

Ellerton & Aughton Parish Council

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MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Ellerton and Aughton Parish Council held on Tuesday 25th March 2025 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

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

Welcome and Apologies: Cllr Hunter

Public Session:

Ditch and Pond - on 14th March Cllrs Hunter and Goddard had taken some water samples, from the pond, when representatives from the Environment Agency (EA) arrived to carry out some checks, followed by 2 representatives from Yorkshire Water (YW). It is understood that it was the first of what would hopefully become a regular visit by the EA to the village. After the group inspected the equipment at the pond they moved to the west end of the village. Having walked along the ditch, the EA then took several samples. YW made visits in the following days taking samples from the discharge dyke testing for invertebrates.

On the 18th March a further group of YW operatives inspected the discharge dyke. The head of Waste Water, Pumping and Processing from YW, Mr Tom Reeve, was in attendance. He informed Mrs Wilson that he was going to obtain the CSO discharge figures and find out how many properties are connected to the WTP as constantly emptying the WTP was not an option.

It is believed that 2 tanker loads were removed from the WTP on the Friday but it was nearly full again on the Monday. Concerns were raised by the fact that tankers were being used and it was put to the meeting that the ditch should be piped.

Cllr Goddard explained that it was necessary to wait until the results of tests were in before any suggestions or actions could be made by the Parish Council. More technical questions will be asked of YW.

The tests carried out by the PC revealed that that there was nothing chemically wrong at the pond. All parameters tested were within the acceptable range and there were zero readings for nitrates and phosphates. A Cygnet has been seen on the pond which would indicate that all is well.

School Bus: - a concern was raised that the School Bus does not have any schoolchildren in the village using the bus. It was pointed out that parishioners use the bus as part of the bus service into Pocklington. The concern also raised the issue that the bus often runs over the grass verge near the pond.

12/25 Declaration of Interests: None

13/25 Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 28th January 2025:

Proposed: Cllr Pease Seconded: Cllr Horrocks

14/25 Matters Arising:

- i. Village Drainage: Drainage - See Public Session
Pond - see Public Session
- ii. Mylen Leah Solar Farm - Update: a meeting is being arranged by Foggathorpe Parish Council to discuss the proposal. Cllr Horrocks agreed to represent the Parish Council at the meeting. The Clerk will confirm the date. **YE, PH**
- iii. Riverside Path - Update: The Carstairs Trust is the landowner and it is understood that it is trying to delay the process as it goes through the Judicial Review. As deadlines have been lifted this should not have any effect.
In excess of 70 items of evidence have been submitted by Ellerton and Aughton and East Cottingwith Parish Councils in support of the path being included on the Definitive Map due in 2027.
It had been noted that rope barriers and signage had been put up by Natural England. It is thought that this is because it is the start of the bird nesting season. It is understood that the Riverside Path to East Cottingwith is No. 39 on the Judicial Review list.
It is noted that the boat has returned to the jetty.

15/25/Agenda - matters not elsewhere on the agenda:

16/25 Planning Applications: None

17/25 Planning decisions as advised by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council:

25/00045/TPO - Fell 2 no. Yew trees as they are intruding on the driveway access, preventing cars from accessing the property - The Fold, Priory Farm, Main Street, Ellerton, YO42 4PB for Mr Love

18/25 Finances:

- i. Financial Report:
- ii. Receipts: None
- iii. Payments to be approved:
Clerk's Salary (March) - £126.60
HMRC (March) - £26.60
Clerk's travel (January) - £14.40
Email domain renewal - £14.40
Doggy Bags - 189.54

A discussion ensued regarding the provision of doggy bags. It was agreed that the occurrence of dog mess reduced dramatically following their introduction and that the cost was justified.

Proposed: Cllr Horrocks Seconded: Cllr Pease

- iv. Payments to be confirmed:
 - Clerk's Salary (February) - £126.60
 - HMRC (February) - £26.60

19/25 Reports:

20/25 Correspondence:

21/25 Any Other Business as agreed by the Chairman:

- i. A member of the Parish Council reported that during a recent 5 minute dog walk, crow scarers went off 14 times. It is appreciated that this is a rural community but it was felt that this seemed a bit excessive.
- ii. A pothole has opened up in the road surface near the fork in the road in Ellerton. The Clerk will report this to ERYC. **YE**

22/25 Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday 27th May 2025 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.