

Great Ellingham Parish Council  
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council  
held at the recreation centre on Wednesday 16 January 2019 at 7.30pm.

In Attendance: Cllr T Betts (Chairman), Cllr S Banks, Cllr J May, Cllr S Mellor, Cllr A Partridge, Cllr M Hadley

Parish Clerk Anne Rayner  
5 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 queried the recent information published regarding the financial analysis of the Flagship development, which seemed to suggest that there is not enough profit in the scheme to make it viable. The Chairman summarised the history of this application and confirmed that the current proposal contains 16% affordable housing. This application will be heard at planning committee in February. There is no suggestion that the offer of land to enable the roundabout to be built in the future will be withdrawn. The plan is for the land to sit as open space until NCC Highways build the roundabout. Councillor May queried the results of the archaeological dig. The Chairman confirmed there had been no significant findings.

A member of the public asked about the poor condition of the road near the development at Melton Meadows and reported that a high school pupil had slipped over in the mud. The Chairman advised that he had written to the developer regarding this matter and the developer had confirmed that he would arrange for the road to be scraped at the end of every working day.

2. **To consider apologies for absence** – Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Perkins. County Councillor Ed Connolly and District Council William Smith also sent their apologies.
3. **To receive any declarations of interest in any item on the agenda** – Councillor Partridge declared an interest in item 9e on the agenda.
4. **To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 19 December 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** – 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/2018/1327/HOU – 2 Chequers Lane – Single storey front extension – Approved

**9. To consider planning applications**

- a) **3PL/2018/1537/HOU – Willow Ridge Lodge, 36, Long Street – Incorporation of annexe into extension to dwelling including first floor roof extensions to create rear dormer and attic rooms to the front** – Following discussion, Councillors agreed they had **no objections** to this application.
- b) **3PL/2018/1369/VAR – Conifers, Hingham Rd – variation of conditions (design & layout, materials, slab level, boundary treatments, external lighting, onsite parking and wheel cleaning facilities)** – Councillors generally had **no objections** to this application, however, Cllr Mellor queried why there was a need for the pavement to continue towards Hingham. It was agreed to query this as part of the submitted comments.
- c) **3PL/2018/1529/HOU – The Bungalow, Church St – Alterations and extension to garage** – Councillors had **no objections** to this application.
- d) **3PL/2018/1021/F – Land at Hingham Rd / Attleborough Rd – Amended plans & additional info including drainage** – Councillors queried the proximity of the site access / egress to the proposed roundabout. The Chairman confirmed that Highways are satisfied with the splay and visibility. It was agreed that the parish council would **not object** to the application, subject to the satisfaction of Highways. A member of the public queried what the changes to the drainage were. The Chairman advised that Anglian Water have confirmed they can accommodate the development.
- e) **3PL/2018/1584/F – Land north of The Cottage, Town Green – 2 no new dwellings with associated landscaping and parking** – Councillor Partridge did not participate in this discussion. Councillors **objected** to this application on the grounds that it is outside of the development boundary, there are access issues relating to the un-adopted road and the houses would be backfill.

**10. To agree replacement noticeboard(s)** – Various sizes and locations of noticeboards were considered. It was agreed to purchase a new 24 x A4 board at a cost of £899. The new board will be located at the top of Chequers Lane. The existing board at the top of Chequers Lane will be moved to Hingham Road. **Action AR.**

**11. To consider information re ‘no parking’ signs** – A member of the public reported information relating to the possible cost of providing ‘no parking’ signs on some of the areas of green spaces in the village. However, it appears that some of the areas in question are actually pockets of land belonging to NCC Highways and the parish council would not be allowed to place such notices on the land. There may be an option to do so on land owned by the parish council and this will be investigated further. It was also agreed to look at some of the parking with a view to raising the matter with Highways as an obstruction issue. **Action TB.**

**12. To review the following policies: Grant awarding policy, equal opportunities policy and general risk assessment** – Councillors agreed that the grant awarding policy needed no amendment. The general risk assessment had some minor points updated and the equal opportunities policy was re-named the ‘equality’ policy and was revised to include relevant information concerning the Equalities Act 2010. **Action AR.**

**13. To confirm Councillor duties** – Planning and the defibrillator have been re-allocated to the Chairman. Councillor Partridge agreed to be the representative for the recreation centre and

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Councillor Hadley agreed to represent the parish council at the Parish & Town Council forum meetings held at Breckland Council.

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

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

Chq no	Amount	Payee	Notes
100573	£ 236.49	A Rayner	Jan salary
100574	£ 119.23	R Smith	Bin installation

**15. To consider items from Councillors – None to report**

**16. To consider correspondence – None to report**

**17. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 20 February 2019 to be held at the Recreation Centre commencing at 7.30pm.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.25pm.