# Ellington Parish Council

Minutes of Ellington Parish Council Parish Meeting
Held 6th January 2020 at 7.30 pm

**Present**:

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| Councillors: | Cllrs Elliott, McCutcheon, Palmer, Porter and Walters |
| Clerk/Dist Cllr: | Darren Tysoe |
| County Cllr: | Cllr Ian Gardener |

Public: 5

Open Forum – a resident asked for an update on the pavement damage – Cllr Gardener provided a response (see below). Another resident asked about areas in the village that were dark due to lack of street lamps. This had been previously agreed as not a priority due to so few residents benefiting.

1296 Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs Lumbers and Chapman

1297. The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th November 2019 were approved.

1298. Matters arising: The Clerk was asked to contact the District Council to request litter picking equipment, Cllr Gardener provided an update on the Japanese Knotweed growth on Grafham Road – spraying is scheduled twice yearly. A resident provided an update on tree planting, and Cllr Porter provided some pricing for flower beds.

1299. There were no Declarations of Interest in relation to any Agenda item.

1300. Update from District and County Councillors. CC Gardener updated the Parish Council: He reminded Members of the LHI meetings scheduled for February; agreed to chase County Highways and Highways England in respect of the road damage and potholes caused by heavy traffic during the A14 works. CC Gardener had visited a resident to inspect damage to their home. The A14 works were well ahead of schedule. Cllr Gardener reported on upcoming public consultations, including the Black Cat, and A428.

District Councillor Tysoe reported that he now sat on the Planning Committee, with the first meeting later in the month. He and Cllr Gardener were in regular contact with the A14 Project to complain about poor signage and rat running through the village. The first car parks had been installed with new technology to make it easier to pay with cards and contactless.

1301. Finances

a) The Cashbook and Bank Reconciliation as of 30th November 2019 was approved.

b) To note payments since last meeting: Riverlane nurseries (Xmas Tree): £192; 3 x Function 28 website £72; Clerk's Clerks Salary Q3 Net £545.95; PAYE HMRC £381.30; Expenses £88.83; Flower Bulbs £120.89; Christmas Lights £49.90; CAPALC CilCA Training £400

1302. Other Matters to consider/updates

a) A14 Legacy Fund – the Clerk reported on a meeting with a CC Highways Engineer, Cllr Porter and the Clerk to discuss the footpath across the Green and also the potential of a power source for the Green.

b) LHI Bid – an LHI Bid for a Moveable, Vehicle Activated Sign had been sent to Cambs CC. Cllr Palmer agreed to attend the meeting at the Huntingdon Highways Depot in February.
c) Neighbourhood Plan – the Clerk circulated the Minutes
d) Policies – the following policies were approved: Complaints, Child Protection, Social Media, Model Publication Scheme, Equa Opportunities, Code of Conduct, Health and Safety
e) Village Hall update – the Clerk reported that he was sending out quotes to repair the village hall flat roof section.
f) Playing Field Committee Update – a member of the Playing Field Committee reported that additional safety surfacing would be required in order to meet safety regulations. The Parish Council agreed to waive the £500 contribution towards grass cutting until further notice.
g) Neighbourhood Watch Update – no update

1303. Correspondence: LHI application, CiLCA Training, Neighbourhood Planning Group
1304 Items for discussion at next meeting – repairs to village, tree planting.
1305. Date of next Meeting: March 2nd 2020.

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