Ellington Parish Council

Minutes of Ellington Parish Council
on Monday 1st July 2019 at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall, Ellington

Present:

Councillors: J Elliott, R Lumbers, R Palmer, and R Walters.
Clerk/Dist Cllr: Darren Tysoe
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Open Forum

A representative of the Playing Field Committee updated the PC on the progress of funding for play equipment. He requested that the PC would be prepared to underwrite a proportion of the cost in the event that monies were not in place due to the timing of the payment of grants. Subject to the PC having sufficient cash flows, this was agreed up to a figure of £3,000. This was agreed – see Finances 1280.

1275 Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs Chapman, McCuthcheon, Porter, and County Councillor Gardener.

1276 Approval of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th May 2019 were approved as an accurate record (proposed by Cllr Lumbers and seconded by Cllr Elliott).

1277 Matters arising from Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th May 2019: **Japanese Knotweed** – there was conflicting information regarding whether the knotweed had been treated. CC Gardener will be chased to determine whether or not this had been done. Members asked whether or not a private contractor could be approached to give a quote for the work. It was agreed to pursue this, should it be the case that the County have not carried out the work, as agreed. **Action: Clerk**. **Cllr Lumbers** also agreed to contact Anglia Water as the site is partly on the boundary of their land. Ellington Express – discussions were in progress for a group of residents to meet with the editors to discuss how to spread the tasks between a wider number of people in order to re-introduce the Express. The village FB age was also being mooted to widen is scope from the Gala page to being a village information page, in line with neighbouring villages. One of the audit actions called for the playing field equipment to be checked on a more regular basis. Cllr Lumbers confirmed that a schedule was now in place. The padlock on the entrance to the playing field had been fitted. Cllr Lumbers agreed to pursue the placement of fencing around the village green.

1278. There were no declarations of interest.

1279. Update from District and County Councillors. District Cllr Tysoe updated councillors on the Ellington and Grafham Parish Councils submission to HDC for the designation of the whole of both parishes as a Neighbourhood Area. The consultation is at this link:

http://consult.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/portal/pp/nps/genp

Huntingdonshire District Council is carrying out a consultation on the proposed Neighbourhood Area **from Monday 8 July to Friday 23 August 2019.**

Comments on the proposed Neighbourhood Area should be submitted by **5pm on Friday 23 August 2019.**

Following the close of the 6 week consultation period, Huntingdonshire District Council will consider all comments received. A report will then be prepared with a recommendation as to whether or not the proposed Neighbourhood Area should be designated.

1280. Finances

a) The Cashbook and Bank Reconciliation as of 31 May 2019 was agreed.

b) The following payments made since the last meeting were noted: BEAM Grass Cutting (000652) invoice 5 and 6 £486.40, Canalbs Internal audit £135.05 (000653), 000654 Function 28 invoice 5822 and 5654 £48.00, 000655 BEAM invoice 7 £243.20, 000656 Clerk Salary Q1 inc annual computer allowance £645.95 (Net), 000657 HMRC PAYE £329.30. The following payments were approved: 000658 UK Amenity £150.00, 000659 BEAM Invoice 8+9 £288.20.

c) It was agreed to underwrite the Playing Field Committee the sum of £3,000 in support of new play equipment.

1281 Planning Matters

a) Proposal: Single storey rear extension, 1 Blacksmiths Lane Ellington Huntingdon. Ref: 19/01071/HHFUL

Members recommended APPROVAL for the following reasons:

- Appearance, layout and scale are all sympathetic to the existing building and does not dominate the existing site
- Materials match the existing building
- Modest exemption with minimum impact on the local setting.

Proposed by Cllr Lumbers and seconded by Cllr Walters.

1282. Other Matters to consider/updates

a) Update on A14 Legacy Fund. An outcome of the bids is expected within days. The Clerk has sent an update for the third bid (Play equipment) with three quotations.

b) LHI Bid(s). It was agreed to submit a bid for a mobile speed camera. The Clerk to be asked to submit the LHI bid. The cost is expected to be around £2k. **Action: Clerk (by 4th August).**

c) Impact of A1 and A14 road closures – the Clerk was asked to chase the County Councillor regarding bollards at the slip road. The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with the A14 project several times since the last meeting. CC Gardiner had also visited a resident to view damage potentially caused by increases in HGV traffic. CCllr Gardiner also to be asked to ensure that all signage is viewable. The Clerk was asked to purchase wheelie bin stickers for residents along High Street, The Green, Thrapston Road, and Grafham Road. **Action: Clerk.**

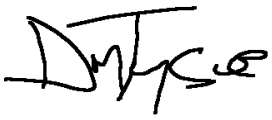
d) Update on Neighbourhood Plan. The Clerk reported that a Joint neighbourhood Area between Ellington and Grafham was now subject to consultation. Once approved, a meeting will be held in September to launch the Neighbourhood Plan preparation.

e) Grass Cutting Contract 2020-22. The Clerk was given approval to begin a tender process for a three year grass cutting contract on the same basis as the existing contract, with the expectation that it would be finalised by either the September or November Meeting. **Action: Clerk**
f) Christmas Lights – The Clerk was asked to consult with neighbouring councils, possibly through the SLCC if they had any experience with Christmas Trees and lights. **Action: Clerk.**
g) Village Hall Update – no update.
h) Playing Field Committee Update – The Sports Day generated £120. Future events will include a sponsored bike ride and a Santa's sleigh. Bids for playing field equipment was underway.
i) Neighbourhood Watch Update – no update.

1283. Correspondence:

1284. Items for discussion at next meeting - Grass Cutting Contract, Wheelie Bin Stickers for Bins, Christmas Lights.

1285. Date of next Meeting – Sept 2nd 2019.



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Notes

A. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

(1) Members are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests and unless you have obtained dispensation, cannot discuss or vote on the matter at the meeting and must also leave the room whilst the matter is being debated or voted on.

(2) A Member has a disclosable pecuniary interest if it (a) relates to you, or (b) is an interest of -
(i) your spouse or civil partner; or (ii) a person with whom you are living as husband and wife; or (iii) a person with whom you are living as if you were civil partners and you are aware that the other person has the interest.

(3) Disclosable pecuniary interests includes -

(a) any employment or profession carried out for profit or gain; (b)any financial benefit received by the Member in respect of expenses incurred carrying out his or her duties as a Member (except from the Council); (c) any current contracts with the Council; (d) any beneficial interest in land/property within the Council's area; (e) any licence for a month or longer to occupy land in the Council's
area; (f) any tenancy where the Council is landlord and the Member (or
person in (2)(b) above) has a beneficial interest; or (g) a beneficial interest (above the specified level) in the shares of any body which has a place of business or land in the Council's area.

B. Other Interests

(4) If a Member has a non-disclosable pecuniary interest or a non- pecuniary interest then you are required to declare that interest, but may remain to discuss and vote.

(5) A Member has a non-disclosable pecuniary interest or a non-pecuniary interest where -

(a) a decision in relation to the business being considered might reasonably be regarded as affecting the well-being or financial standing of you or a member of your family or a person with whom you have a close association to a greater extent than it would affect the majority of the council tax payers, rate payers or inhabitants of the ward or electoral area for which you have been elected or otherwise of the authority's administrative area, or

(b)it relates to or is likely to affect any of the descriptions referred to above, but in respect of a member of your family (other than specified in (2)(b) above) or a person with whom you have a close association
and that interest is not a disclosable pecuniary interest.