Ellington Parish Council

Minutes of Ellington Parish Council Parish Meeting
Held 2nd September 2019 at 7:30 at the Village Hall, Ellington

Present:

Councillors: Cllrs M Chapman, R Lumbers, B McCutcheon, R Palmer, D Porter, and R Walters.
Clerk/Dist Cllr: Darren Tysoe

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Open Forum

A resident asked if the trees on the village green could be tidied up. It was agreed to convene a working party in November to carry out the work. **Action: Clerk** to agree date. It was agreed to identify some locations in the village for flower beds/pots/trays to be sited. **Action: Cllr D Porter**

1286 Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr J Elliott and CC I Gardener.
1287 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st July 2019 and the Planning Meeting on 19th August 2019 were both approved.
1288 Matters arising from Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st August 2019: The Clerk was asked to confirm with the County Council why the stems from the Japanese Knotweed appeared to have been simply discarded onsite, rather than taken away. **Action: Clerk**
The Chairman agreed to convene a meeting to assist with re-launching the Ellington Express. **Action: Chairman**
The Clerk was asked to order some more wheelie bin stickers. **Action: Clerk**.
1289. There were no declarations of Interest.
1290. Update from District and County Councillors. The County Councillor was not present. The District Councillor updated the Parish Council on changes to car parking, and also the investment being made in St Neots.
1291. Finances
a) The Cashbook and Bank Reconciliation as of 31 July 2019 were both approved.
b) The following payments made since the last meeting were noted (and included in the Cashbook): UK Amenity Weed Spraying, £150.00, BEAM Grass Cutting Invoice 8+9 2019, £288.20; BEAM Invoice 10 2019, £243.20; Wheelie Bin Stickers, £285.50; Function 28 Website email addresses, £24.00; HAGS play Equipment instalment 1 £9,050.40.
The following payments were approved: Function 28 Website email addresses invoice 6124, £24.00; BEAM Invoice 11+12 2019, £486.40; Clerk Salary Q2 £545.95 (net); Clerk PAYE Q2 £381.30.

1292. Other Matters to consider/updates
a) Update on A14 Legacy Fund. The Clerk reported that only the first bid had been approved for further consideration. The Clerk was requested to work with the A14 team to progress the application. **Action: Clerk**
b) LHI Bid. The Clerk reported that the LHI bid was submitted by the deadline. They Projects Team has responded to ask for further information, which the Clerk is progressing.

c) Update on Neighbourhood Plan – A meeting on Friday, 6th September at Grafham Village Hall at 7.30 pm is scheduled.
d) Grass Cutting Contract 2020-22 – bids for tender had been issued, with a deadline of end of September so that they could be considered for the November PC Meeting. The Clerk was asked to request that the DC submit a tender too. **Action: Clerk.**
e) Christmas Lights. The Clerk displayed some correspondence form other Parish Councils who had installed Christmas Lights. It was agreed to pursue the installation of a permanent power supply, which the Clerk and Cllr Lumbers would pursue. Action: Cllr **R Lumbers and Clerk**
f) Village Hall Update. No update.
g) Playing Field Committee Update. Two members of the Playing Field Committee were present. They updated the Parish Council on the project to replace and renew play equipment and also repeated their request that additional sums may be necessary to complete the project. A maximum of £3,000 had been agreed at the July Meeting, which would come from the Village Assets Fund.
h) Neighbourhood Watch Update. No update.

1293. Correspondence - none that had not been distributed.
1294. Items for discussion at next meeting – Confirmation of Grass Cutting Contract for 2020-22, Renewal of Policies, Budget for 2020/2, Update on LHI and A14 Legacy bids, Neighbourhood Plan and Annual Report.
1295. Date of next Meeting – Monday, 11th November.

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.