

Great Ellingham Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at the recreation centre on Wednesday 16 November 2016 at 7.30pm.

In Attendance: Cllr T Getley, Cllr S Banks, Cllr D Howe-Li-Rocchi, Cllr J May, Cllr S Mellor, Cllr N Perkins

Parish Clerk Anne Rayner
8 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 raised concerns relating to parking near and around the school at dropping off and picking up times. A police presence was requested and Cllr May confirmed that she would raise the issue at the next SNAP meeting, specifically asking for a presence at peak times. Another member of the public pointed out the traffic / parking issues at the end of Long Street, caused by vehicles relating to the building development parking inconsiderately and on a dangerous bend. It was suggested that someone speak to the site manager about the issue and Councillor Getley confirmed he would attend and see if anything can be done to at least improve the situation. The drain in the road opposite the school was reported as being blocked, the clerk will report this to Highways.
- 2. To consider apologies for absence** – Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Betts, Snelling and Simpson.
- 3. To receive any declarations of interest in any item on the agenda** – Councillor Mellor declared an interest in item 7b on the agenda.
- 4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 19 October 2016** – Councillor Mellor highlighted an error in the minutes, in that his name was omitted from the list of those attending the finance working party meeting. This was corrected and Councillor Getley signed the minutes.
- 5. To report matters arising not on the agenda and hear the Chairman's report** – The clerk reported NCC have confirmed they will cut back the overgrown bridleway on Bow Street. Also, following feedback from the Highways Officer, it was confirmed as unlikely that there could be any change to the zig zag lines outside the school, as they are prescribed lengths and it was also felt that a continuous guardrail at the school would not be supported, due to safety concerns.
- 6. To hear of planning decisions and other information**
 - a) 40 Chequers Lane – Front porch – approved
 - b) 4 Chequers Lane – Detached bungalow & garage – approved
 - c) 6 Rectory Lane - Rear & side extension – withdrawn
- 7. To consider planning applications, including:**
 - a) 3PL/2016/1191/F – Site East of Town Cottage – 4 new dwellings – Following discussion, Councillors agreed to **object** to this application, on the grounds of overdevelopment, loss of amenity and highways concerns.
 - b) 3PL/2016/1276/VAR – Land adjoining The Bungalow – Variation of Conditions – Councillor Mellor did not participate in this discussion. This application was discussed and whilst Councillors

Great Ellingham Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at the recreation centre on Wednesday 16 November 2016 at 7.30pm.

did not object to the plans in general, they did note the issues of the revised plans causing a privacy issue with neighbours, whereas the original plans did not. It was agreed to submit comments highlighting this concern.

c) 3PL/2016/1311/F – Rocklands Road, Rocklands – Livestock building – Councillors raised **no objections** to this application.

d) 3PL/2016/1302/F – Site adj White House Farm, Long Street – new design (relates to original planning 3PL/2015/0959/F) – Councillors raised **no objections** to this application.

e) 3PN/2016/0077/UC – Long Street, Attleborough – Change of use, agricultural building to dwelling – Councillors **objected** to this application on the grounds that it is outside of the settlement boundary.

f) 3PL/2016/1312/F – Rose Farm, Bow Street – Conversion & extension of barn to dwelling – Following discussion, Councillors resolved to **object** to this application. It was felt that the concerns raised as a result of the original application have not been addressed by this revision.

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

The financial report, circulated prior to the meeting, was approved. The following payment were unanimously approved:

Chq no	Amount	Payee	Notes
100498	£152.68	A Rayner	November 2016 salary
100499	£ 48.50	Diss Trophy Centre	Defib plaque

9. To consider and note correspondence received

a) Transfer of West Carr to the Civil Parish of Great Ellingham – Confirmation has been received from Breckland that the matter of the transfer of West Carr to Great Ellingham will be included in a full Community Governance Review of the entire District in 2018. Breckland pointed out that local electors can petition their principal council for a community governance review. Councillors agreed this option would not be pursued.

b) Better Broadband for Norfolk Project – The clerk reported that a new communications cabinet will be installed on Watton Road, Great Ellingham and this should be offering services within a year. After the installation, residents will need to contact their ISP provider to upgrade their Broadband package.

10. To consider providing a “Little Free Library” for the village – Consideration was given to the idea of a “Little Free Library” and an example of where this has worked well in another parish was circulated. Following discussion it was agreed not proceed with this.

11. To hear an update relating to the Speedwatch group – It was agreed that the clerk will contact the original volunteers to confirm that they are still interested in volunteering. The details will then be passed to Councillor Howe-Li-Rocchi to take the matter further. **Action AR.**

12. To consider bids for the Parish Partnership Scheme – SAM2 and trod path – Both issues were discussed at some length. It was agreed to submit a bid for a SAM2 machine. The cost of £30,000 for a trod path on Long Street, with the parish council required to pay £15,000 was not a possibility at this time as it would use almost all of the parish council funds, leaving the PC in an unsustainable position for the next financial year. The possibility of S106 funds, which could help to pay for a project like this in the

Great Ellingham Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at the recreation centre on Wednesday 16 November 2016 at 7.30pm.

future, was noted. In the meantime, Councillors asked the clerk to obtain a revised quote for a smaller section of Long Street on the opposite side of the road. **Action AR.**

13. To consider items from Councillors

a) Future provision of additional dog waste bins – Stickers have recently been placed on standard waste bins, confirming that it is acceptable to place dog waste in these. It was therefore agreed that further dog bin provision would not be required at this time. The clerk will speak to Breckland about the proposed additional waste bin in the village. **Action AR.**

14. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 21 December 2016 to be held at the Recreation Centre commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10pm.