Ellington Parish Council

Minutes of **Extra- Ordinary** meeting of Ellington Parish Council held on **Monday 10th February 2025, 7.30 pm** at the Village Hall, Ellington.

Present: Councillors: Cllrs Norton (Chairman), Hinchliffe (Vice-Chair) and Mackenzie
Clerk: Lisa Hazel
County / Disc: None Present

Public: 4 members of the public were present.

Open Forum
A member of the public was in attendance to discuss street lights highlighting they had been concerned about the brightness of the street lights but they now appear to be brighter.

Mr Ross Taylor was in attendance to discuss item: 1842 as he felt that it might be related to his activities. Mr Taylor highlighted he does not have an issue with the conduct of the Parish Council but felt strongly that public money should not be used for any Legal Representation. Mr Taylor put across his strongly-felt opinions on members of the Parish Council and mentioned "not playing nice anymore". He confirmed he has set aside a substantial amount of money £500,000 up to £1 million pounds for potential legal actions.

The Chairman confirmed due to the confidential nature of item: 1842 the Parish Council could not discuss matters but have taken onboard all comments made.

1836 To receive apologies for Absence.
Apologies were noted and approved from: Cllr's Lumbers, Chapman, Crook and Schmidt.

1837 Declarations of interest in any agenda item.
None.

1838 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13th January 2025
The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

1839 Planning

- **Note 20mph Funding 2025/26 funding programme is now open for applications**

NOTED. Cllr Hinchliffe highlighted speeding is still an issue in Ellington and provided some statistics taken from the MVAS units. Possible suggestions for 20mph areas within the village were put forward. It was agreed to put out a Facebook / Website post asking residents for their views. This item is to be carried forward to the next meeting.
Cllr Mackenzie suggested re-implementing "speed watch" as a potential solution to speeding vehicles.

- **PARISH COUNCIL CONSULTATION – APPLICATION REF. 25/00071/LBC Removal of three existing front-aspect wall lights and replace with 4 traditional heritage design wall lights in order to illuminate the cottage at night - Grove Cottage Malting Lane Ellington Huntingdon PE28 0AA**

Noted the applicant was in attendance. Resolved to respond with "No Objection".

It was agreed to vary the order of the agenda and take the following item next:

1844 Any other Business for information only

The Clerk highlighted the upcoming Active Travel event on the 26th of February 2025, Grafham Village Hall. A poster will be placed on the noticeboard advertising this event.

Cllr Mackenzie provided background to the recent Active Travel Hierarchy Consultation confirming the Parish Council had responded asking for the main routes in the village to be upgraded to “priority” routes.

1840 Motion to Exclude

Under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.
All members of the public were asked to leave which they duly did.

1841 Employment Contractual Matters - Clerks Salary
The new National Joint Councils’ salary award was noted by members. The Clerk is to adjust their pay accordingly. **Action:Clerk**

1842 Resolve to Appoint Legal Representation
Cllr Hinchliffe declared an interest in this item which resulted in the Parish Council not being quorate. A brief discussion took place however due to not being quorate no decisions could be taken. This item is to be carried forward to the next meeting. The Clerk was asked to confirm Parish Councils have the power to spend money on legal fees. **Action:Clerk**

1843 Motion to Re-Admit

To resolve that the confidential business having been concluded, the press and public be re-admitted to the meeting.
The meeting was re-opened. Noted no members of the public returned.

1844 Any other Business for information only
This item was taken earlier. Cllr Mackenzie gave his apologies for the March meeting.

1845 Date of next meetings: 2025:- March 10th, May 12th, July 7th, Sept 8th, Nov 10th.
There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20.48pm.