Ellington Parish Council

Minutes of meeting of Ellington Parish Council held
on **Monday 7th July 2025, 7.30pm** at the Village Hall, Ellington.

Present: Councillors: Cllrs Hinchliffe (Vice-Chair), Lumbers, Chapman, MacKenzie and Schmidt.

Clerk: Lisa Hazel
County / Disc: County Cllr Ian Gardener.

Public: 3 members of public were present,

In the absence of the Chairman Cllr Hinchliffe as Vice-Chair chaired this meeting.

Open Forum
A resident asked for an update on additional yellow lines, Grafham Road. It was highlighted cars double park around this area causing problems for road users. Cllr Ian Gardener confirmed Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) is set to gain new powers to enforce parking rules locally. Cllr Gardener also confirmed any additional yellow lines would have to be funded either through a LHI Scheme or privately funded by the Parish Council. Cllr Gardener offered to arrange a meeting with highways to obtain an idea of costs. The offer was accepted and a meeting is to be arranged. This is to be an agenda item for the September meeting,

1897 To receive apologies and reasons for absence
- **Note Resignation Cllr Jeremy Crook** - NOTED

Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Norton and Cllr Stephen Cawley.

1898 Declaration of Interests in any agenda item
Cllr Chapman declared an interest in item: 1901 - Additional Call for Sites.
Cllr Hinchliffe declared an interest in item: 1906 - Tree applications.

1899 County and District Councillor(s) Reports
Please see Cllr Ian Gardener's report attached Appendix :A
Cllr Ian Gardener indicated the speed reduction measures, Ellington Thorpe, are due to be installed this summer.

1900 To approve the minutes of the Annual meeting held May 2025 and extraordinary meeting held on 17th June 2025.
On a proposition by Cllr Hinchliffe and seconded by Cllr MacKenzie the minutes were approved as a true record and signed.

1901 To consider matters arising from the previous minutes:
- **Note Parish Council Insurance has now been renewed -** NOTED.
- **Additional Call for Sites - Note Response Submitted** - NOTED

Cllr Ian Gardener confirmed all sites submitted including additional sites will now be considered for submission into the final plan. The Parish Council will be given the opportunity to comment further in due course.

1902 Village Matters:
- **Grass Cutting - Update**

The Clerk confirmed the Parish Council's grass cutters are not cutting the grass at the moment. This is due to the hot weather and not needing to be cut. The Clerk also confirmed the additional area, Ellington Thorpe will shortly be cut as agreed.
- **Footpaths / PROW / Damaged Bridges - Updates**

Noted all of the damaged bridges on the footpaths / PROW have been reported online. The Clerk was asked to chase Dan Wiggs, CCC, for an update. Cllr Ian Gardner confirmed he is in the process of setting up regular parish meetings with Dan Wiggs. Members asked for additional way markers. This is to be arranged. **Action:Clerk.**

- **Protected Road Verge W40 - Note contact from CCC**

Noted. The Clerk confirmed the verge in question is along Woolley Hill. The PC were asked if they have any thoughts on other possible verges that they feel could qualify as a PRV within the Parish. No other verges were identified at this time.

- **Woolley Hill Wind Farm Application - Update**

The Clerk confirmed the PC were successful in their grant application for a new noticeboard for residents use which is to be installed in the bus shelter. A new noticeboard has been identified and an order is to be placed. **Action:Clerk.**

1903 Lady Mary's Sign

It has been bought to the attention of the Parish Council that tape has been applied over the name on Lady Mary's Sign. The Parish Council wish to formally record they do not condone such action and class this is as vandalism. The Parish Council has always been aware the land is private.

1904 Brampton Cross

- **Update on Recent Public Engagement Sessions**

Noted this was well attended. It was suggested the PC should ask for the results of the questionnaires.

- **Note Brampton Cross Public Consultation**
  - **Note Alconbury Parish Council Communication** - NOTED
    Alconbury Parish Council confirmed they are setting up a working group to discuss Brampton Cross further and invited Ellington to join. RESOLVED to join the group. Cllr Lumbers confirmed he will attend as the PC's representative.
  - **Consider Parish Council Response to Consultation**
    Confirmed residents and the PC would like to see the proposed active travel routes link up with Ellington.
    The Clerk was asked to obtain residents views before a formal response is submitted. This is to ensure the PC represent's parishioners views. **Action: Clerk**

1905 Cambridgeshire County Council Public Rights of Way Hierarchy Engagement

Cllr MacKenzie provided a draft response for consideration. This item was discussed in detail and it was agreed to submit the proposed response. **Action: Clerk**

1906 Planning

- **PARISH COUNCIL CONSULTATION – APPLICATION REF. 25/00966/PIP - Permission in principle for a minimum of seven and a maximum of nine dwellings, not to exceed a total GIA of 999m2, Land West Of Grove Cottage Malting Lane Ellington - NOTE PARISH COUNCILS RESPONSE** - NOTED
- **PARISH COUNCIL CONSULTATION – TREE APPLICATION REF. 25/01109/TREE G1 4x Lime - crown lift to approx 6m (crown break), removing epicormic growth and minor secondary growth 2 Spinney Field Ellington Huntingdon PE28 0AT**

RESOLVED to recommend Approval.

- **PARISH COUNCIL CONSULTATION – TREE APPLICATION REF. 25/01134/TREE T1 - Larch - Fell to ground level - 11 Spinney Field Ellington Huntingdon PE28 0AT**

RESOLVED to recommend Approval.

- **Note Hinchingbrooke Logistics Park Consultation -** NOTED
- **Note Local Government Reorganisation Update -** Noted this is covered in Cllr Ian Gardener's report.

1907 Finance & Administration:-

a. To receive financial situation of Council and to note bank reconciliation - NOTED

b. Note payments made since last meeting and payments to be authorised - NOTED. These are listed at the bottom of the minutes.

c. Consider supporting Victory in Japan (VJ) Day 15th August 2025

RESOLVED to buy VJ Day roundels from the RBLI. Cllr Hichliffe agreed to arrange for them to be installed.

1908 Any other Business for information only
Cllr MacKenzie confirmed he will shortly be attending the next SAG where he will raise / discuss further the issue of cars travelling the wrong way down the slip road.

1909 Date of next meetings: 2025:- Sept 8th, Nov 10th.
2026 - 12th Jan, March 9th, May 11th, July 13th, Sept 14th, Nov 9th.
There being no further business the meeting was closed at 21.19pm.

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01 Jul 25	GREENBARNES - Noticeboard		751.50
01 Jul 25	BEAM - Grass Cutting		240.00
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01 Jul 25	BEAM - Grass Cutting		50.00
17 Jun 25	SERVICE CHARGES		4.25
06 Jun 25	CAMBRIDGESHIRE COM - Noticeboard Grant	600.00	
05 Jun 25	LISA HAZEL - MAY PAY		389.50
05 Jun 25	CORE SYNERGY LTD - Email Fees		24.00
23 May 25	CORE SYNERGY LTD - Email Fees		24.00
23 May 25	BEAM - Grass Cutting		240.00
23 May 25	ARTHUR IBBETT LTD - Fencing		342.00
19 May 25	SERVICE CHARGES		4.25
12 May 25	BEAM - Grass Cutting		240.00
12 May 25	LISA HAZEL - APRIL PAY		389.50