,6,7 £729.60, Function 28 website and email invoices 4115, 4352, 4245 £72, BEAM Grass Cutting invoices 5,6,7 £729.60, BEAM invoice 8 £729.60.
   c) It was agreed to note that the Clerk's salary point would be corrected from point 21 to point 23 from beginning of current financial year. Proposed by the Chairman, and seconded by Cllr Walters.

1214. Planning Matters
   a) To consider planning application: Proposal: Demolition of a shed and construction of a dwellinghouse and means of access (resubmission of planning application 17/00170/FUL)
   Site Address: Grove Cottage Malting Lane Ellington
   Reference: 18/01712/FUL
   Note: The Chairman administered this item as the applicant is the Parish Clerk/District Councillor. The applicant left the meeting.

   [Copy of hand-written statement sent to HDC, written by the Chairman]

   Recommend Approval because 'we have granted approval twice before and there is no material change. The demolition of the shed will improve the overall appearance The proposed welling is in keeping with its surroundings'

1215. Other Matters to consider/updates
   a) Update on Enforcement issues. A brief update was received from Nigel Swaby which stated that a planning application had yet to be submitted by the applicant. The Clerk was asked to write back stating that the PC was losing confidence with the District Council to resolve the outstanding issues with Buffaload. It was agreed that the Chairman would sign the letter. Action: **Clerk/Chairman**.
   b) Highways Matters – Much of this was dealt with under item 1212. Cllr Lumbers agreed to chase Jo Challis for progress since her site meeting. Weight Limit sign knocked over – Cllr Gardener to chase. Cllr Walters asked about speeding between Ellington and Ellington Thorpe. CCllr Gardener stated that Andy Cundy will come out in December.

c) Village sign replacement – waiting for the second quote. Cllr Lumbers to chase.

d) Update on grant applications – the Clerk reported that he had made an application for Village Gates to the HDC Community Chest.

e) Councillor Training – The Clerk was requested to book new Councillor training for Cllrs McCutcheon and Palmer. **Action: Clerk.**

f) Update on Parish Plan or informal plan – The Vice Chairman, Cllr Walters asked that an informal meeting was held to discuss this. The Clerk will also ask if a PC/TC that has passed through the stages of a Neighbourhood Plan would be willing to speak to the PC. **Action: Clerk.**

g) Village Hall Update – no update.

h) Playing Field Committee Update – a cycle ride around Grafham has been organised to raise funds to replace a climbing frame.

i) Neighbourhood Watch Update – none, though it was noted that Cllr King was still the rep. The Clerk was asked to make arrangements to change the rep. **Action: Clerk.**

1216. Correspondence - to note correspondence and action taken – all circulated via email.

1217. Items for discussion at next meeting - Informal Plan, Swings, Cycle discussion, Luminus parking, signs on wheelie bins, signage

1218. Date of next Meeting – November 5th 2018