

Great Ellingham Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at the recreation centre on Wednesday 17 October 2018 at 7.30pm.

In Attendance: Cllr T Betts (Chairman), Cllr S Banks, Cllr D Howe-Li-Rocchi, Cllr J May, Cllr S Mellor, Cllr N Perkins, Cllr D Simpson, Cllr A Partridge

Parish Clerk Anne Rayner
District Councillor Bill Smith
County Councillor Ed Connolly
36 members of the public

- 1. Open Forum – An opportunity for any parishioner to speak on parish matters and to hear reports from County and District Councillors, if available** – A member of the public voiced a concern that, based on their experience whilst living in another county, a large amount of new housing and the influx of new people resulted in an increase in crime. The same member of the public also referred to a letter written by the Chairman, to Norfolk County Council, raising concerns about the link road from Attleborough. Whilst this brings its own issues to Wroo Road / Long Street, the resident noted the impact on Attleborough Road as well, citing poor road surface and speeding as a particular concern. The Chairman confirmed that there appears to have been an increase in the amount of HGVs accessing the village from the Breckland roundabout and that part of the problem could relate to the removal of the advance warning signs of the 7.5 tonne weight limit on this road. The Chairman is in discussion with Highways England regarding this matter.

A resident asked if the parish council had been consulted or were aware of the recent planning application regarding Anglian Business Centre. The Chairman confirmed the parish council had not been consulted but that he would circulate the information to Councillors and the parish council could submit a comment if they wished to, as could any member of the public.

A member of the public asked when the parish council became aware of the possibility of the All Saints planning application. The Chairman advised that it was possibly around January / February time. A resident said that the minutes of the March 2018 meeting mentioned a query from a member of the public regarding activity taking place on the land. A lengthy discussion took place during which some residents reported feeling let down that the parish council did not make the village aware of the possibility of such an application. The Chairman confirmed that due to the request of confidentiality and also the planning pre-determination guidance, it was not possible to discuss the issue before a formal application was submitted to Breckland District Council and subsequently the parish council, for consultation. The Chairman gave a brief history of the planning issues in the village again, confirming that the parish council's preferred stance was to support small developments of twelve houses or less and the despite fierce opposition to the Orbit Homes application, the decision by Breckland District Council to refuse the application was overturned by the Planning Inspector, partially due to the fact that Breckland District Council cannot prove a five year land supply. Subsequent approvals by Breckland District Council despite opposition by the parish council (i.e the asparagus field) suggest that Breckland DC believe any subsequent appeals by developers against refusal, are likely to be successful, as they are not yet in a position to prove a five year land supply. Such applications have been approved by Breckland DC with no planning gains for the village at all, so in the light of another application that did at least offer planning gains, it is appropriate to consider those gains.

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A member of the public suggested that the Chairman led Councillors towards the parish council giving support to the All Saints application at the last meeting. The Councillors who supported the application advised that their decision was based on the information available, not anything said by the Chairman.

A member of the public said that she still felt the parish council did not do enough to inform the village of the planning application. The Chairman confirmed that the details of the application were all the three noticeboards in the village, the parish council's website and Breckland District Council's website. Councillor May also confirmed that one of the reasons she attends the Chit Chat Club is to highlight any significant issues.

District Councillor Smith reported that the Community Governance recommendation for the proposal to extend the southern boundary to the A11, to allow residents of West Carr Road to align within Great Ellingham Parish Council rather than Attleborough Town Council, has been accepted. Councillor Smith also reported that budget setting for the next financial year at Breckland DC is progressing, as per the set timetable. The 2019/20 year will be the final year of a four year settlement agreement and, whilst the budget setting is becoming more difficult it is hoped a complete draft will be ready by November.

2. **To appoint a vice-chairman** – Councillor Mellor was appointed vice-chairman and duly signed the acceptance of office form.
3. **To consider apologies for absence** – None to report.
4. **To receive any declarations of interest in any item on the agenda** – None.
5. **To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 19 September 2018** – The minutes were approved without alteration and signed as correct by the Chairman.
6. **To report matters arising not on the agenda and hear the Chairman's report** – The Chairman reported that a parish councillor had received an email from a resident which, whilst not threatening, was certainly unpleasant. Should this happen again, the Chairman advised that he will not hesitate to name the culprit.
7. **Recreation Centre report** – Nothing to report.
8. **Planning applications considered between meetings: None**
9. **To hear of planning decisions and other information:**
 - a) **3PL/2018/0992/HOU – Coromandel, Attleborough Rd – Erection of 6ft fence – Approved**
10. **To consider planning applications:**
 - a) **3PL/2018/1021/F – Land at Hingham Road / Attleborough Rd – Residential development of 92 dwellings together with associated access, parking, landscaping and open space** – The Chairman reported that this is a joint application to replace the previous Orbit Homes 'Phase 1' and subsequent Flagship 'Phase 2' applications. Included in the plans is 40% affordable

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housing and a donation of part of the land needed to secure either a roundabout or traffic lights at the staggered junction. Councillors did not object to the application.

- b) 3PL/2018/1062/F – Rose Fam Barn, Bow Street – Conversion & part re-build (previously approved under 3PL/2017/0739/F) – Councillors raised no objections to this application.**

- 11. To hear a proposal re Community Speedwatch / School poster competition** – A member of the speedwatch team gave a summary of a proposal to run a competition at the primary school for the children from each year group to design road signs aimed at asking drivers to slow down and generally drive more respectfully. The idea has the backing of the Headteacher and also the Highways department. Signs will cost in the region of £250 - £350 per sign and the group were requesting parish council funding of up to £2000 in respect of the project. Following discussion, it was agreed that the parish council would meet the cost of two signs, to a maximum of £700 and also the competition winner book tokens. It was also agreed that the clerk would ask the parish partnership team if the scheme would be eligible for funding. **Action AR.**
- 12. To agree a finance working party budget setting meeting** Councillors May, Howe-Li-Rocchi, Mellor and Betts indicated they would like to attend the budget setting meeting. The clerk will circulate suggested dates. **Action AR.**
- 13. To acknowledge Cllr Getley's resignation and hear information regarding a possible election** – The Chairman reported that Councillor Getley has resigned since the last meeting. Breckland received enough responses to the casual vacancy notice to warrant a possible election and the election notice will be displayed on 18 October. If an election proceeds, it will be held on 22 November. Some discussion regarding the matter took place, during which it was noted that the cost of an election to the parish council would be £1700 and there would be a maximum of five meetings held before the elections in May 2019.
- 14. To appoint a replacement authorised signatory for the PC bank account** – It was agreed that Councillor May will be the third authorised signatory, to replace Terry Getley.
- 15. To hear information regarding youth engagement** – Councillor Howe-Li-Rocchi confirmed that he would look in to the sorts of topics which may be covered and asked that the young people be given an opportunity to speak near the beginning of the meeting.

- 16. To receive the financial report and consider the following payments:**

Chq no	Amount	Payee	Notes
100568	£ 244.29	A Rayner	Oct salary

This payment and the financial report were approved.

- 17. To consider items from Councillors** – Councillor Banks suggested a session covering how a parish council works, during which residents could drop in and ask questions, find out information etc.

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- 18. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 21 November 2018 to be held at the Recreation Centre commencing at 7.30pm.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.35pm.