

Great Ellingham Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at the recreation centre on Wednesday 20 April 2016 at 8.45pm

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

Parish Clerk Anne Rayner
7 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** – Reports from District and County Councillors were received during the annual parish meeting, immediately preceding this meeting. A member of the public asked if there was any news regarding the Orbit Homes appeal and it was confirmed that the recreation centre has been booked for the dates of 1st, 2nd & 3rd of August. The Chairman will find out as much information as possible about the format of the hearing and will feed back to the parish council and interested parties. **Action TB.**
- 2. To consider apologies for absence** – Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Mellor.
- 3. To receive any declarations of interest in any item on the agenda** – None to declare
- 4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 15 March 2016 and 7 April 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's report was received during the annual parish meeting.
- 6. To hear of planning decisions:**
 - a) 3PL/2015/1472/O – Alder Carr House, Attleborough Rd – refused
 - b) 3PN/2016/0009/UC – Thornwood, Stalland Common - refused
- 7. To consider planning applications, including:**
 - a) 3PL/2016/0311/F – Land adjoining The Bungalow, The Street – erect pair of semi detached dwellings and detached bungalow and cartlodge for each plot – This application was discussed. Although Councillors did not unanimously agree, it was resolved to enter comments of “no objection” based on a majority vote. The standard lighting clause will be included.
 - b) 3PL/ 2016/0368/F – Rosedene, Attleborough Rd – demolition of bungalow and erection of one and a half storey dwelling incorporating a granny annexe – This application was discussed and no objections were raised. The standard lighting clause will be included within the response.
 - c) 3PL/2016/0420/O– Reserved matters – Breckland Roofing Services, 21 Long Street – Residential development for 8 dwellings – Cllrs continue to object to this application on the grounds of highways safety. Comments will be submitted to this effect.
 - d) 3PL/2016/0383/F – Rose Farm, Bow Street – Erection of dwelling – An extension to the deadline for comments has been granted and this application will be discussed at the May meeting.
- 8. To receive the financial report and consider the following payments:**

The financial report, circulated prior to the meeting, was approved. All listed payments were unanimously approved.

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Chq no	Amount	Payee	Notes
100473	£151.39	A Rayner	April 2016 salary
100474	£25.09	Gt Ell Rec Cttee	Computershare payment
100475	£1826.00	Norfolk County Cl	Parish Partnership Scheme
100476	£130.00	R Ewin	Allotment Rent
100477	£130.00	D Ewin	Allotment Rent
100478	£130.00	C Ewin	Allotment Rent
100479	£100.00	T Betts	Replacement cheque for 100469
100480	£207.43	Norfolk LAC	Annual Subscription

9. To consider and note correspondence received, including:

- a) Outdoor gym information – The clerk reported on information received relating to outdoor gym equipment. Cllr. Howe-Li-Rocchi advised that there is a good example of an outdoor gym provision at Gaymers Meadow in Attleborough, if anyone wanted to see an example.

10. To give further consideration to the provision of a head cam for the road traffic patrol – The clerk gave further information on the legislation relating to head cameras (or Body Worn Video). The legislation is extremely complex and would involve the parish council organising appropriate signs, ensuring the data collected could be appropriately encrypted and retaining data in the event of a member of the public asking for a copy of video, which they may appear on. It was agreed that the clerk would contact Norfolk County Council to obtain further information and examples of other parishes which may already be doing this. **Action AR.**

11. To consider information relating to the creation and adoption of a neighbourhood plan – This issue was discussed at some length. The Chair advised that pursuing a neighbourhood plan would involve potentially a considerable financial and time commitment. Consideration may need to be given to the fact that the Breckland Local Plan will almost certainly be completed before a neighbourhood plan could be implemented. However, Councillors still felt if there is an opportunity to shape the location and design of new housing in the village, it would be worth considering. It was agreed that the Chairman will speak to Rocklands Parish Council and the clerk will speak to Mattishall Parish Council, as both parishes have agreed to create a neighbourhood plan. **Action TB & AR.**

12. To consider adopting a media relations policy – The clerk provided copies of policies from two other parish councils. It was agreed to make a minor amendment to one of the policies and adopt that. **Action AR.**

13. To consider DC11 funding options – Breckland DC are holding £13117.69 DC11 funding relating to Great Ellingham, which can be spent as follows: £4320 on play and £8797.69 on outdoor sports. The representative from the petanque club advised that the club may be submitting an application for approximately £4300 of this fund. The Chairman asked that before the application proceeds any further, that contact be made with the Astronomical Society to ensure that the proposed lighting would not impact on the dark sky status. (The lighting is confirmed as four floodlights, approximately 12 feet from the ground, using 70w HQI bulbs). The representative confirmed that he would do this and would also contact District Councillor Smith to obtain his approval for the project. The Chairman will draft a letter confirming “lease” arrangements and further consideration will be given when all appropriate approvals

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are in place. Cllr Snelling expressed an interest in applying for funds from the “play” pot for equipment for the pre-school group. Cllr Snelling will obtain further information relating to this and report back at the next meeting. **Action TB & GS.**

14. To give further consideration to the defibrillator project – The Chit Chat club have made a donation of £450.00 towards the cost of a defibrillator. The Chairman will speak to the new owner of the shop to obtain their approval for the defibrillator to be housed on the wall of the shop, before proceeding any further. Councillors confirmed their continued support for the project.

15. To consider items from Councillors

- a) Lights at the front of the Old Queens Head – Reports have been received from parishioners relating to these lights, which give the impression of headlights on the wrong side of the road. The Chairman will write to the owners to see if this can be addressed. **Action TB.**
- b) Public footpaths in the Bow St area – The poor condition of the bridleway leading from Bow Street towards Anchor Corner was noted. A large part of the problem is overhang from trees from neighbouring land. Cllr. Snelling will try to find out about ownership of the land. The second footpath is one which spans the border between Gt and Little Ellingham, however, most of this is due to part of the footpath being a crossfield path, which is beyond the control of the landowner.

16. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 18 May 2016 to be held at the Recreation Centre.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.10 pm.