Ellington Parish Council

Minutes of Ellington Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting
on **Tuesday 18th May 2021 at 7.30 pm** at the Village Hall, Ellington.

Present:

Councillors:	Cllrs Chapman, Elliott, Lumbers, McCutcheon, Porter and Walters
Clerk/Dist	Cllr: Darren Tysoe
County Cllr	Cllr Ian Gardener
Public:	4 Members of the public were present

Open Forum

A member of the public asked why there was no footpath along Thrapston Road, leading up to the industrial area at Brook Farm. It was explained that there was no planning requirement to do so (leading back to a planning application in 1999), but the County Council will be asked to provide a quotation for a footpath in order to establish the cost for future fund raising, should councillors decide it is has sufficient priority to fund. Cllr Gardener to action.

A resident asked about the ditch near the pumping station behind Spinneyfield. The resident was trying to establish its ownership. The Clerk would get in contact with the resident to discuss further. Action: Clerk.

1401 Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr Palmer and County Cllr Gardener (attending Grafham PC).

1402. Cllr R Walters was elected Chairman for the Municipal Year 2021/22 (Proposer: Cllr Lumbers, Seconder: Cllr Chapman)

1403. Cllr D Porter was elected Vice Chairman for Municipal Year 2021/22 (Proposer: Cllr Walters, Seconder: Cllr Elliott)

1404. Appointment to Outside Bodies. Cllr Lumbers agreed to be the PC representative for the Playing Field Committee and the Village Hall Committee. Cllr Elliott agreed to be the representative of the RES (Woolley Hill Committee.

1405. Cllr Lumbers declared a non-disclosable interest in item 1416(b).

1406. The Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 12th April 2021 and 1st March 2021 were both agreed as accurate and approved. Prop: Cllr Lumbers and seconded: Cllr Walters.

1407. There were no matters arising from Minutes of the Meetings held on 1st March 2021 and 12th April 2021

1408. Update from District and County Councillors. Cllr Gardener was unable to attend the meeting as he was chairing the PC Meeting at Grafham. He was re-elected as the County Councillor representing Ellington for a further 4 years.

1409. Finances

a) The Cashbook and Bank Reconciliation up to 30 April 2021 were both approved.

b) To approve payments and to note payments made since last meeting: Print Shop £35. No. 728, Live for soccer £1124.95 no.729, BEAM invoice no 1 £235.00 no.730, Function 28 website £150 no. 731, Start traffic £178.80 no.732, Clerk Q4 net salary £670.50 no. 733, PAYE HMRC £411 no.734, BEAM invoice 2+3 £470.00 no.735, BHIB insurance £407.75 no. 736, SLCC renewal £45 no.737, BEAM invoice 4+5 £470.00 no. 738, CAPALC £335.77 no. 739.

1410. The Asset Register was approved with the addition of the new memorial bench.
1411. Section 1 of the Annual Return 2020/21 was approved and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.
1412. Section 2 of Annual Return 2020/21 was approved and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.
1413. There were no further updates of the Register of Interests.
1414. The Policies will be reviewed again before the end of the fiscal year.
1415. The ROSPA report was noted. There were no urgent works. A few maintenance jobs were carried out. The basketball net, and football posts were being replaced and the swings were being replaced.
1416. Planning Applications

a) Planning Permission Consultation - The Old Nursery Grafham Road Ellington Thorpe (ref 21/00101/FUL). Cllrs recommended APPROVAL for the following reasons: Makes better use of redundant buildings, local employment opportunity, reduces travel for employment. Proposer: Cllr Lumbers and seconded Cllr Walters.

b) Planning Permission Consultation - Change of use to general B8-storage and distribution of an existing compound used conditionally for the storage and distribution of generators (pursuant to approval 1400716FUL); including operational development comprising installation of 4no. fuel tanks, fuel forwarding skid, upgrade of existing fuel traps and siting of a portacabin. Location: Brook Farm Thrapston Road, Ellington. Cllrs recommended APPROVAL for the following reasons: Assumption is that regulatory checks and safety checks will be undertaken, already has industrial use for this site and will be a smaller operation than the existing, business is in-line with the rural economy. Cllr Lumbers left the meeting for during the deliberation of this item. Proposer: Cllr Chapman, and seconded: Cllr Porter.

1417. Other Matters to consider/updates
   a) County Council – Highways Matters. Cllr Lumbers attended a virtual zoom meeting regarding access and slip roads onto the A14 organised by the MP, Mr Shailesh Vara. He said the meeting was useful, especially for villages with dangerous access onto the A14.
   b) Buffaload Logistics – planning and enforcement status. Councillors were frustrated that the enforcement notice was withdrawn, and the temporary approval and 15 month time limit for the compliance of planning permission was granted. Members felt totally undermined. The Clerk said he would seek a response from the portfolio holder.
   c) A14 Legacy Fund – update on Footpath. The clerk had received further correspondence regarding the footpath across the green, which was progressing.
   d) RES Woolley Hill Fund Application – Village Gates. Funding of £8000 had been received for the purchase of village gates. The Clerk will organise their purchase and subsequent installation.
   e) Bollards orders. Bollards for the slip road had been ordered.
   f) Grant Applications. There were no further grant applications.

g) Neighbourhood Plan. The NP was nearing its final stages – the section 16 submission was expected to be made during mid July.
h) BT Openreach Community Fibre Partnerships. A revised quotation had been received, with a substantially reduced cost per household. Mr Stening had published details on Facebook.
i) Village Hall. The AGM was held on the previous day. The Clerk was asked to assist with the small business grant (Cllr Lumbers offered to assist as the Clerk was due to travel overseas on business).
j) Playing Field Committee. The PF Committee were progressing a skate ramp and were seeking comments from members of the public.

1418. Correspondence (Email from Buffaload in respect of footpath). The Clerk was asked to write to Buffaload in respect of their letter regarding a footpath along Thrapston Road, from the corner of Thrapston Road/High Street (near Brook Cottage) and the entrance to the Brook Farm industrial area. There was no requirement for the applicant to install or reinstate a footpath as permission has been granted for pedestrians to use the yard at Brook Farm to access the industrial area.

1419. Items for discussion at next meeting: updates on gates, footpath, neighbourhood plan, fibre, Buffaload. Contents for summer newsletter.

1420. Date of next Meeting: July 5, 2021