Ellington Parish Council

Minutes of Ellington Parish Council Parish Meeting
on **Monday 8th November at 7.30 pm** at the Village Hall, Ellington.

Present:

Councillors: Cllrs Elliott, Lumbers, McCutcheon, Palmer, Porter and Walters
Clerk/Dist Cllr: Darren Tysoe

Public: 4 Members of the public were present

Open Forum

A member of the public asked what the PC could do to ensure that the Mermaid Pub remains as a pub, given its recent closure. The Chairman stated that he would pursue this further. The Clerk stated that HDC have a website which explains how to register a community asset and would forward the details to the PC.

A member of the public raised a concern about the heightened threat of flooding, given the high water table and the difficulty with identifying the ownership of drains, culverts and other ditches. The Clerk commented that HDC had been working with the County Council, Anglian Water and the Environment Agency to prioritise Huntingdonshire with the creation of a definitive map of ownership of various drains, culverts and ditches. He said that he would direct the incoming clerk to where to find this information.

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1459. Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr Chapman and C Cllr Gardener.
1460. There were no declarations of interest in any agenda item.
1461. The September Parish Council Minutes and the September Planning Meeting Minutes were approved.
1462. There were no matters arising from the Minutes of the September PC.
1463. The District Councillor discussed the new Ting service for individuals to request transport around the County.
1464. The Chairman reported that a sub-committee had conducted a recruitment process for a new clerk and recommended the appointment of Mrs Lisa Hazel. This was approved by all councillors unanimously. Councillors welcomed Mrs Hazel to the role and thanked the outgoing Clerk for his service.
1465. The Cashbook and Bank Reconciliation up to the end of October 2021 were approved.
1466. The payments made since the last meeting were: Chq no: 745 BEAM Grass Cutting invoices 8,9,10,11 £940, Chq 746 Function 28 Website and email Invoices 9814 and 9969 £48, Chq 747 Glasdon Gates £7942.46, Chq £748 Print Shop £35, Chq 749 Void, Chq 750 Invoice 12 BEAM Grass Cutting £235, Chq 751 Print Shop £151, Chq 752 Function 28, £752 Invoice 10125, Chq 753 £876 Net Pay Q2, Chq 754 PAYE Q2 £205.50. Cheques signed at the meeting: Chq 755 Internal Audit £113.75, Chq 756 Invoice 14 BEAM, Chq 757 Invoice 13 BEAM, Chq 758 Invoice 10288 Function 28.
1467. The budget for 2022/23 was agreed with a precept of £9,834.00. This was Proposed by Cllr Walters and seconded by Cllr Porter.
1468. Planning Matters

a) Proposal: Reference: 21/01763/FUL. Change of use of land and premises from use classes B1, B2 and B8 (authorised by planning permissions 06/01759/FUL ad 19/02142/FUL) to a mixed use classes E, B2 and B8 and haulage yard (sui generis) at Grove Parc, Grove Lane, Ellington.

The applicant was present at the meeting. Councillors discussed the application and concluded that there were two questions that needed to be answered before they could reach a decision. The Clerk was asked to write to the relevant Planning Officer:

Does the limited extension grated on 16/04/21 pursuant t 19/02142/FUL still apply if this application is granted permission under 21/01763/FUL?

Can you confirm whether or not the mixed use of classes E, B2 and B8 and haulage yard (sui generis) could potentially be anywhere within the red boundary line in the Block Plan? If not, where are the limits of development?

It was agreed to DEFER this item to a future planning meeting (and if necessary, ask the Planning Department for a short extension of the deadline, which is currently the 24th November).

b) Proposal: Reference 21/02227/FUL. Proposed new access to serve an existing grain store and associated engineering works, Redwood Lodge Cottage, Grafham Road, Ellington Thorpe.

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Councillors noted that they had previously approved this application back in 2018. The reasons given for approval still stand: "Sensible and comprehensive improvement to road safety for vehicles, including large agricultural vehicles leaving and accessing the road from/to Grafham Road".

Recommendation: Approval.

1469. Other Matters to consider/updates

a) County Council: repairs to footpaths, roads and roundabout. The County Councillor was not present to comment on this item.
b) LHI Bid for 2022. The Clerk confirmed that he had submitted a bid for the LHI fund for 2022 for speed and traffic calming between Ellington, Ellington Thorpe, and Grafham.
c) Parish Council elections 2022. The Clerk reminded Councillors that in May 2022 there will be elections for Parish Council (and District Council). It was agreed to include this item in the newsletter.
d) The Neighbourhood Plan had made great progress. The referendum date is 27th January 2022.
e) Cllr Lumbers reported that he had approached a local tradesperson to provide a quote for £650 plus VAT (Oakbank Game and Conservation). This was considerably less than the other quote received. It was agreed to appoint Oakbank to carry out the Tree Survey. Cllr Lumbers will notify them.
f) Village Hall update. Cllr Lumbers reported that the AGM was due in the current week.
g) Playing Field Committee update. Cllr Lumbers reported that the Santa Sleigh event will be on 17th December. He reported that the MUGA had been improved by two of the PF members. It was agreed to hold the Christmas Tree lights on ceremony on 11th December between 5 and 7 pm, with Lights switch on at 6 pm.

The Gala Committee will be asked if they will provide catering, with all funds towards the Gala Funds.

1470. Correspondence – CIL Annual Reporting 2020/21. The new clerk will complete this form. The Newsletter will include the following items: elections, Christmas Tree Lights On, Santa Sleigh, Neighbourhood Plan and Referendum, new gates, appointment of new Clerk and dates of all meetings in 2022. The new Clerk will produce this newsletter.

1471. Date of next meetings (TBC): 10th January 2022, 14 March, 9th May, 11th July, 12th September, 14th November

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