

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

In Attendance: Cllr T Betts (Chairman), Cllr A Partridge, Cllr M Hadley, Cllr W Smith, Cllr P Ewin, Cllr N Wilkins

Parish Clerk Anne Rayner
District Councillor Sarah Suggitt
County Councillor Ed Connolly
5 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** – District Councillor Connolly reported on a new service from Norfolk County Council in conjunction with Action for Children. The ‘Early Childhood and Family Service’ launched on 1 October and focuses on families needing extra support. The aims of the service are to reduce harm and neglect and to improve outcomes for young children. Councillor Connolly also reported that the library service will be running several events all over the County between 7 – 20 October, with the aim of improving digital skills.

District Councillor Suggitt reported on grants available via the ‘warm homes’ fund, which supports everything from radiator and boiler repairs to providing support in switching energy suppliers. There is also £30k available in grants of up to £500 each for communities to commemorate VE and VJ day in 2020.

A member of the public reported that Natural England are collecting newts from the buckets on the Flagship homes site, sometimes twice a day.

A resident reported a few recent incidents of fly tipping in the village, including on West Carr Road. Fly tipping can be reported via the Breckland website at <https://www.breckland.gov.uk/flytip>

- 2. To consider apologies for absence** – Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors S & H Mellor.
- 3. To receive any declarations of interest in any item on the agenda** – None to report.
- 4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 18 September 2019** – 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 confirmed that the anti social behaviour taking place at a location on Hingham Road is being addressed by Breckland. The transfer of the land and the funds for the roundabout have been received by NCC Highways.
Cllr H Mellor has agreed to be the new SNAP representative for the parish council.
The Chairman has begun to investigate options for funding the new village hall. The initial contribution is significant but considerably more funding will be required. Councillor Smith added that the question of what will happen to the current recreation centre also needed consideration.

6. Planning applications considered between meetings: None

7. To further consider a Neighbourhood Plan – The Chairman confirmed that he has spoken to the parish council Chairman at Rocklands, who advises that they have put the Neighbourhood Plan on hold, pending the publication of Breckland's Local Plan. The cost, so far, is estimated to be around £10k. The Chairman of Rocklands confirmed that the project has gained lots of support and engagement with the residents. Following further discussion, it was agreed to include the item on the agenda again next month.

8. To hear of planning decisions and other information:

- a) **3PL/2019/0699/F – Bow Street – Erection of a dwelling – approved**
- b) **3PL/2019/0421/F – Land off Watton Rd – residential development – Approved**

9. To consider planning applications

- a) **3PL/2019/1217/F – Land adj. Bury Hall, Deopham Rd – Erection of 1 barn style dwelling with detached cartlodge, parking & turning and construction of new highways access** – The parish council **did not object** to this application but asked for a condition to be included ensuring that the accommodation above the proposed garaging remains as part of the newly built property and neither an application for its conversion to become a separate property or for it to be sold separately in the future would be allowed.
 - b) **3PL/2019/0696/F – The Old Thatched Shop, 32 Church St – erection of 2 bed bungalow and conversion and extension of outbuilding into an annexe on land to the rear of 32 Church St (revised scheme removing car port conversion)** – The applicant was present at the meeting and gave some information as to the changes and the reason for the application. Councillors continued to **object** to the application, mainly due to the location in the grounds of a significant listed building.
 - c) **3PL/2019/1138/VAR – Land at Pennel House, Penhill Rd – Variation of condition – revised design and layout** – Following discussion, the parish council agreed to **object** to this application, on the grounds of overshadowing, overlooking and loss of privacy and a design which is not in keeping with other properties in the area.
 - d) **3PL/2019/1207/HOU – Five Acre Cottage, Attleborough Rd – Three bay oak cart lodge** – The parish council had **no objections** to this application.
- 10. To consider a grant request from the Methodist Church** – This request, relating to a variety of works to the grounds and outside area of the Church, was approved and the parish council agreed to donate £500.

11. 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
100609	£ 252.95	A Rayner	October salary
100610	£ 500.00	Gt Ell Methodist Church	Grant

12. To consider items from Councillors – None to report

13. To consider correspondence received:

- a) New early childhood and family service for Norfolk** - As reported by County Councillor Connolly at the beginning of the meeting.
- b) Ellingham Hospital** – Following reports of recent incidents outside the grounds of the hospital, the Chairman wrote to the hospital manager, who asked for clarification of when the incidents took place. This information was supplied but no further response has been received, as yet.
- c) Donation request from Norfolk Citizens Advice** – In accordance with the parish council's grant awarding policy, the request was declined.

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm .