

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF GREAT ELLINGHAM HELD ON 20 APRIL 2016.**

**Present:** Cllr Betts (Chair), Cllr Banks, Cllr Getley, Cllr May, Cllr Perkins, Cllr Howe-Li-Rocchi, Cllr Snelling and Cllr Simpson. County Cllr Cliff Jordan, District Cllr Bill Smith, 12 members of the public and the Clerk to the Parish Council, Anne Rayner, were also in attendance.

- 1. Welcome and introduction – Councillor Tim Betts, Chairman –** The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed Councillors and parishioners.
- 2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2015 –** The minutes, circulated in advance of this meeting, were approved without alteration and signed as correct by the Chairman.
- 3. Chairman’s Annual Report -** Copy attached
- 4. District Councillor’s Report –** Copy attached
- 5. County Councillor’s Report –** Copy attached
- 6. Reports from Village Organisations –** Copies of reports are attached from the following groups and organisations: Great Ellingham Pre-School, Great Ellingham Community Primary School, Greenfingers, St James’ Parochial Church Council, Great Ellingham Recreation Centre, Great Ellingham Allotment Society. Further reports received on the evening were as follows:

### **Under 5s group – Report from Lisa Towell**

Lisa reported that during 2015 the number of attendees had dropped and she had to consider closing the group. Between eight and 12 children attend regularly, with Lisa needing 11 to cover the cost of hiring the hall. Numbers have picked up recently. Fundraising events take place regularly and themed days are also held at Under 5s, including celebrating St George’s day, St Patrick’s day, Chinese New Year, healthy eating sessions etc. The group have two mini plots at the allotments, encouraging the children to spend time outside.

### **Great Ellingham Cricket Club – Report from John Mills**

John reported that the club has two adult sides and also youth teams in the under 9, under 11, under 13 and under 15 age group. It is encouraging to see children moving from the under 13 and under 15 teams up to the adult sides. As always, volunteers are needed to keep the teams going and anyone interested should contact John, or make contact via the website. One girl from the under 11 team has gone for County Trials this year and one boy from the under 15 team has made the Norfolk squad.

**Petanque club – Graham Beales**

Graham spoke as someone hoping to bring their club to be based at Great Ellingham. The team currently play at Scoulton but are hoping to apply for funds to allow for installation of a terrain at the recreation centre. People from surrounding villages would be welcome to join and some sessions will be offered on a “come and try” basis.

**Chit Chat Club – Ann Reeve**

Ann reported that the Chit Chat Club is thriving, with between 80 – 85 members, with between 45 and 60 people attending each week. People travel from Wymondham, Bunwell and Hingham to attend and there is no charge. A raffle is held every week and funding levels are healthy, enabling the club to make charitable donations. Ann stressed that the most important factor of the club is that it is a kind and welcoming group. Although most people attending are in the older age groups, some Mums with children do come along.

**7. Matters of concern to Parishioners –** Nothing raised.

**8. To confirm the date of the next Annual Parish Meeting as 19 April 2017.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm.