Ellington Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting of Ellington Parish Council
on Monday 9th January 2023, 7.30 pm at the Village Hall, Ellington.

Present:
Councillors: Cllrs Lumbers (Chairman) , Crook, Norton and Hinchliffe.

Clerk Lisa Hazel
County / Disc Cllr Stephen Cawley was present.

Public: 2 members of the Public were in attendance.

Open Forum
A resident thanked the Chairman of the Parish Council for renovating the benches on the village green. The Parish Council were asked for an update on Buffaload and confirmation the trees on the village green recently removed would be replaced. It was bought to the attention of the Council that the MVAS batteries need replacing. The Parish Council confirmed they are looking into powering the MVAS units by solar power.

1602 Apologies for Absence
- **Approval of non-attendance**

Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Chapman and Cllr Porter. Cllr Ian Gardener, County Councillor, also sent his apologies.
The Clerk confirmed Cllr Woods has resigned from the Council due to moving away. The vacancy is to be filled by co-option. **Action:Clerk.**
Cllr Porter's non-attendance at recent meetings and the reasons for this were noted and approved. It was highlighted Cllr Porter had attended recent online meetings. It was agreed to approve future non-attendance to such time Cllr Porter is able to attend meetings.

1603 Declarations of interest in any agenda item.
None.

1604 Update from District and County Councillors
Please see Cllr Cawley's Report attached to these minutes.

1605 Approval of the minutes from meeting of 14th November 2022.
On a proposition by Cllr Hinchliffe and seconded by Cllr Norton the minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

1606 Matters arising from previous minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda:
- **Replacement of Bollards footpath, Grafham Road - Update**

Noted bollards have now been purchased. A suitable date is to be arranged for installation.
- **Street Lighting Malting Lane - Update**

The design for new street lighting from Balfour Beatty was noted and considered. The Clerk is to obtain costings from Balfour Beatty and write to Rose Homes who are the developers for the new development on Malting Lane asking if the lighting design will affect the new development. **Action:Clerk.**
- **Tree Planting Commemorative Plaque - Note purchased**

Noted. It was agreed to replace the recently removed trees and purchase up to 3 new trees. The plaque will be installed with the new trees. Approval was given to the Chairman to purchase trees.
- **New CIL Application - Update**

Cllr Hinchliffe and Cllr Norton jointly worked on the bid which has now been submitted. The bid is to install an electricity hookup from the Village Hall to the Village Green. It was agreed the Parish Council would fund 10% off costs with further funding available if needed.

It was noted Cllr Stephen Cawley left here.

- **LHI Bid - Update**

Noted a LHI bid has been placed to reduce the speed limit between Grafham and Ellington to 40mph. Grafham Parish Council have put in a letter of support for Ellington's bid.

- **Drains - Note Highways response**

The Clerk advised the council Ellington gullies were last inspected and cleaned in December 2021. These are on a 2 yearly cyclic programme so would be routinely checked and cleaned December 2023. Blocked drains High Street were bought to the Clerks attention. This is to be reported to the local highways officer. **Action: Clerk.**

1607 Buffaload Planning Application - To Note Huntingdon District Councils Decision

It was noted the most recent application has been **"Refused**"

- 21/01763/FUL | Change of use of land and premises from Use Classes B1, B2 and B8 (authorised by planning permissions 06/01759/FUL and 19/02142/FUL) to a mixed use of Use Classes E, B2, B8 and haulage yard (sui generis) | Grove Parc Grove Lane Ellington Huntingdon PE28 0DA

Full details of which can be found on Huntingdon District Councils website. A resident highlighted that the above refusal may impact the terms of Buffaload's operators license. It was agreed Cllr Hinchliffe would look into this and contact the planning department for their advise. **Action: Cllr Hinchliffe.**

1608 Grass Cutting Contract 2023 - 2025

- **Consider Quotes**

The Clerk confirmed she had contacted 4 companies to quote for the work. 2 formal quotes have been received and 2 companies did not respond. Quotes were received from BEAM who is the current contractor and Emery Grounds and Garden Maintenance UK LTD. On a proposition by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Crook it was unanimously agreed to accept the quote from BEAM as it represents best value for money and the Parish Council have been happy with the work carried out so far. The Clerk is to respond to both companies accordingly. **Action: Clerk.**

1609 Planning Applications:

- **PARISH COUNCIL CONSULTATION – TREE APPLICATION REF. 22/02389/TREE T1 - Ash - Remove the limb which overhangs the garden and is close to power lines. 6 Spinney Field Ellington Huntingdon PE28 0AT**

On a proposition by Cllr Norton and seconded by the Chairman it was agreed to recommend "Approval". **Action: Clerk.**

- **PARISH COUNCIL CONSULTATION – APPLICATION REF. 22/02534/FUL Change of use of existing buildings to create one residential dwelling and associated grounds, including the demolition of a barn and other ancillary structures**
  Agricultural Buildings Redwood Lodge Farm Grafham Road Ellington

On a proposition by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Crook it was agreed to recommend "Approval" with the following comment:

- Condition one of planning application 18/00/928/PMBPA is implemented before works starts as follows: No change of use to residential hereby approved (and/or any associated works to convert the buildings to residential use, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority before the conversion works begin) shall begin until the new access and associated engineering works the subject of planning permission 17/02666/FUL have been completed in accordance with the permission dated and made available for the conversion works and change of use to residential hereby approved unless otherwise approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

1610 Finance

- **To Note Bank Reconciliation** - Noted. It was highlighted the funding for the village hall refurbishment is shown separately on the reconciliation. The Parish Council were asked to consider ideas for future projects.

The Clerk bought to the attention of the Parish Council recent communications received from a resident enquiring about the call for some kind of book swap within the village and possible adoption of old telephone boxes for this purpose. It was agreed to explore the possibly of expanding facilities within the village further. The Clerk is to respond to the resident to this effect. **Action: Clerk.**

- **Consider purchase of Trees**

This was item was covered under Matters Arising.

- **Notification of External Auditor - SAAA** - Noted

1611 Payments made since last meeting and payments to be authorised

The following payments since the last meeting were noted as follows:
Function 28 (email account Oct) £24.00, BEAM (grass cutting) £235.00, Clerk Salary (October) £324.50, BEAM (Grass Cutting) £235.00, Function 28 (email account Nov) £24.00, L Hazel reimbursement RBLI Jubilee Plaque £130.99, Donation Grafham PC Clerk Printer Ink £6.33, Filcris Limited Bench Planks £102.43, Barriers Direct - Posts £106.73, Clerk Salary November £324.50, CAPALC Cllr Training £50.00, Function 28 (email account Dec) £24.00, III Shires - Xmas Tree, £90.00, CAPALC Cllr Training £40.00, Function 28 (email account Jan) £24.00, Clerk Salary December £324.50.

1612 Correspondence

- **HDC Warm Spaces in Huntingdon**
- **Parish Online Newsletter**
- **SLCC News Bulletin**
- **CAPALC Bulletins**
- **HDC Press Release - Young Children Active for Health Programme**
- **Nexus - Fostering Opportunity**
- **HDC Press Release - Community Chest Grants For Warm Spaces**
- **Think Communities Newsletter**
- **HDC Press Release - District Council Agrees Funding Bids for Community Health Inequalities**
- **Cambridgeshire Matters Newsletter**
- **HDC Press Release - Oxmoor Lane Tree planting**
- **Highways - King Charles III Coronation**
- **Christmas Community Waste Education Newsletter**
- **HDC Press Release - Huntingdonshire Community Group Launch Local Health Inequalities project**
- **Cambs Police Community Meetings Dates**

Noted.

Cllr Crook updated the Council on the recent Highways meeting he attended. It was noted Highways are carrying out a feasibility study on upgrading the A14 between Ellington and Titchmarsh.

The Clerk bought to the attention of the Council a planning application she had just received. It was agreed a separate planning meeting would be held on the 16th of January to consider the application and any further applications that come in.

It was agreed to produce a Spring Newsletter. Different organisations within the village are to be asked if they would like to write an article for the newsletter. **Action: Clerk.**

1613 Dates of meetings: 13th March, 8th May,10th July, 11th September, 13th November
There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.30pm.

Cllr Stephen Cawley, District Councillor Report

Greater Cambridge Partnership City Access Scheme & Consultation
Encouraging residents and Parish Councils to access the link to the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) City Access Scheme to offer feedback to the consultation. The GCP launched their Making Connections consultation on 17th October and it is available for responses until 23 December.

https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/making-connections-2022

Huntingdonshire Futures
Over the last few months, HDC has been out and about across the District to capture the views of residents as it develops Huntingdonshire Futures - a new strategy that will shape a vision for the District.

HDC is now inviting people from across the District to have their say on what we have heard so far via the Huntingdonshire Futures website.

Encouraging as many residents and organisations as possible to feedback to HDC on what they have heard via their networks.

Let's Talk
The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Integrated Care System launched its ICS "Let's Talk" engagement campaign two weeks ago and they've now had in excess of 1,000 responses.

However, they would like this to be as representative as possible, and would encourage Councillors to share the toolkit within their communities to elicit as wide a response as possible.

https://www.cpics.org.uk/lets-talk-your-health-and-care

Boundary Commission for England
The Boundary Commission for England is set to publish revised proposals for parliamentary constituencies on 8 November.

This will begin a third and final consultation, lasting four weeks and ending on 5 December. It will be the last opportunity for the public to have a say on the new map of constituencies in England.

https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/2023-review/

Live Streaming of Meetings
Live Streaming of HDC meetings is going live, with the two O&S Meetings scheduled for this week first up. The formal launch of the District Councils live streaming of meetings will take place in October.

Litter Minimisation
There is a new Facebook Group to bring together the Huntingdonshire litter picking community Hunts Litter Wombles Facebook Group

If you are involved with litter picking activities, they would really appreciate you joining the group and sharing any public events you may be holding. You can also share any good news stories and request any support or guidance from the wider community.

HDC would also greatly appreciate if you could let them know if you hold regular litter picks in your area, and if so, the set details for these. They would like to build a picture of the community litter picks happening across the district and see where we can better support. If they can support you in your current picks, or in setting up a regular pick in your area, please do let them know that too.

The Operations team can provide individuals or groups will pickers and bags prior to a litter pick and will arrange for any filled bags to be collected from an arranged collection point.

More details about how to get involved and arrange a litter pick within your community can be found via - www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins-waste/community-litter-picks/

Assisted Bin Emptying Review
I wanted to make you aware of the review which is taking place with all of those residents who currently have an assisted collection for their bins. The survey is being conducted to ensure HDC records are accurate and to ensure this limited service is delivered to those who need it the most.

Residents are being asked to complete the application confirming their needs and have the option to do this via an online form or a form included with the letter to be returned to HDC via a prepaid envelope.

Anyone currently who does not have assisted bin emptying can apply via the HDC website https://huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins-waste/assisted-collections/

Anglian Water's proposal for a new reservoir in the Fens
A non-statutory consultation on our proposals started on 12 October. This consultation is the first in a multi-phase approach – at least two more consultations will follow, with the DCO planning application expected to be submitted towards the end of 2025.

The autumn 2022 consultation will start on 12 October and run for ten weeks, concluding at 23:59 on 21 December.

We will be asking for feedback on these main points:

- the area we have identified for the reservoir and its embankments
- the area we have identified for supporting infrastructure and during construction
- the early concept design for the reservoir, and the features people would like to be considered in the design

Consultation materials are available online at www.fensreservoir.co.uk as well as at consultation events and selected information points. The feedback received during this consultation will help AW to develop the project design and understand what people would like to see. It will be reviewed, recorded and carefully considered alongside further technical work as they refine their proposals.

Share your views on District Council services
Huntingdonshire District Council is inviting residents across the District to have their say on local services as the council looks to plan and prioritise services that are important to people given rising costs and financial pressures.

Open until 30 November https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=Yr5uzntVNkShnHZ-yizUUQNSyj2iUU5Kn4m1VJKR-sZUMThERDJDVE5LS0k0Q0ZXWjBNNEQwS09DUy4u

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