Ellington Parish Council

Minutes of Ellington Parish Council Parish Meeting
on **Monday 10th January at 7.30 pm** at the Village Hall, Ellington.

Present:

Councillors:	Cllrs Elliott, Lumbers, McCutcheon, Palmer, Porter, Walters and Chapman
Clerk	Lisa Hazel
County / Disc	Cllr: Ian Gardener and Cllr: Darren Tysoe
Public:	2 Members of the public were present

Open Forum

It was bought to the attention of the Parish Council that the 'Minutes' section of the website is not up to date. The Clerk is to look into this. The Parish Council were thanked for the Xmas tree display. Options for next year are to consider adding more lights to the display. D Tysoe thanked the Parish Council as ex clerk for all they had done.

1476. None as all members were present.
1477. Cllr Lumbers declared a Pecuniary Interest in item: 1485 as a neighbour.
1478. On a proposition by Cllr Lumbers and seconded by Cllr Walters the November Parish Council Minutes and the November Planning Meeting Minutes were approved.
1479. There were no matters arising from the Minutes of the November PC meeting.
1480. The County Councillor reported on the following:
The County Council has announced a New Chief Executive starting in February and an interim has been appointed in the meantime also the Chairman of County Council is retiring, the proposed increase in Council Tax, Ting Bus Service, Vulnerable Households winter grant - further details can be obtained from the website, new A14 Route Manager. Cllr Ian Gardener was asked if there was an update with regard to the cycle path to which he replied there was nothing further to report at present.
The District Councillor reported on the following:
District Funding and Grants, deadline for new CIL funding, individual small business grants / funding available to digitise companies, District Council elections, Active Lifestyles - free courses available for people with high BMI in Huntingdon.
1481 Kevin Sharp and Adrian Love from Grafham Trout Community Pub were welcomed to the meeting. Kevin Sharp gave a brief overview of their experience of setting up a Community Pub in Grafham. The following points were noted:
Canvass for support and get the village behind you, choose local breweries over major chains to provide alcohol, funding can be raised through offering shares to locals, keep overheads low, consider maintenance of old building versus new purpose built building. Kevin Sharp and Adrian Love offered Ellington Parish Council their support and took questions from the floor. Both gentlemen were thanked for their time.

It was note that the following people left at this pint 8.40pm - Cllr's I Gardener, D Tysoe, Kevin Sharp and Adrian Love

1482. The Cashbook and Bank Reconciliation up to the end of December 2021 were approved.

1483. Bank Account

a) Approval to change to internet banking - This was approved with the provisor that there are at least two signatories,

b) Approval to change Signatories - this is to be reviewed after the Parish Elections.

1484. The payments made since the last meeting were: Chq no:759 Ian Burroughs temporary events license (xmas lights switch on) £21.00, Chq 760 Invoice 10466 Function 28 £24.00, Chq 761 xmas light switch on refreshments £75.00, Chq 762 Invoice 10590 Function 28 £24.00, Chq 763 Oakbank Tree Survey £780.00

1485. Planning Matters

a) Proposal: Reference: 21/02637/HHFUL. Rear single storey extension and conversion of existing outbuilding, Brook Cottage, High Street, Ellington.

b) Proposal: Reference: 21/02638/LBC. Rear single storey extension and conversion of existing outbuilding, Brook Cottage, High Street, Ellington

Cllr Lumbers declared an interest in this item. On a proposition by Cllr Chapman and seconded by Cllr Walters it was agreed to recommend approval for both applications as the extension creates additional usable amenity space for a growing family, which does not adversely impact on the street scene.

1486. Other Matters to consider/updates

a) Correspondence from resident re: Lorry Incident
It was noted that the correspondence has been received and that this is being acted upon with a site meeting being arranged to look at road safety of the junction.

b) Distribution List - This is to be reviewed after the Parish Elections.

c) Alan Trille Route Manager Cambs - Creation of Working Group
Cllr Lumbers and Cllr Porter agreed to be on the working group.

d) Clerk Salary / Laptop - Pursuant to Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960 – it is resolved that because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press are asked to leave the meeting during consideration of this item therefore it was agreed to take this matter at the end of the meeting.

e) Tree Survey - The tree survey report was noted and considered. It was noted that the Council were advised to remove certain trees due to disease and or rotting. It was agreed to accept the advise given and obtain quotes for all work to be carried out. To celebrate the Queens Jubilee a campaign is being launched "Plant a Tree for The Jubilee" the Clerk is to obtain details and circulate.

f) Village Hall - Insurance - The Clerk clarified what is covered on the Parish Councils policy as requested.

g) Footpath Maintenance - Various
Cllr Porter reported that some of the footpaths are becoming overgrown and that the footpath behind St Peters Way is very boggy due to the weather. The Clerk is to seek advise if the Parish Council can carry out work on the boggy footpath.

h) Funding
   a. LHI Bid - Councillors were asked to consider projects for future funding.
   b. Woolley Hill Wind Farm - The Chair is to circulate details and Cllr Palmer is to report on possible suggestions.

c. CIL Fund - Suggestion - The suggestion from a resident was noted and considered. Unfortunately the distance indicated to install a tarmac path as suggested is beyond the scope of the available budget. The Clerk is to write to the resident informing them of this.

i) Queens Jubillee - It was felt by the Parish Council this event should be celebrated. Cllr Porter is too liaise with the different groups in the village on possible ideas. The clerk is to coordinate with Cllr Porter.

j) Neighbourhood Plan referendum - It was noted that the referendum is to be held on the 27th January, postcards with details will be put though peoples letter boxes shortly.

1487. Correspondence – Highways Draft Order (variable speed limits) A14 - A1, Flood Mobile Event 29th January 2022 and items for the March Meeting - Noted.

1488. Date of next meetings (TBC): 10th January 2022, 14 March, 9th May, 11th July, 12th September, 14th November - The Clerk highlighted that due to Parish elections and the appointment of a new Chair the May meeting will need to be changed to allow the new chair time to settle in. It was agreed to push the May meeting back a week.

1486 e) Clerk Salary / Laptop

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The members of public left.

On a proposition by Cllr Walters, seconded by Cllr Porter the purchase of a laptop was agreed as per proposal.

With all agenda items covered the meeting was closed at 9.35pm.