

Ellerton & Aughton Parish Council

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MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Ellerton & Aughton Parish Council held on Tuesday 23rd July 2024 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Hunter (Chair), Goddard, Hogg, Parvin, Horrocks, Rogers, Pease
4 parishioners

40/24 Welcome and apologies: None

41/24 Public Session - 10 minutes.

Drainage/Dyke Maintenance - concerns remain about the quality of the water that is draining into the pond. Although Yorkshire Water has taken some samples, the water in the ditch and at the Pond is due to be re-tested later this week. Results already received indicate that the levels of pollution far exceed those that are permissible. It was suggested that the Parish Council arrange for an independent company to also conduct some tests, should YW fail to undertake the planned tests. Cllr Hunter has emailed Yorkshire Water to remind them of the content of the original meeting at which the Parish Council expressed their concerns regarding the discharges into the pond and hoped that the improvement works would greatly reduce or prevent pond discharges.

The meeting was reminded that permits held by Yorkshire Water require them to clear up any deposits/solids that are present.

Work on the pond has not been included in the current schedule but it is understood that there will be more money available next year for YW schemes. The Parish Council will lobby for improvements at the Pond to be included in any new schemes. As the pond is a village asset it would be a shame for all the current drainage work to be done without solving issues with the pond.

It was suggested by a member of the public that some fencing be put up around the pond for health and safety reasons and that a public meeting with Yorkshire Water and the Ward Councillors, be arranged.

42/24 Declaration of Interests: Cllr Rogers - Purchase of The Old School.

43/24 Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting 28th May 2024:

Proposed: Cllr Horrocks Seconded: Cllr Rogers

44/24 Matters arising:

- i. Unauthorised holiday development- update: two enforcement notices have been served. The Parish Council is awaiting the outcome.

- ii. Village Drainage: Drainage
Dyke maintenance - See Public Session 41/24
- iii. Barking dogs - update: the Clerk has not received notification that the Dog Warden has passed the matter to the Housing Officer. Parish Councillors commented that the dogs are starting to bark at 5.00am and that they can be heard in Ellerton, across the fields from Aughton.
- iv. Fields owned by the Parish Council.
 - a) Memorial Wood - update: Cllrs Hunter and Goddard met with TVR. The charity is pleased with the tree growth. They carried out some strimming and clearing around the trees and put in some stakes. The Parish Council will carry out further strimming later in the year.
- v. Purchase of Village Hall- update: it is understood that there are 3 possible options to securing the future of the building.
 - a) The Parish Council purchases the building - this would safeguard its future and would give the Parish Council more latitude in what happens with the building. However, as it is an old building, it would be a financial burden. If the Parish Council later sold the building the money, after agreed costs, would go to the parish.
 - b) The Village Hall Charity purchases the building - a clear and transparent procedure would be required should the Village Hall be sold at a later date. It is not known where the monies would go.
 - c) An extension to the lease is obtained - this would remove the need to purchase.

The Parish Councillors discussed and agreed the following:

The Parish Council is concerned about the burden on the Precept once their purchase went through.

It would not be advantageous to the Parish Council to be the owners.

The price is considered to be too high and would therefore need to be reduced.

If the Village Hall is purchased, it would need to be run independently by a separate charity.

If the Village Hall is not purchased, a Community Asset Value should be placed on it.

Confirmation of a possibility of a perpetual lease will be sought.

- vi. Riverside Path - update: Cllr Rogers has been looking into this and confirms that the issue is still in Judicial Review. Cllr Horrocks passed a document containing the procedures to go through to Cllr Rogers. He will pursue this. **AR**
- vii. Natural England cameras: Natural England has responded to the enquiries made about the presence of cameras earlier this year. The reason for the cameras was simply a data collection and information gathering exercise to help provide evidence to shape further management of the site and delivery of Natural England's duties. Natural England also stated that if advance warning had been given of the survey, the data could be skewed.

45/24 Agenda - matters not elsewhere on the agenda:

- i. Broadband provision: Cllr Goddard reported that he has been in conversation with Quickline which has been awarded the tender to install broadband in the Bubwith bubble, of which Ellerton and Aughton is a part. Houses are identified on their position for connecting to the Quickline network. It is understood that householders can purchase a 300mg, 600mg or 900mg service. Installation is anticipated to be completed by January 2025.

46/24 Planning applications: None

47/24 Planning decisions as advised by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council:

Approved:

Fell 1 no. Cedar tree (T1) due to safety concerns and close proximity to the house; crown reduce 1 no. Willow tree (T2) by 3-4 metres due to reduce the weight from over the extended limbs and impact from high winds; and crown reduce 2 no. Poplar trees (T3 and T4) by 15 metres due to being in close proximity to the road and power lines - White Lodge Mill Lane Ellerton East Riding of Yorkshire YO42 4PA for Mrs K Bromley - 24/01093/TPO

48/24 Finances:

- i. Financial Report: Proposed: Cllr Hunter Seconded: Cllr Horrocks
- ii. Receipts: None
- iii. Payments to be approved:
Clerk's Salary - £122.56
HMRC - £25.60
Clerk's Travel (May) - £14.40

Payments to be confirmed:

Clerk's Salary - £122.56
HMRC - £25.60
New laptop - £440.00
All agreed

49/24 Reports: None

50/24 Correspondence:

- i. ERYC - Expression of Interest - 20mph speed trial
- ii. ERYC - National Highways and Transport (NHT) Public Satisfaction Survey 2024
- iii. Parishioner report of broken fingerpost and overgrown hedge on footpath to Aughton.

51/24 Any Other Business as agreed by the Chairman: None

52/24 Date and time of next meeting - Tuesday 24th September 2024 at 7.30pm
Meeting closed at 8.50pm