

Great Ellingham Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at the recreation centre on Wednesday 20 July 2016 at 7.30pm.

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

Parish Clerk Anne Rayner
District Councillor Bill Smith
6 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 there was a consistent policy used by the parish council to agree to whether to approve or object to planning applications. The Chairman confirmed that the parish council agreed their own theoretical boundary line, guided by the areas in the village within the 30 or 40mph speed limit, within which applications would be looked on more favourably than properties outside of the boundary, but also stressed that each application would be assessed individually. The Chairman also reminded parishioners that the actual decision with regard to planning applications is made by the District Council.

The representative from the petanque club reported that their application to Breckland Sports & Play fund was successful and they have received a cheque for £4200. It is hoped that work will start on the construction of the terrain in August. In order to adhere to the terms of the lease, four or six starguard lights are required and these are more expensive than initially thought. The club would therefore like to ask the parish council for a contribution towards the lights, instead of their original request for funds towards boules. Cllr Getley advised that Colin Webster in Attleborough may be able to supply the lighting at a more reasonable rate. It was agreed that the club will obtain a quote from Colin Webster and will then approach the parish council with a formal request for the funding.

A member of the public advised that residents with septic tanks in the village may have been charged for sewerage services on the two most recent bills from Anglian Water.

- 2. To consider apologies for absence** – Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Banks.
- 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 June 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 clerk reported that an acknowledgement has been received from British Heart Foundation for the £400 cheque sent by the parish council. The Chairman reported that the defibrillator and the training pack have been received and these will be passed on to Cllr Perkins. The Chairman will speak to the new owner of the shop, to confirm she is happy for the defibrillator to be kept on the wall.

The Chairman wished to record sincere thanks and farewell to Wendy Fordham and welcome to the village to Angela Crocker, the new owner of the shop.

Thanks also to Heidi Halsall for her role in organising the teddy bear festival, there were 62 bears this year.

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The various road closures in the village at the moment were also noted. The Chairman has contacted Highways as it appears that the 3.5 tonne weight restriction for Bow Street is mistakenly showing as 7.5 tonnes. Also, some residents of Bow Street appear to be putting obstacles on the verges and road edges, possibly to discourage other road users during this time of the Hingham Road closure. The Chairman will draft an open letter to the residents regarding this matter.

6. To consider possible projects for the parish partnership scheme – Initial thoughts for projects are: 20mph limit for Church Street, chicane or “gated” entrances to the village, extension of the footpath on Long Street. The closing date for applications is not until 16 December and Councillors agreed to appeal to residents for ideas, via the parish Pump magazine.

7. To hear of planning decisions and other information

- a) Confirmation of the Orbit Homes Appeal Inquiry - This will take place between 2 – 4 August at the recreation centre. The Chairman advised that no timing or programme of the procedure is available at the moment, though he hoped some guidance may be available nearer the time. He will require the hire of a projector and screen. A member of the public asked about the outcome of the appeal and, if successful, the potential impact on other planning applications in the village. The Chairman advised that if the appeal is successful then the parish council would clearly need to look at their policy relating to planning applications on Hingham Road again. Although the parish council could in no way comment on any application until it had been received, the impact of the Orbit Homes appeal could change future policy.
- b) 3PL/2016/0566/HOU – 3 Mill Lane – dropped kerbs – approved
- c) 3PL/2016/0410/LB – 11 Church Street – Internal alterations – approved
- d) 3PL/2016/0588/HOU – Rose Cottage, Swamp Lane – Annex – approved
- e) 3PL/2016/0373/F – Land adjoining 59 Long St – Erection of dwelling – Refused
- f) 3PL/2016/0311/F – Land Adjoining The Bungalow, Attleborough Rd – pair of semi detached dwellings – approved

8. To consider planning applications, including:

- a) 3PL/2016/0781/SU – Divert 11000 volt overhead & new terminal poles to support remaining overhead line – Councillors raised no objections to this application.
- b) 3PL/2016/0472/F – Land adjoining The Bungalow, Attleborough Rd – Erect pair of semi detached dwellings – This application was discussed at some length, with councillors agreeing there were no objections to the plans.
- c) 3PL/2016/0765/F – Bow Street – Erection of one dwelling with on site parking, cart lodge and store – Councillors raised no objections to this application.
- d) 3PL/2016/0852/HOU – and 3PL/2016/0853/HOU – No’s 5 & 6 Watton Road – rear two storey extensions to the dwellings – This was a late application and, whilst Councillors agreed they had no objections to the plans, The Chairman confirmed that he would speak to the immediate neighbours to obtain their views, before the clerk submits comments.

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

The financial report, circulated prior to the meeting, was approved. Cllr Mellor agreed that the transactions had been checked against the bank statements and signed the report accordingly. The following payment was unanimously approved.

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Chq no	Amount	Payee	Notes
100490	£152.68	A Rayner	July 2016 salary

10. To consider and note correspondence received, including:

- a) Street naming – Orchard Developments – Breckland District Council have asked for the parish council's comments relating to this development. The parish council's preferred name is Roselands Loke, which has significance within the village. The clerk will submit this suggestion.
- b) Correspondence from Came & Co Insurance brokers re Change of trading style – Noted

11. To hear updated information concerning options for the Pyghtle – Councillor Mellor reported that his Health & Safety advisor has reported on further options for the Pyghtle, including a flushing system. The options for the Pyghtle were discussed again, including the issue of whether any input, financial or technical, is likely from Highways, given that it is used by Highways for drainage. It was agreed to await the formal report from Cllr Mellor's Health & Safety advisor before proceeding further.

12. To discuss progress relating to a speedwatch group – The parish council has received interest from 5 residents, relating to a speedwatch group. The Chairman asked Cllr Howe-Li-Rocchi if he would be prepared to work towards getting the group established, which he agreed to. Cllr May reported that there may be a delay in going ahead with this but will report back further, following the next SNAP meeting in September.

13. To consider Attleborough Town Council's Neighbourhood Plan - Councillor's main concern regarding this is the additional traffic feeding on to the Breckland Lodge roundabout, which Councillors feel has the potential to increase the traffic using Long Street. District Councillor Smith pointed out that approximately 10 years ago when it was suggested closing the road at that end, villagers were resolutely against that option. Various options for ways of dealing with an increase of traffic were discussed, including SAM signs, priority passing points, speed bumps, traffic recording cameras etc. It was agreed that it was important to start speaking to Highways about these concerns, well in advance of any of the works starting and the Chairman confirmed he will contact our Highways engineer to raise the issue. Cllr Perkins asked for approval to put information about the Attleborough Neighbourhood Plan on the noticeboards in the village, Cllrs agreed.

14. To consider items from Councillors

- a) Visibility issues at the end of Mill Lane – The Chairman will contact the owners of both properties, where the hedging is encroaching onto the highway / footpath.

Cllr May reported that, although NCC repaired several pot holes in the village recently, they did not repair the large one on Church Street, which resulted in an accident involving a gentleman coming off his motorcycle.

15. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 17 August 2016 to discuss planning applications and urgent business only, otherwise Wednesday 21 September 2016 to be held at the Recreation Centre commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25pm.