

Great Ellingham Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at the recreation centre on Wednesday 17 April 2019 at 7.30pm.

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

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 County and District Councillors, if available** – A member of the public mentioned a report in the EDP which suggested that the police will not accept or consider data from SAM2s. The Chairman confirmed that this is currently the case, however, the police do accept data from the speedwatch team and the parish council are confident that the presence of the SAM2 does act as a deterrent.

Councillor Howe-Li-Rocchi asked if anything significant had been found as a result of the archaeological dig at the Flagship site. The Chairman confirmed nothing of significance has been discovered.

District Councillor Smith confirmed that District elections will take place on 2 May and there are four candidates, two Conservative and two Labour.

Work relating to the Local Plan is continuing, with Breckland DC currently able to prove a 4.77 year rolling housing land supply. Whilst the Planning Inspector appears to have removed many of the protections included by Breckland DC for communities, the District Council has written asking for those changes to be modified. It is hoped that the Plan will be approved by June or July this year, however, the Inspector is currently including a requirement that the Plan will be reconsidered in 2022.

The Attleborough Strategic Urban Extension (SUE) is proceeding, with outline planning permission given for 4000 homes and appropriate infrastructure. Concern remains relating to the Link Rd, particularly for Great Ellingham and Quidenham and there are plans for the two parishes to meet to forge a plan as to how to tackle these concerns.

Superfast Broadband coverage across the three parishes of Gt & Lt Ellingham and Rocklands is generally good. Individual properties can check their current speed, status and any planned upgrades at <https://www.homeandbusiness.openreach.co.uk/fibre-broadband/superfast-broadband> Support towards the cost of equipment and installation of a broadband connection in order that a basic broadband service can be accessed is open to everyone who currently cannot access a service offering at least 2Mbps. Individual enquiries about broadband speed can be addressed to the Better Broadband for Norfolk team at <https://www.betterbroadbandnorfolk.co.uk/contact-form/>

The land with planning permission for 153 houses has been sold, this includes the land donated to provide additional allotments. The new owners have verbally assured Councillor Smith that the allotments will still be provided and they have also agreed to name one of the roads on the development after the former leader of Norfolk County Council and Councillor for this parish, Cliff Jordan. A member of the public present asked if the new owners will be obliged still to contribute

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£500,000 towards the cost of the roundabout. Councillor Smith confirmed that the terms of the agreement require that this payment is made before the development starts.

2. **To consider apologies for absence** – Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor May. County Councillor Connolly also sent his apologies.
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 20 March 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 there will not be parish elections on 2 May as there were only five applications for the nine positions. The Chairman gave his thanks to the Councillors who decided not to stand again. The Chairman also thanked District Councillor Smith for his efforts and hard work for the parish.

Thanks also go to Councillor Partridge for cutting the grass recently. It was agreed that a donation for the use of the petrol and the mower would be made to Dennis Leech. Ivan Brockwell has offered to cut the grass in future, for a cost of £180 per annum. The parish council accepted this, with thanks.

The new noticeboard has been delivered and the Chairman proposed to install this to replace the wooden board at Hingham Road, for the time being, as the scope of land at Chequers Lane is not known until the roundabout is in place. This was agreed.

Councillor Howe-Li-Rocchi noted that the trees in the Chequers Lane vicinity were planted for a reason and he hoped they would not be lost as part of this development. The Chairman confirmed that the trees would be taken into consideration during the planning stage.

The Chairman reported that he has written to a business in the area regarding the use by their heavy vehicles of Church Street and also some apparent careless driving over / on verges. A positive response has been received so it is hoped this situation will improve in the future.

The dumping of black bin bags containing chicken carcasses in nearby lay-bys is being investigated by environmental health. There is also an unfortunate issue of human faeces being left in a lay-by on Attleborough Rd, which is extremely unpleasant for nearby residents. Following discussion, it was agreed that the parish council would have no issue with the residents putting up a sign asking for this behaviour to stop.

Finally, Highways England have confirmed that they will install new signs on the A11 giving advance warning of the weight restrictions, should drivers attempt to access Great Ellingham via Wroo Road, from the Breckland Lodge roundabout. Councillors suggested that a sign before West Carr Road may also be necessary and the Chairman confirmed he will raise this matter with Highways England.

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/2018/1404/F – Mill Farm Fisheries – Erection of 5 new dwellings – Approved
- b) 3PL/2018/0712/D – Development Site at Attleborough Rd – Reserved matters, road design, soft landscaping etc – Approved

9. To consider planning applications

- a) 3PL/2019/0349/F – 452nd Barn on land at 'Final Approach' Bush Green, Great Ellingham – Conversion and extension of an agricultural barn to dwelling – Councillors raised no objections to this application.
- b) 3PL/2019/0014/UC – Great Ellingham Post Office, 1 Long Street – Conversion of Storage Building B8 to dwelling C3 – Councillors raised no objections to this application.

10. To agree a new bank signatory – Councillor Partridge agreed to replace Councillor May as the third authorised signatory.

11. To review the following policies: Media relations policy – Councillors agreed that no revision was needed to this policy.

12. To agree the clerk's salary increase, in line with the new NJC salary scales from 1 April 2019 – It was agreed that the clerk's salary should remain within the NJC salary scales and the annual increase was approved.

13. To consider the following payments:

Chq no	Amount	Payee	Notes
100589	£ 252.95	A Rayner	April salary
100590	£ 258.52	Norfolk ALC	Annual subscription
100591	£1400.00	Norfolk County Council	Parish Partnership Scheme
100592	£ 85.40	T Betts	Reimbursement

All payments were unanimously approved.

14. To consider items from Councillors – None to report

15. To consider correspondence – None to report

16. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 15 May 2019 to be held at the Recreation Centre commencing immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting – The Chairman reminded everyone that the Annual Parish Meeting will start at 7pm this year, immediately followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20pm.