Ellington Parish Council

Minutes of Ellington Parish Council Parish Meeting
on Monday 7th September 2020
The meeting was held online via Zoom as per the "*Regulations*" (The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings)(England and Wales) Regulations 2020).

Present:

Councillors:	Cllrs Elliott, McCutcheon, Lumbers, Porter and Walters
Clerk/Dist Cllr:	Darren Tysoe
County Cllr:	Cllr Ian Gardener
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Open Forum

- A resident asked when the roundabout would be repaired. County Cllr Gardener said that he had chased the County Council and will do so again.
- A resident asked why the footpath leading into the Brook Farm Industrial Estate had not been completed and felt that it was part of the planning permission for the John Deere site. Cllr Lumbers responded that he was not aware that this was a requirement

1343. Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs Chapman and Palmer
1344. There were no declarations of interest in any agenda item.
1345. The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6nd July 2020 and the Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 27th July 2020 were approved as accurate records of the meetings (Prop: Cllr Walters and seconded: Cllr Lumbers)
1346. Matters arising from Minutes of the Meetings held in July (for info only). County Cllr Gardener agreed to chase the slow progress of the previous LHI Bid.
1347. Update from District and County Councillors.
District Cllr Tysoe confirmed that the District Council enforcement team were in touch with representatives from Buffaload in respect of planning breaches, and official action from HDC was expected in the next week. The planning application (dating back to 2018 – ref: 18/02152/S73) was also finally being processed, with appropriate conditions. Cllr Tysoe read through various press releases in respect of support for businesses impacted by COVID, and the re-introduction of parking charges.
County Cllr Gardener Coronavirus – Cambs CC and Peterborough City Council along with local partners continue to have daily surveillance meetings that monitor Covid19 infection data and take appropriate action related to case in the community or in specific settings such as Care Homes, Schools and workplaces. They have local outbreak control plans in place
https://.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/coronavirus-covid-19-test-and-trace#local-outbreak-contol-plan-7-0 The 7 day rolling average of confirmed cases in Cambridgeshire shows a declining trend in Covid 19 cases since the peak in late April and a lower more stable trend in recent weeks. Energy Saving Offer for Cambridgeshire Residents to switch to Solar Power. The County Council have joined forces with Solar Together as part of an initiative to improve energy efficiency and reduce carbon emissions

From the 1 September households and small and medium size enterprises can register for free and without obligation for the group buying scheme, by visiting www.solartogether.co.uk/cambridgeshire
When you register online for their complete solar PV system, applicants will be asked questions about their house, roof and electricity usage.
The County Council will then hold an auction with pre-vetted installers on 06 October. The auction is a reverse auction which means the lowest bid wins. The winning bid sets the price for all solar systems and battery systems. All installers are pre-vetted and must comply with certain criteria to guarantee the quality of the offer. After the auction applicants will receive a personal recommendation based on their registration details. They then have six weeks to decide if they want to take up the recommendation and proceed with the installation
Solar panels turn sunlight into electricity. In order to use this energy, the panels mounted on a roof need to be connected to an inverter using cables.
The Solar Together offer is for a complete service, including all equipment, survey, installation, monitoring & warranties. Afterwards households or businesses will automatically generate their own electricity from the panels on the roof.
To find out more go to
Website www.solartogether.co.uk/cambridgeshire
Email : cambridgeshire@solartogether.co.uk
Tel : 0800 048 8259 Mon - Fri 8am to 5pm
The County Council has produced a guide to support Parents and young people on their return to school, to find out more go to:-
www.cambslearntogether.co.uk/asset.library/Welcome-Back-to-School.pdf

1348. Finances
a) The Cashbook and Bank Reconciliation for 31 August 2020 were approved (prop: Cllr Elliott and seconded: Cllr Lumbers)
b) There were no payments made at the meeting. The following payments made since the last meeting were noted: Chq 703: BEAM Grass Cutting Invoices 9 and 10 £470; Chq 704: HP Printer with Instant Ink Trial £161 (reimbursement of £161 to Clerk); Chq 705 Function 28 Website Invoice 7829 £24; Chq 706 Function 28 Website Invoice 7993 £24; Chq 707 Canalbs internal audit £138.12; Chq 708 BEAM Grass Cutting Invoices 11 and 12 £470.

1349. Other Matters to consider/updates
c) Buffaload Logistics – planning and enforcement status. District Cllr Tysoe covered the enforcement action and planning status in his comments.
d) Update on 2019 LHI Bid for digital speed signs – the Clerk had chased the County Council again regarding the very late installation of the MVAS and received the following reply: ‘ The Our team has been recently heavily involved in a delivery of the temporary (Covid-19 related) schemes. We have however in the meantime requested quotes from the MVAS manufacturers, chosen preferred one, and have made arrangements for the equipment supply. [The Project Lead], who is leading on the project and he will be in touch with you soon. Just to make you aware, we will be required to meet on site to agree on the MVAS locations’. The Clerk will chase again in the next 2-3 weeks. Action: Clerk.
e) Update on A14 Legacy Fund (footpath across the Green). A generic email had been received from the Pam Hobson from the A14 legacy fund apologising for a second time for the delays. She stated in her email that the projects would still

go ahead, despite the delays. The Clerk will chase again in the next 2-3 weeks. **Action: Clerk**.

f) Neighbourhood Plan update – the Clerk reported that the surveys for the Neighbourhood Plans were due to be issued in the next few days., with a deadline for completion for the end of September. A flyer was being sent out to each household.

g) Grant applications – The Clerk was asked to apply for the next RES round for any of village hall roof, village signs/gates, or commemorative bench**. Action: Clerk**.

h) Cycling initiatives – County Cllr Gardener had previously commended that there was some limited funding available for cycling paths. Two routes were suggested, leading to Brampton Hut. The (North Route) was Grove Lane, past the Gravel pits, and onto Woolley Road, and into Brampton Hut; the south route was along the slip road (Thrapston Road) to join the road leading to Mick George. Both routes presented obstacles and land ownership issues. Cllr Walters agreed to chair a meeting with the land owners and the County Councillor to pursue this further **(Action: Cllr Walters/Clerk/County Cllr Gardener).**

i) Allotments – the Clerk was requested to include an article in the village newsletter to gauge demand for allotments (making it clear that a site had not yet been identified). **Action: Clerk.**

j) BT Openreach Community Fibre Partnerships. the Clerk was requested to include an article in the village newsletter to gauge demand for BT Openreach Community Fibre Partnership – **Action: Clerk.**

k) Village Hall Update – the roof was due to be repaired by British Waterproofing Ltd during September at a cost of £5,700 (inc VAT) as agreed at the March meeting.

l) Playing Field Committee Update. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries to fix the Defibrillator **sign**, which was cracked. **Action: Clerk.**

m) Neighbourhood Watch Update – no update.

1350. Correspondence. A14 Highways Legacy Fund

1351. Items for discussion at next meeting: Buffaload update, and Buffaload Community Liaison, Christmas Tree, Update on VH Roof, Grants update, Update on Neighbourhood Plan

1352. Date of next Meeting: 2nd November 2020.