# Ellington Parish Council

Minutes of **Extra-Ordinary** meeting of Ellington Parish Council held on **Monday 27th April 2026, 7.30m** at the Village Hall, Ellington.

Present: Councillors: Cllrs Lumbers, MacKenzie, Schmidt, Stening and Ruddle

Clerk: Lisa Hazel
County / Disc: None present.

Public: 1 member of the public was present.

Open Forum
Nothing.

In the absence of the Chair and there being no Vice-Chair appointed the Clerk asked for nominations for a temporary Chair for this meeting. Cllr Bob Lumbers agreed to step into the role of Chairman as this will be his last meeting as he is not restanding for election.

**1993 To receive apologies and reasons for absence**
Apologies were noted and approved from Cllr Hinchliffe.

**1994 Declaration of Interests in any agenda item**
None.

**1995 To approve the minutes of meeting held on 4th March 2026**
The minutes were approved as a true record. Noted the correct date for the minutes is the 9th of March 2026 and not the 4th as recorded on the agenda.

**1996 Reclaiming of VAT**
- **Note Information provided by Clerk**

NOTED. Based on the information provide by the Clerk and as per the Local authorities and similar bodies (VAT Notice 749) VAT the Clerk put forward that VAT cannot be reclaimed for the Village Club bar upgrade as part of the overall Village Hall upgrade as this is classed as a business transaction. This was voted on and recorded as 4 in agreement and 1 against. The Clerk is to notify the Village Hall committee of this.
**Action:Clerk.**
NOTED the Parish Council can purchase and reclaim VAT for the new EPFA sign and recent play bark as they are classed as non business activities as per the [Public Health Act 1875, s164], power to maintain open spaces. This also applies to the Village Hall who can legitimately reclaim the VAT on village hall building work or major purchases under Section 33 of the VAT Act 1994

**1997 Village Hall**
- **Consider request received from Village Hall Committee to release remaining funds of £1142.00 for bar upgrade.**

RESOLVED to unanimously agree to release the remaining funds of £1,142.00. NOTED the amount is to come out of the reserves as there is no allocated budget for this.

**1998 EPFA**
- **Consider request to purchase new field signs.**

RESOLVED to approve the request at a cost of £1,169.76 as per the [Public Health Act 1875, s164], power to maintain open spaces

**1999 Policies**

- **Resolve to adopt IT Policy** - RESOLVED to adopt with immediate effect.

**2000 Finance & Administration:-**

**a. To Accept the Internal Auditors report**
The Internal Auditors report was noted and received with no comments.

**b. Update Status of the AGAR (Audit and General Accounting Regulations) for financial year 2025/26**

- **Approve Cashbook and Bank Reconciliation up to 31st March 2026 - Year End** APROVED.
- **Approve the Annual Governance Statement - Section One**

On a proposition by Cllr Lumbers and seconded by Cllr MacKenzie section One of the Annual Governance Statement was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk

- **Approve the Annual Governance Statement - Section Two**

On a proposition by Cllr Lumbers and seconded by Cllr MacKenzie section Two of the Annual Governance Statement was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk

- **Approve Asset List -** APPROVED.

**c. To receive financial situation of Council and to note bank reconciliation -** NOTED and Approved. The Clerk was asked to chase up the amendments to the bank account i.e. removal of Cllr Chapman and addition of Cllr MacKenzie **Action:Clerk.**

**d. Note payments made since last meeting and payments to be authorised**
The Clerk is to provide a full breakdown at the next meeting.

**e. Note SLCC Annual Affiliation Renewal Fees -** NOTED and APPROVED.

**2001 Any other Business for information only**

- Cllr Stening provide an update on the recent meeting held with Michael Martin in connection with the Parish Councils 20mph application.
- The Clerk confirmed the 'dip' in the road, Thrapston Road is to be repaired on the 30th of April 2026.
- Cllr MacKenzie bought to the attention of the Parish Council the new "Report an Incident" form on the website which can be found under the Contact section of the website. The form is for reporting incidents and concerns from residents in relation to the A14 and everyone was encouraged to use the form. The Clerk was asked to promote this within the village. **Action: Clerk.**
- The Clerk asked members if they wished to change the date of the next meeting as it has been confirmed the Parish Council is going to election on the 7th of May as 9 people have come forward to stand and there are only 7 seats. RESOLVED to keep the next meeting date as the 11th of May 2026 which is the annual meeting.

Cllr MacKenzie noted Cllr Bob Lumbers is standing down from the Parish Council on 11th of May and is not re-standing for election having served on the Council for 23 years including stints as Chairman. It was noted Cllr Lumber's contribution to the village in all areas over the years has been exceptional and his experience and knowledge will be a big loss to the Parish Council as a whole. The Parish Council would like to wish Cllr Lumbers well for the future and thanks him for his sterling service.

**2002 Date of next meetings:**

**2026** - May 11th, July 13th, Sept 14th, Nov 9th.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20.26pm.