

Great Ellingham Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at the recreation centre on Wednesday 20 June 2018 at 7.30pm.

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

Parish Clerk Anne Rayner
District Councillor Bill Smith
8 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 –

Two young people from the village attended the meeting to ask what could be done about speeding issues in the village, particularly on Long Street. They had both experienced circumstances which had made them fearful of walking on Long Street and felt that vehicles were generally driving too fast and too close to pedestrians. The Chairman acknowledged the problem with speeding and clarified all the steps the parish council are taking to try to make drivers adhere to the speed limit in the village and to drive with care and consideration. The parish council were given a list of ideas for consideration, which included: Cutting back hedges and foliage which is covering signs, putting a curved mirror on the blind bend on Long Street (to assist pedestrians crossing the road), cleaning the reflectors and signs and cutting back overgrown verges and nettles (which would allow pedestrians access to the verges if they felt they needed to get out of the way of approaching vehicles).

Another member of the public reported that one of the 30mph signs on Long Street has been painted over. The clerk will report this to Highways.

The parish council were asked if it would be possible to have a pavement on Long Street. The Chairman confirmed that a trod path had been considered but there were various issues relating to verges and drainage ditches and the cost had proved prohibitive.

The young people present had designed posters to warn against speeding, which the parish council gratefully accepted. The Chairman reported that one of the suggestions put forward by the Speedwatch group was to work with the children at the primary school to design speed awareness posters, so these could perhaps tie in with that idea.

A member of the public asked about the Flagship development progress. The Chairman confirmed that final negotiations are taking place between Highways, Flagship and the District Council but he expected work to start shortly.

Finally, the decision by the planning inspectorate to overturn the decision to refuse permission on the land known as the asparagus field was mentioned. Parishioners felt that developers were, in general, building in the village without contributing to the changes needed to support the infrastructure. District Councillor Smith responded that negotiations are ongoing.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their comments, with particular thanks to the young people for putting forward their comments regarding speeding.

District Councillor Smith reported that the technical issues with the new IT system at Breckland District Council should be resolved. The District Council will again be running their programme of 'Silver' social events, designed to tackle loneliness for older people and to help them engage with their community. This was very successful last year and Breckland have been awarded a lottery arts council grant to continue the work.

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Workshops will be taking place in the libraries at Watton and Attleborough to help residents with the digital skills they will need in order to apply for Universal Credit.

Finally, Councillor Smith acknowledged, on both a personal and professional level, the sad death of County Councillor Cliff Jordan.

2. **To consider apologies for absence** – Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Getley, Banks, May and 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 16 May 2018** – 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 reported that, just before the meeting commenced, Ed Connolly introduced himself as the Conservative candidate for the forthcoming by-election. He lives in Hardingham and is aware of the issues facing Great Ellingham.
The speedwatch team recently attended Long Street between 16:30 and 18:00 and recorded 28 vehicles travelling over 35mph.
6. **Recreation Centre report** – Nothing to report.
7. **To consider adding a traffic management request when submitting planning comments** – The Chairman raised this point, as a result of recent issues in the village relating to the parking of trades people working on building sites. The clerk will look for suitable wording. Cllr Howe-Li-Rocchi asked who would enforce the issue. It was agreed that if Breckland District Council accepted the clause and included it in any planning permission granted, then their enforcement officers would be responsible for dealing with a breach of conditions. **Action AR.**
8. **Planning applications considered between meetings: None**
9. **To hear of planning decisions and other information:**
 - a) **Brick Kiln Barn, Hingham Rd – Conversion of barn to dwelling – Approved**
10. **To consider planning applications**
 - a) **3PL/2018/0593/F – Greenpiece, Attleborough Rd – 3 detached dwellings with car ports -**
This application was discussed again. It was agreed, by a majority vote, to **object** to the application.
11. **To review and update Standing Orders** – Revised Standing Orders, circulated prior to the meeting, were approved. These reflect changes necessary following GDPR.
12. **To consider grant requests from St James' Church** – Following the request last month, the parish council requested further information relating to the proposed works to the car park. This has not been received, as yet. However, the Church have also requested a contribution of £500 towards

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the cost of grass cutting. Councillors asked if there may be a more cost effective way of assisting the Church with this task, i.e. buying grass cutting equipment which could be used by volunteers. Options were considered but due to concerns regarding lack of volunteers and the need for training and insurance issues, Councillors agreed to make the grant of £500 towards the cost of grass cutting.

- 13. To consider ideas for the Parish Partnership Scheme** – The Chairman asked Councillors to bring ideas for the parish partnership scheme to the July meeting. It is hoped that an article will also appear in The Pump, asking parishioners for ideas.

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

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

Chq no	Amount	Payee	Notes
100559	£ 244.29	A Rayner	June salary
100560	£ 34.98	M Jeffery	Deopham Memorial maintenance

- 15. To consider items from Councillors** – Councillor Howe-Li-Rocchi asked if it would be possible to find out how the village of Spooner Row obtained, both logistically and financially, the narrowing of the two roads in their village. The clerk confirmed that Spooner Row falls under the remit of Wymondham Town Council and the Chairman confirmed that he would approach the Town Council for any information or advice they may have regarding this matter. **Action TB.**

16. To consider correspondence received:

- a) **Norwich Western Link Consultation** – This consultation closes on 3 July 2018. Further information can be found at www.norfolk.gov.uk/nwl

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.35pm.