

Great Ellingham Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at the recreation centre on Wednesday 15 June 2016 at 7.30pm

In Attendance: Cllr T Betts (Chairman) Cllr T Getley, Cllr S Banks, Cllr D Howe-Li-Rocchi, Cllr S Mellor, Cllr N Perkins, Cllr D Simpson, Cllr G Snelling

Parish Clerk Anne Rayner
District Councillor Bill Smith
County Councillor Cliff Jordan
12 members of the public

- 1. Open Forum – An opportunity for any parishioner to speak on parish matters and to hear reports from District and County Councillors, if available** – A member of the public asked if Breckland DC have agreed the new criteria for defining service centres. District Councillor Smith advised this has not been agreed as yet and will form part of the local plan process.

District Councillor Smith reported that Breckland are currently undertaking work relating to the transformation of the council, including increasing commercialisation.

County Councillor Jordan reported on the shift of power at County Hall, meaning that the Conservatives are now in control of the council. It appears that Central Government still wish to devolve power to Norfolk and Suffolk but the proposal will have to be agreed by the District and City councils of both Norfolk and Suffolk.

- 2. To consider apologies for absence** – Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. May.
- 3. To receive any declarations of interest in any item on the agenda** – Cllr Howe-Li-Rocchi declared a pecuniary interest in item 8a on the agenda and Cllr Mellor declared a pecuniary interest in item 8e on the agenda. Councillor Mellor also declared an interest in items 8b and 8d.
- 4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 18 May 2016** – The minutes were approved without alteration and signed as correct by the Chairman.
- 5. To report matters arising not on the agenda and hear the Chairman's report** – The Chairman reported that British Heart Foundation have notified their approval of the parish council application for a defibrillator.
- 6. To consider possible projects for the parish partnership scheme** – Norfolk County Council have advised that the parish partnership scheme will be running again this year, with a deadline for applications of 16 December 2016. Schemes which will be considered include; small lengths of formal footway, trods, street furniture (cycle racks etc), improvements to public rights of way, flashing signs to tackle speeding, markings outside schools. The options were discussed and Councillors agreed to give consideration to possible projects.
- 7. To hear of planning decisions and other information**
- a) Report from planning committee 3PL/2016/0026/F – Rear of 23 Long Street (Approved)
 - b) Report from planning committee 3PL/2015/0899/F – Hollytree House (5 houses) (Approved)

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- c) 3PL/2015/0838/F – Rosedene, Attleborough Rd – Approved
- d) 3PL/2016/0383/F – Rose Farm, Bow Street – Application withdrawn

8. To consider planning applications, including:

- a) 3PL/2016/0373/F – Land adjoining 59 Long Street - Erection of dwelling & revised site access – Cllr Howe Li Rocchi left the room. This application was discussed at some length. The Chairman read a letter from Norfolk County Council Highways, giving reasons for their objection. Some members of the public present spoke to indicate that they felt the planning documents contained several errors. Following discussion, Councillors agreed to **OBJECT** to this application on the grounds of unsuitability of site, highway safety, over development and loss of amenity. Councillor Howe-Li-Rocchi re-joined the meeting.
- b) 3PL/2016/0588/HOU – Rose Cottage - Conversion of outbuilding to granny annex – Councillor Mellor remained in the room but took no part in the discussion. The application was discussed and Councillors agreed they had **NO OBJECTIONS** to the plans.
- c) 3PL/2016/0566/HOU – 3 Mill Lane – Kerbs to be dropped – Cllrs had **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.
- d) 3PL/2016/0616/F – Land South of The Old Queens Head, Attleborough Rd – 3 dwellings – Councillor Mellor remained in the room but took no part in the discussion. The applicants were present at the meeting and were given an opportunity to talk about the plans and address some concerns raised by Councillors. Following discussion it was agreed that Councillors had **NO OBJECTIONS** to these plans.
- e) 3PL/2016/0648/O – Mellor Metals, Attleborough Rd – Development of up to 75 dwellings – Cllr Mellor left the room. A member of the public spoke to say that whilst they did not object to the development of the existing scrap yard, they did not agree to the adjoining field being included. As the agent for the application was present at the meeting, Councillors and members of the public took the opportunity to ask questions and also raise points for future consideration, such as, should the development consider two access points. The agent pointed out that this application is for outline permission only and the relevant traffic surveys would need to be completed before the application proceeds to “full”. Councillors agreed that a concern is the lack of a path for children to safely walk to school. Another member of the public also raised concerns about external lighting on a development of the proposed size and the impact on the “dark sky” status of Great Ellingham. Other issues were discussed at some length, including concerns about the sewerage system, overdevelopment in the village should any other large application be approved, the fact that not all of the proposed development site is brownfield and that part of the proposed site is outside of the 30mph speed boundary. By a majority vote, Councillors agreed to **SUPPORT** the application, on the understanding that a pathway would be provided for children to walk to school and that all outside lighting is within the CPRE lighting guidelines. Cllr Mellor re-joined the meeting.
- f) 3PL/2016/0669/F – White House Farm, 97 Long Street – Plot 1 revised application – Councillors raised **NO OBJECTIONS** to these plans.

9. To receive the financial report and consider the following payments:

The financial report, circulated prior to the meeting, was approved. Grant applications from the Recreation Centre and the PCC were discussed and Councillors approved payments of £1500 to the Recreation Centre and £500 to the PCC.

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Chq no	Amount	Payee	Notes
100485	£ 155.66	A Rayner	June 2016 salary
100486	£ 114.40	Post Office Ltd	Q1 tax
100487	£ 400.00	British Heart Foundation	Defibrillator
100488	£1500.00	Gt Ellingham Rec Centre	Grant
100489	£ 500.00	Gt Ellingham PCC	Grant

10. To consider and note correspondence received, including:

- a) The Centenary Fields Programme – The clerk reported on a project between “Fields in Trust” and “The Royal British Legion” to identify and secure recreational spaces in memory of those that lost their lives in WWI. Parishes are being asked to identify suitable parks or playing fields to be dedicated as a Centenary Field. Ownership and management of the sites would not change. Councillors considered the matter but agreed that there were no suitable sites, at present.
- b) Changes to affordable housing thresholds – Breckland can no longer seek affordable housing contributions from developments of between 5 and ten dwellings, unless they have a floor space of more than 1000sq metres. The District Council also used to require a contribution towards the provision of open space and children’s play areas for every dwelling approved but they no longer have the ability to collect monies unless a) the Town or Parish council has provided details of a scheme that the monies could be put to and b) only up to 5 contributions can be pooled per project.

11. To approve the continuation of the grass cutting and clock winding arrangements – It was agreed to continue with the existing arrangements on the basis that the service is being provided by a local person, to a good standard and at a reasonable rate.

12. To consider information relating to the creation and adoption of a neighbourhood plan – Based on previous discussions and information received relating to other parish neighbourhood plans, Councillors resolved not to proceed with the creation and adoption of a neighbourhood plan at this time.

13. To consider items from Councillors

- a) Report from the SNAP meeting – A recent police presence in the village resulted in 13 traffic offences reported on Long Street. A driver recorded at 35mph near the school when the 20mph advisory signs were activated will also be prosecuted. Advice from the SNAP meeting relating to incidents of poor and dangerous driving continues to be, make a note of the registration and take a photograph if possible. E-mail the information to the police and offenders will be warned. It was also reported that several nitrous oxide refills were found at Deopham Memorial. Finally, the police are encouraging Speedwatch groups and suggested a group from Great Ellingham could work with the group already established in Attleborough. The next SNAP meeting is on 7 September.
- b) To propose and consider a 20mph restriction in Church Street (from B1077 to PO) – This has been prompted by another incident of dangerous driving. The clerk reported that Norfolk County Council have advised they cannot consider reductions in speed limits at the moment as a Traffic Regulation Order is required. This cannot be done due to the suspension of the Traffic

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Management Programme, due to a lack of funding. This was noted but Councillors asked if there was anything suitable which could be applied for as part of the parish partnership scheme to try to deal with the speeding problem.

- 14. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 20 July 2016 to be held at the Recreation Centre.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.