

Great Ellingham Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at the recreation centre on Wednesday 18 July 2018 at 7.30pm

In Attendance: Cllr T Betts (Chairman) Cllr T Getley, Cllr S Banks, Cllr J May, Cllr S Mellor, Cllr N Perkins, Cllr D Simpson

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 Councillor, if available** – A member of the public raised concerns about speeding in the village and specifically asked if a 20mph speed limit could be considered for Chequers Lane. Further highways / speeding concerns raised included:

- Possible access for some of the new houses on the ‘asparagus field’ development on to Church Street
- The issue of traffic related to building works parking inconsiderately and causing danger to other road users
- Ducks near Church Road being killed due to people speeding

The Chairman reported on the many steps that the parish council is taking to try to resolve some of these issues, including: the speedwatch team, the speed monitoring machine, the provision of information to the police and liaison with the SNAP team to ensure Great Ellingham remains a priority for the police to attend whenever possible, a clause related to traffic management in planning permissions and regular contact with developers, together with local and national Highways. Whilst the ‘chicane’ road in Spooner Row was discussed recently, feedback from Wymondham Town Council regarding this suggests mixed results as to the effectiveness, which, together with high rates of repairs, mean that Highways do not particularly look favourably on this sort of traffic calming measurement.

A resident reported smashed reflectors on Penhill Road. The Chairman confirmed that he had asked for the overgrown areas near Glebe Meadow and the Pyghtle to be tidied up and that a casualty of this seemed to be the reflectors. Thanks go to Michael Alabaster and Richard Jones for their help with cutting back the overgrown areas.

District Councillor Smith reported that the District Local Plan may not be implemented as soon as hoped. A new timetable is being considered by Breckland. Councillor Smith also mentioned the Better Broadband for Norfolk Project. It is hoped that parishes without Broadband provision will be able to access a service sooner than originally planned.

- 2. To consider apologies for absence** – Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Howe-Li-Rocchi.
- 3. To receive any declarations of interest in any item on the agenda** – Councillor May declared an interest in item 9a on the agenda.
- 4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 20 June 2018** – The minutes were approved without alteration and signed as correct by the Chairman.

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5. **To report matters arising not on the agenda and hear the Chairman's report** – Nothing to report.
6. **Recreation Centre report** – Nothing to report.
7. **Planning applications considered between meetings: None**
8. **To hear of planning decisions and other information:**
 - a) **3PL/2018/0593/F – Greenpiece, Attleborough Rd – Three new dwellings** – Refused
9. **To consider planning applications**
 - a) **3PN/2018/0029/UC – Great Ellingham Post Office & Village Store 1, Long Street – Change of use from shop to dwelling** – The Chairman clarified that this application is not change of use for the shop to a dwelling but a barn at the rear of the shop. Councillors raised **no objections** to this application.
 - b) **3PL/2018/0763/HOU – 59 Long Street – Single storey rear extension** – Councillors raised **no objections** to this application.
10. **To consider grant request from St James' Church re car park** – The quote for the repairs to the car park is £900 plus VAT. Councillors discussed this request at some length, noting that a grant has just been paid towards the grass cutting. It was agreed to fund 1/3rd of the bill. The clerk will check whether or not the Church is able to claim the VAT back. **Action AR.**
11. **To consider ideas for the Parish Partnership Scheme** – A member of the public asked if cutting of footpaths could be included. The Chairman confirmed that Norfolk County Council and landowners are responsible for keeping PROW accessible. The clerk confirmed that the County Council is also responsible for the provision and the upkeep of finger posts and way markers. Any footpath issues can be reported via the NCC interactive PROW map or directly to the clerk. Councillor Mellor asked if village gates can be funded via the parish partnership scheme. The clerk will check with Highways. **Action AR.**
12. **To receive the financial report and consider the following payments:**

Chq no	Amount	Payee	Notes
100562	£ 244.29	A Rayner	July salary
100563	£ 500.00	St James Church	Grass cutting contribution
100564	£ 41.00	T Betts	Refund of credit received by PC relating to payment made by T Betts

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

13. **To consider items from Councillors** – Councillor Howe-Li-Rocchi raised, via e-mail, the issue of the broken bin on Chequers Lane. Councillors approved the provision of a new bin. **Action AR.**

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Councillor Banks mentioned the tree leaning heavily onto a road sign on Hingham Road. The Chairman confirmed he will look into this. **Action TB**

14. To consider correspondence received:

- a) **Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review – Public Consultation - Noted**

15. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 15 August 2018 to discuss planning applications and urgent business only, otherwise Wednesday 19 September 2018 to be held at the Recreation Centre commencing at 7.30pm.

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