Ellington Parish Council

Minutes of meeting of Ellington Parish Council
on **Monday 13th November 2023, 7.30 pm** at the Village Hall, Ellington.

Present:

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

Open Forum
A resident asked about the recent road gas tank that has appeared on the Buffaload site along with trailers that have appeared on the old mushroom site. The Chairman provided a brief update on the current enforcement notice served to Buffaload, confirming planning are aware of these items.

Cerianne Martin highlighted she is in attendance with regards to item no: 1702. Ceiranne Martin was invited to address the Council. The following points were noted:

- There is a fundraising campaign set up to transform an outdoor "dead zone" into a bike track.
- The bike track will serve as a fun and safe platform for teaching road safety in a controlled and secure manner.
- The project will enrich the experience for children at the school and will be accessible to all pupils.
- The entrance to the School will be more visually appealing, therefore it is hoped will attract more pupils to the School.
- A Go Fund page has been set up for donations.

A resident bought to the attention of the Council the blocked footpath around Buffaload. It was confirmed this has been bought to the attention of the new footpath officer.The damaged bollard on the A14 bridge was also bought to the attention of the Parish Council. The Clerk confirmed this has been bought to the attention of Highways for repair.

1692 Apologies for Absence
Apologies were noted and approved from Cllr Chapman, Brown and Hinchliffe.

1693 Declarations of interest in any agenda item.
None.

It was agreed to vary the order of reference and take item:1702 here.

1702 Consider request from Friends of Spaldwick School (FOSS) for funding
The Parish Council asked Ceiranne Martin how many children from Ellington attend Spaldwick School. It was highlighted numbers are not know at this point but the information has been requested from the School. It was noted the project is projected to cost

about £13,000 and will only be open to use for pupils at the School. The Parish Council asked Ceiranne Martin to provide information on the number of pupils that attend from the village before a decision is made. The Clerk was asked to confirm under Section: 137 if the Parish Council can donate money to outside of the village. This is to be an agenda item for the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

Noted members of the public left here.

1694 County and District Councillors Reports
Cllr Ian Gardener's report is attached Appendix: A
Cllr Stephen Cawley's report is attached Appendix: B
Cllr Ian Gardener offered to set up a meeting with the new footpath officer and the Parish Council. The Parish Council agreed this would be beneficial and asked Cllr Gardener to arrange this.
Noted both Councillors left at this point.

1695 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th September 2023 and planning meeting held on 4th October 2023.
Approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

1696 Co-option of Councillors onto Parish Council - update
Noted there is still one vacancy.

1697 Matters arising from previous minutes not on the agenda
- Note representative from new Enterprise Centre are to attend stand alone meeting in December.

This has been arranged for the 11th of December 2023, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.
- Note updated members Areas of Responsibilities

Noted.

1698 MVAS Units
- Note purchase of new batteries / solar panels

As per the Financial Regulations a delegated committee was set up to look into the cost and purchasing of new solar panel / batteries for the MVAS units. The committee agreed to purchase new batteries / solar panel with immediate effect to ensure continuous use of equipment. Noted the solar panel was purchased at a cost of £994.15 and has been installed.

1699 Newsletter
- Agree draft Newsletter for publication

Approved with one minor alteration. Noted Clerk still has articles to include. Resolved to accept quote for publication for £343.00. Chairman is to approve final draft for distribution beginning of December.
- Update distribution list.

To be confirmed once newsletter is published.

1700 Trees
- Update tree Grafham Road by exit to village

Confirmed the newly planted tree has died.
- Consider purchase of new tree

Resolved to purchase a replacement tree. Suggested apple tree. **Action:Chairman.**

1701 Planning Applications
APPEAL - Planning Application Ref: 21/01763/FUL
HDC Appeal Ref: 23/00030/REFUSL
Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/H0520/W/23/3320852

Grove Parc Grove Lane Ellington, 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)
It was unanimously agreed to make representations 'objecting' against this appeal. A draft response is to be circulated amongst members for consideration. The Clerk is to send the agreed response by the deadline. **Action: Clerk**

1702 Consider request from Friends of Spaldwick School (FOSS) for funding
This item was taken earlier.

1703 Finance
- **To receive financial situation of Council and to note Bank Reconciliation** - NOTED.
- **To approve transfer of funds from Lloyds Business Bank Instant account to Lloyds Treasurers account to accumulate interest.**

Resolved to approve transfer of £20,000.00 from Treasurers Account into Lloyd Business Bank Instant Account to take advantage of interest.
The Clerk was asked to look into better interest savings accounts available. **Action:Clerk**
- **Note CIL Payment of £16,249.82**

NOTED. The Clerk was to confirm if there is any CIL payments due to come from the College Farm planning application. **Action:Clerk**
- **To review, agree and adopt the budget for 2024/25 and to agree the Precept Request to be submitted to South Cambridgeshire District Council.**

Resolved to adopt budget for 2024 / 25 with one minor amendment and agree no change to precept of £9,834.00
It was agreed to await until all payments have come in for the village hall refurbishments and final costs are known before considering if any payments can come out of CIL payments.

1704 Payments made since last meeting and payments to be authorised.
Following payments were noted:

21/9/23	BEAM Grass Cutting (13/9/23)	£240.00
21/9/23	Function 28	£24
21/9/23	SLCC Training (Share Off)	£6
29/9/23	Lisa Hazel Clerk Salary September	£348.75
28/9/23	Anglian Water / Water Leak Repair (Village Hall)	£2167.14
16/10/23	BEAM Grass Cutting (29/9/23)	£240
18/10/23	Function 28	£24.00
16/10/23	BEAM Grass Cutting (16/10/23)	£240
16/10/23	Mayfair Furniture - VH Refurbishment	£5,139.52
18/10/23	Hi-Sell Direct - New Floor VH Refurbishment (DEPOSIT)	£1,600
13/11/23	Lisa Hazel Clerk Salary October	£348.75
13/11/23	Elan City - Solar Panel MVAS	£994.15
13/11/23	Reimbursement Anita Dowdall - VH Curtains Refurbishment	£1064.25

1705 Correspondence.
- Note new Public Rights of Way Officer for Huntingdonshire
- Note new Local Highways Officer

NOTED.

1706 Other Matters to consider / updates

- **LHI Bid for 2024**

Suggestions were put forward. Resolved to apply for Horse Warning Signs to be erected in village particularly around Ellington Thorpe.

- **Village Hall Refurbishment update**

The Chairman provide an update. Noted new flooring is to be installed w/c 21st November 2023. A grand re-opening is to be arranged to showcase the refurbishment.

- **Purchase of Christmas Tree**

Resolved to purchase a Christmas Tree at a similar cost to last year. This is to be installed on the 3rd of December. Cllr Crook agreed to donate some new lights for the tree.

- **Consider Christmas Tree Lights Ceremony**

A possible joint ceremony with other village groups is to be looked into.

1707 Agree dates of meetings for 2024.

LHI update is to be an agenda item for the next meeting.
Resolved to continue holding meetings on the 2nd Monday of every other month as follows; 8th January, 11th March, 13th May, 8th July, 9th September and 11th of November.
There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.10pm.