

Great Ellingham Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at the recreation centre on Wednesday 26 June 2019 at 7.30pm

In Attendance: Cllr S Mellor (Chairman), Cllr A Partridge, Cllr M Hadley, Cllr W Smith

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** – A member of the public reported an issue with the peacocks on Long Street. They are messy, noisy and are causing damage to gardens and cars. It was suggested that the member of the public concerned could contact the RSPB for advice. It was also mentioned that Breckland DC had assisted with a similar problem at Rocklands, the clerk will contact them for information regarding this. **Action AR.**
It was reported that the speeding problem on Hingham Road seems to be getting worse. Councillor Mellor confirmed we will pass that information on to the SNAP team.
2. **To consider apologies for absence** – Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Betts. County Councillor Ed Connolly and District Councillor Sarah Suggitt also sent their apologies. The clerk was unable to attend tonight's meeting and Cllr Partridge will take the minutes.
3. **To receive any declarations of interest in any item on the agenda** – Councillor Mellor declared a pecuniary interest in items 10f and 10g on the agenda.
4. **To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 15 May 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 –**

Assault in Mill Lane - I am sorry to have to report: A woman was walking a dog on Mill Lane at around 8.30pm on Tuesday 11 June when she was approached by a man who touched her inappropriately. It's believed the man ran away after being bitten by the dog. The victim also believes she may have passed out following the incident but was not injured. Officers are currently trying to establish the full circumstances surrounding this incident and are appealing to anyone who may have been in the area at the time to contact them. There will be additional patrols in the area over the coming days, to reassure local residents and anyone with information is encouraged to speak to them. Otherwise, anyone with information should contact DC Dan Mather at Thetford CID on **101** or alternatively contact Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555111**.

Speedwatch – we continue to check speeds through the village and drivers continue to go too quickly. Recently the number of villagers caught speeding has increased, which is disappointing. We are still looking for volunteers. Apply to me, if you are interested.

Kerry Foods – a meeting, convened by George Freeman, MP. and attended by representatives of Kerry Foods; Breckland Council (Planning & Environmental); Little Ellingham PC plus Cllrs. Partridge; Hadley and Betts took place last Friday 14th June. It was agreed that the planning

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conditions, constraining Kerry's operation, would stay in place until, the July BDC Planning Committee. This would give time for the newly installed Odour Control System to be evaluated, prior to the committee deciding whether to approve the removal of the conditions. The system cost £250K so all parties are hoping it works.

Area School Project – Cllr Smith and I attended a meeting convened by George Freeman, MP. on Friday 25th May. Representatives of our two schools; Rocklands PC; BDC Planning and NCC Educational Services plus George Freeman also attended. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the additional demands the rapid expansion of Great Ellingham and its surrounding villages will have upon our primary schools. A number of actions were agreed and further meetings will be held over the coming months.

School Crossing – following a number of 'near misses', I was asked to give some support to our school's crossing patrolman (Lollipop man Rob). I requested a visitation from the police and was delighted to receive a quick and positive response. Officers Damion and Andy met Rob and me at 0830hrs Thursday 6th June. They appreciated the dangers that the staggered junction posed for Rob and gave him some good advice on how to minimise the dangers. They also agreed to visit him from time-to-time to support him and give the location a reputation as somewhere the police might be patrolling. I took the opportunity to discuss the speeding problem in the village and, again, they said they would step up the appearances of their speed patrol in the village.

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/2018/1475/F – Land adjacent to 'The Bungalow, Bow St – Construction of single detached dwelling – Approved**
9. **Notification of public consultation on Main Modifications to the Breckland Local Plan** – Councillor Smith gave an overview of the current situation. Breckland Council is currently undertaking a 6 week consultation period on the Main Modifications on the Local Plan. This ends on July 12th. All representations will be considered by the Inspector. Notwithstanding any unforeseen issues, the Council anticipates that the Inspector's Report on the Plan will be received in August 2019 and it is the intention to seek adoption of the Plan as soon as is reasonably possible thereafter. The Council is currently considering its position on the 5 year housing land supply issue in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework. It is anticipated that this position will be finalised in the next few months
10. **To consider planning applications:**
 - a) **3PL/2019/0581/F – Hollytree House, 80 Long Street – Proposed single storey dwelling** – Councillors did not object in principle to this application, however, there were concerns that moving the access to the side lane could leave it open to further development. Comments

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would be submitted confirming **no objections** but the parish council would like consideration given to ensuring that no further development takes place on this site.

- b) **3PL/2019/0441/F – The Firs, Swamp Lane – Erection of dwelling** – The parish council had **no objections** to this application.
- c) **3PL/2019/0556/HOU – 12 Long Street – Demolish existing conservatory and replace it with a fully glazed side extension and covered porch** - The parish council had **no objections** to this application.
- d) **3PL/2019/0421/F – Land off Watton Rd – Residential development (4 houses)** - The parish council had **no objections** to this application.
- e) **3PL/2019/0338/HOU – 14 Long Street – Flat roof rear extension with garage conversion and garage to the front** - The parish council had **no objections** to this application.
- f) **3PL/2019/0561/F – Aldercarr House – Demolition of existing outbuilding and proposed development of 3 residential dwellings and cart lodge** - The parish council had **no objections** to this application, subject to the ecology and habitat conditions being met.
- g) **Portwood Farm, Tanyard Lane – 3PL/2019/0636 / 0644 / 0643 / 0637 – All relate to accommodation for seasonal workers, both retaining use of redundant agricultural building and conversion of a former stable block** - The parish council had **no objections** to this application.

- 11. **To consider a tree survey** – Councillors considered whether it would be timely to arrange a tree survey for the land at the Pyghtle. Councillors also considered whether to include the trees at the Deopham Memorial site. Following discussion, it was agreed to try to establish ownership of the memorial site and then agree on the trees there. The clerk will contact Breckland DC to see if their Tree & Countryside Officer will come to assess the trees at the Pyghtle, if not, we can establish who Little Ellingham Parish Council use. **Action AR.**
- 12. **To consider co-option of Councillors** – There has so far, only been one expression of interest in the vacant Councillor positions. Councillors agreed to appeal via the village Facebook site and also put an item in the Pump. **Action AR.**
- 13. **To consider Councillor duties** – Current unallocated duties are Fixed assets, SNAP representative, environment & primary school. Councillor Hadley agreed to take responsibility for fixed assets and Councillor Smith for the Primary School. This leaves SNAP representative currently unallocated.
- 14. **To receive the financial report and consider the following payments:**

Chq no	Amount	Payee	Notes
100597	£ 252.95	A Rayner	June salary
100598	£ 654.35	Wayland Pub Co	Event
100599	£ 84.00	T Betts	Defibrillator pads

The financial report was approved and all payments were authorised.

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

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16. **To consider correspondence received:** None to report
17. **To confirm the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 17 July 2019 to be held at the Recreation Centre commencing at 7.30pm.**

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