

Chairman's Report

New Bus Service from 15th April

I am pleased to report that, with the help of Daniel Yeflop, NCC & Steve Royal, GoEastAnglia the village has the following bus service.

Konnect X3 Great Ellingham to Norwich Bus Station Dep 0800hrs Arr 0825hrs

Konnect X3 Norwich Bus Station Dep 1400hrs Arr 1425hrs

Konnect X3 Great Ellingham to Watton Dep 0900hrs Arr 0925hrs, which connects to Konnect 3 to Norwich, which departs at 0930hrs and arrives at 1030hrs.

Konnect X3 Great Ellingham to Watton High Street Dep 1755hrs Arr 1821hrs.

Pre-booked journeys to both Attleborough & Watton between 0900hrs - 1430hrs can also be made by ringing 0300 1231145

Further enhancements may be made in 2023 as the village grows, as long as there is demand.

Ideas about the bus service to the village should be emailed to: transportteam@norfolk.gov.uk

School Crossing

The induction of the new (2nd) school crossing guide will take place once the school re-opens after Easter.

We still await the findings of NCC Highways' safety audit of the proposed location for the new crossing.

Speedwatch

Two sessions held this month have resulted in 12 vehicles being recorded speeding, in the Attleborough Road. The reduced number is due to the school holidays rather than drivers coming to their senses.

Speeding in Great Ellingham continues to be a priority for our local police force. SNAP

West Carr Road & Swangy

As this area is due to join Great Ellingham at the next election, the Chairman is keeping a close interest in the 'goings on'.

3PL/2021/1547/F – Inv. poultry houses – Land to the South side of Swangy Lane, Rocklands

There has been no activity on the BDC Planning Portal since NCC Highways submitted an objection to BDC.

Advance Warning sign on A11 of Weight Restriction on Wroo Road etc.

Signs still not in place but, Matt Lines, our Highways Engineer is chasing National Highways.

Covid-19 Support Group Tea Party

The much postponed tea party took place last Wednesday at The Crown.

Jubilee Bench

NCC Highways are still to arrange for the Jubilee Bench to be moved near to the Jubilee Oak Tree, in front of the school.

Pond at Church Farm

Mr Soales has not yet decided what he wishes to do with regard to the pond. The chairman will keep in touch with him and report back when there is some news.

Flooded Ditch on Town Green

Mark Davey cleared the culvert and Alan Reynolds (ENM Services Ltd) pumped out the water. The Chairman and Vice-chairman, authorised a payment of £50 to Mark Davey. The Chairman contacted Mr & Mrs Reynolds to ascertain what they would like to charge for the work but they said they were happy to gift the work to the village.

The Chairman contacted the Highways Engineer to request the repair of the man-hole and that it be made safe, as a matter of urgency. The work required has been listed for action by the engineer.

Flooded ditch on Long Street

A ditch became blocked on Long Street, near to High View. The owner of the field which abuts the ditch took responsibility for the ditch and excavated and cleared the blockage. In checking the ownership of the ditch, the Chairman discovered that NCC Highways owns none of the ditches or pipework in Long Street. In view of this, householders should be aware that Riparian Law means they are responsible for any ditch, pipework or watercourse which abuts their property.

GEPS - extra school classrooms

The Chairman is in discussion with the Exec. Headteacher, school governors and the developer of Bowsfield regarding the provision of extra classrooms at the school, which is already over its capacity of 175 pupils. These discussions are going well and the chairman will keep councillors posted.

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