

Great Ellingham Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held remotely via Zoom on Wednesday 19 August 2020 at 7.30pm.

In Attendance: Cllr T Betts (Chairman), Cllr A Partridge, Cllr M Hadley, Cllr P Ewin, Cllr H Mellor

Parish Clerk Anne Rayner
District Councillor Sarah Suggitt
1 member 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 applicable** – District Councillor Suggitt reported that the Planning White Paper (August 2020) has been received and Capita are in the process of formulating a response. The Chairman asked if Breckland DC are still conducting their meetings via Zoom and Councillor Suggitt confirmed that they are for the time being.
- 2. To consider apologies for absence** – Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor S Mellor and Councillor N Wilkins. County Councillor Connolly also sent his apologies.
- 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 15 July 2020** – 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 Councillor William Smith has resigned as he no longer lives in the area. The Parish Council are very grateful for Councillor Smith's work over the years both as a District and Parish Councillor. The speedwatch team will be starting sessions again from next week. Existing locations have been assessed and all but one can be carried out safely. The Chairman mentioned an Agricultural Notification planning application being considered by Little Ellingham Parish Council. Our neighbouring parish council object to the application and the Chairman asked Councillors if they would like comments registered. Councillors heard the detail of the plans and agreed that comments should be registered in support of Little Ellingham Parish Council, objecting to the application. It was also noted that no reports from Highways or the Environment Agency were available.
Works have been carried out to a tree at Deopham Memorial in order to make it safe. The details of the procedure to report highways accidents and incidents has been reported on the village Facebook page and will also be in the next edition of the Pump. In relation to this, the Chairman took forward the discussion around potentially making some or all of the village 20 mph zones. However, it has been confirmed that the Police do not enforce a 20mph limit and the village may lose some of the police presence they currently receive, if areas were to be amended to 20 mph zones.
Enforcement officers at Breckland have been sent supporting evidence regarding the non compliance of the S106 agreement relating to the Town Green amenity Land. It is hoped that some action will be taken to resolve this long outstanding matter. Finally security around the All Saints development has been discussed and it has been agreed that Heras fencing will be installed.
In response to a query from a member of the public, the Chairman confirmed that there is no TPO on the tree damaged at the site recently and the tree has been made safe.

6. **Planning applications considered between meetings: None**
7. **To hear of planning decisions and other information:**
 - a) **3PL/2020/0520/HOU – 9 Chequers Lane - Extension – Withdrawn**
8. **To consider planning applications:**
 - a) **3PL/2020/0787/LB – Manor Farmhouse, Hingham Rd – Formation of porch structure (open to front elevation –** Councillors raised **no objections** to this application.
 - b) **3PL/2020/0809/VAR – Bow Street – erection of building approved under 2019/0699 – variation of conditions – increase height and other minor external changes to improve practicality and functionality of the building –** Councillors raised **no objections** to this application.
 - c) **3PL/2020/0853/F – 19 Hingham Rd – Proposed new residential dwelling –** The Parish Council agreed to **object** to this application on the grounds of overdevelopment and loss of amenity to neighbours.
 - d) **3PL/2020/0769/F – Land to the east of Mill Farm Fishery, Church Street – Proposed change of use of land currently used as a residential caravan park in tandem with Mill Farm Fishery to a dog exercise and play area –** This application was discussed at some length. Councillors did raise some concerns over the lack of detail in the plans, particularly with regards to the planned management of the site, however, following discussion it was agreed to **support** the application.
 - e) **3PL/2020/0780/F – Land at Chalk Lane, Snetterton – Construction of agricultural feed mill (Environmental Impact Assessment Development) –** This proposed building would be visible to some residents from Great Ellingham. Noting the concerns raised by Snetterton Parish Council, Councillors agreed to **object** to this application, mainly on the grounds that the proposed location is outside of the Snetterton Employment Area identified in the recently adopted Local Plan.
9. **To consider the parish council representative trustee for the recreation centre –** Councillor Hadley agreed to become the parish council representative trustee for the recreation centre.
10. **To consider possible projects within the NCC Parish Partnership Scheme –** Councillors agreed that the clerk should obtain a quote for the updated SAM2 speed monitoring systems, which display the speed and 'slow down' if the speed is excessive but gives a positive message if the speed of the approaching driver is within limits. **Action AR.**
11. **To acknowledge Councillor resignation and consider the two vacancies –** Following the resignation of Councillor Smith, the parish council currently has two vacant positions. One casual vacancy, the notice for which will be displayed accordingly and the clerk felt the other position could still be co-opted but, as some time has passed since the vacancy arose, will check this with the democratic services team at Breckland. **Action AR.**

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12. To consider the unspent Covid Community Grant funds – Norfolk Community Foundation have requested that any unspent grant monies be returned to them. The parish council spent £439.38 in total and agreed that the balance of £560.62 be returned. **Action AR.**

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

Chq no	Amount	Payee	Notes
100642	£257.21	A Rayner	August salary
100643	£ 75.00	Wymondham Tree Services	Deopham memorial work
100644	£560.62	Norfolk Community Foundation	Unspent Covid grant funds

The financial report and all payments were unanimously approved.

14. To consider items from Councillors – None to report

15. To consider correspondence received – None to report

16. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 16 September 2020, details to be confirmed

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