Ellington Parish Council

Minutes of meeting of Ellington Parish Council
on **Monday 10th July 2023, 7.30 pm** at the Village Hall, Ellington.

Present:

Councillors:	Cllrs Lumbers (Chairman), Crook, Chapman, Norton and Hinchliffe
Clerk	Lisa Hazel
County / Disc	Cllr Ian Gardener and Cllr Stephen Cawley
Public:	4 members of the public were present.

The Chairman opened the meeting by acknowledging the recent passing of Cllr Dave Porter. It was noted Cllr Porter was an integral part of the Parish Council and will be missed by all. Everyone stood for a minutes silence out of respect.

Open Forum

It was noted 2 residents were in attendance in relation to item: 1663. They highlighted that since the A14 was upgraded the speed of vehicles through Ellington Thorpe has increased. It was noted there had been several accidents over the years and they no longer felt safe walking along the stretch of road concerned.

A resident asked if the data from the MVAS could be published. This is to be looked into. It was bought to the attention of the Parish Council the MVAS batteries are in need of an upgrade / replacing.

1657 Apologies for Absence.
None.

1658 Co-option of new member
It was noted Neil Brown has shown an interest in joining the Parish Council. It was agreed to co-opt Neil Brown onto the Council. Neil Brown who was in attendance was invited to join the Council and duly signed the Acceptance of Office form.

1659 Declarations of interest in any agenda item.
None.

1660 County and District Councillors Reports
Cllr Ian Gardner asked his condolences are passed onto the family of Cllr Dave Porter.
Cllr Ian Gardner's report is attached Appendix: A
Cllr Stephen Cawley's report is attached Appendix: B

The Clerk was asked to circulate the online petition and details about the proposed "green bin" charge to all residents via the website and Facebook page. **Action: Clerk.**

1661 To approve the minutes of the Annual meeting held on 17th May 2023 and Planning meeting held on 14th June 2023.
Proposed Cllr Hinchcliffe, seconded Cllr Lumbers the minutes of 17th May 2023 were approved as true record and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed Cllr Crook, seconded Cllr Lumbers the minutes of planning meeting, 14th June 2023 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

1662 Matters arising from previous minutes not on the agenda

- **Note representative from new Enterprise Centre are unable to attend July meeting**

Noted. Cllr Stephen Cawley provided further information and answered questions on the proposal.

- **Update on 'Local Plan Update and the Issues Engagement Session' attended by Cllr Lumbers and Cllr Hinchcliffe.**

Cllr Hinchcliffe provided an update on the session attended. It was confirmed the local plan will supersede the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) until such time the NP is updated / resubmitted.

1663 LHI Bid - Update

The Chairman confirmed the joint LHI bid with Grafham Parish Council has been ranked to be successful. However costings of the speed reductions requested have been provisionally costed at £18,000. Cambridge County Council have confirmed the maximum amount they will pay for anyone application is £10,000 therefore leaving a potential shortfall of £8,000 and have asked the Parish Council to confirm they can cover the potential shortfall. It was noted the proposed estimate of costings take into account a contingency. Cllr Ian Gardner was able to provide a more detailed breakdown of costs.
The Parish Council noted this is the 3rd time the Council have applied for reduction of the speed limit, they have been ranked to be successful and may not be approved again. Given all of this information on a proposition by Cllr Lumbers and seconded by Cllr Chapman it was unanimously agreed the Parish Council would use the CIL funding to meet any shortfall of money to a maximum amount of £8,000. The Chairman is to convey this to the LHI team. Cllr Ian Gardener proposed subject to members approval as Chairman of Grafham PC they would donate 10% 0f the £8,000 which equates to approximately £800 as it is a joint bid between both Councils. This is to be an agenda item for the next meeting.

1664 Planning Applications:

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Appeal against Enforcement Notice 1300025ENBOC by Grove Farm Ellington Limited Land lying to the north of Malting Lane (adj to Buffaload Logistics), Grove Parc Grove Lane, Ellington.

- Note Parish Council response.

Noted. A resident asked for a copy of the letter. The Clerk was asked to email a copy to the resident. It was highlighted any decision made by the Planning Inspectorate can take several years to make a decision. **Action: Clerk**

A resident highlighted they have been in contact with the Traffic Commissioner in connection with Buffaload's operators licence.

1665 Finance

- **Consider financial request from Stop the Floods Group to purchase telemetry' device**.

The request was noted and considered. It was highlighted there are other similar devices along Ellington Brook for example in Spaldwick and the Environment Agency provide flood warnings if you sign up to their alerts. Given this information it was agreed to not provide financial assistance as there is no direct benefit to villagers. Proposed Cllr Hinchcliffe, Seconded Cllr Norton.

- **Note Insurance Policy Renewal £446.60 with a 3 Year Long term Undertaking (LTU)**

Noted.

1666 Payments made since last meeting and payments to be authorised

24/05/2023	BEAM Grass Cutting (19/4/23)	£240.00
24/05/2023	BEAM Grass Cutting (3/5/23)	£240.00
24/05/2023	BEAM Grass Cutting (15/5/23)	£240.00

24/05/2023	Function 28 Email Fees (June)	£24.00
24/05/2023	BEAM Grass Cutting (27/3/23)	£240.00
01/06/2023	BEAM Grass Cutting (31/5/23)	£240.00
01/06/2023	SLCC Membership Fee (Share off)	£60.18
06/06/2023	Balfour Beatty (Maintenance Contract)	£97.20
01/06/2023	lisa Hazel Clerk Salary (May)	£348.75
13/06/2023	Wicksteed Cradle Seat	£165.00
13/06/2023	Function 28 Annual Fee	£102.00
13/06/2023	Function 28 Email Fees 2020 (overdue)	£24.00
13/06/2023	Reimbursment Alex Hinchliffe Leaflet Printing	£38.00
04/07/2023	BEAM Grass Cutting (14/6/23)	£240.00
04/07/2023	lisa Hazel Clerk Salary (June)	£348.75
04/07/2023	BHIB Annual Insurance Renewal	£446.60
06/07/2023	CAPALC Annual Affiliation Fee	£350.67
04/04/2023	Ellington Village Hall - Hall Hire Litter Pick	£22.50
06/07/2023	Function 28 Email Fees (July)	£24.00
0/0/23	BEAM Grass Cutting (27/6/23)	£240.00
06/07/2023	CANAL'S Ltd Internal Audit	£108.32

1667 Correspondence

- **Residents letter re: Walnut Tree at back of No 28 and No 29 St Peters Way,**

The Chairman confirmed both Walnut tree's were part of the tree inspection carried out in 2021 with the larger one of the tree being recently reshaped as per the inspection. The Chairman agreed to contact the Tree Surgeon to carry out a new survey.

1668 Any other Business for information only.

It was highlighted the recently planted trees are suffering in the heat due to lack of water. Cllr Chapman and Cllr Crook confirmed they would provide equipment / assist with watering off the trees.

The Gala Committee highlighted one of the new trees impeded recent running races. It was noted the running races could be conducted on the opposite side of the trees.

The Clerk was asked to research replanting of the tress, A14 and provide an update for the next meeting.

It was bought to the attention of the Parish Council one of the white posts, near St Peters Way has been damaged.

Overgrown vegetation and tree branches were bought to the attention of the Council. Cllr Hinchcliffe confirmed he will approach the resident concerned in the first instance.

The Clerk was asked to put Trees on the agenda for the next meeting.

1669 Dates of meetings: 11th September, 13th November.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.59pm.