

Great Ellingham Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at the recreation centre on Wednesday 19 February 2020 at 7.30pm.

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

Parish Clerk Anne Rayner
District Councillor Sarah Suggitt
7 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 representative of residents of Long Street attended the meeting to voice concern as to the ever increasing speed and volume of traffic on Long Street. The situation is made more dangerous due to the lack of footpaths or pavements on Long Street, leaving pedestrians feeling extremely vulnerable. The Chairman explained the steps already taken to try to address the problem. The resident in question advised that, whilst welcomed, the steps taken so far seem to have had little impact on the problem and people seemed to be broadly in favour of a chicane or pinch in the road to slow the traffic down and possibly discourage vehicles from using that road as a rat run. It was agreed that a working party comprising of Councillors Betts, Smith and H Mellor would arrange a meeting with two resident representatives, together with County Councillor Ed Connolly and our highways engineer. **Action TB.**

A parishioner reported that the verge at the corner of Penhill Road has been obliterated by large vehicles / tractors. It was also noted that two static caravans have appeared on the triangle of land by Breckland Lodge.

Finally, a resident asked if it would be possible for a temporary 20 mph speed limit to be in place, just whilst the Hingham Rd / Attleborough Rd development is taking place.

- 2. To consider apologies for absence** – County Councillor Ed Connolly sent his apologies.
- 3. To receive any declarations of interest in any item on the agenda** – Councillor Ewin declared an interest in item 9a on the agenda.
- 4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 15 January 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 reported that he attended a meeting with the development director of Wellington Construction. Utilities works are being scheduled for the Easter holiday break. There will be no road closure but temporary traffic lights will be in place. Norfolk County Council has confirmed that the installation of the roundabout is planned to start at the beginning of the school summer holidays in 2021 and the estimated completion time is between 12 – 16 weeks.

The Norfolk County Council Local transport plan consultation is open until 28 February 2020

and can be completed here: <https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/consultation/norfolk-county-council-local-transport-plan-2020/>

There is also a consultation open regarding Breckland Council's plan to offer three hours of free parking at the Queens Square car park in Attleborough. Comments regarding this proposal can be sent to facilities@breckland.gov.uk until 6 March 2020.

Finally, the parish council has been given a very short deadline to comment on 3OB/2020/0007/OB, which relates to a modification of the trigger points in the S106 legal agreement relating to planning permission 3PL/2015/0441/F, 12 dwellings and open space at Town Green. Following discussion, the parish council agreed not to accept the variations. It was felt that there had been ample opportunity to provide the development in accordance with the plans and it would be inappropriate to change the terms at this point.

6. **To further consider information regarding a neighbourhood plan** – The Chairman reported that, following a working party meeting recently, he has circulated information relating to the development of neighbourhood plans and will shortly circulate the completed plans for Mattishall and Yaxham. The Neighbourhood Planning Co-ordinator from Breckland Council will meet with Councillors in advance of the May parish council meeting, to provide additional information.
7. **Planning applications considered between meetings:**
 - a) **3PL/2019/1553/VAR – Bow St – Variation of conditions** – The parish council had no objections to this application.
 - b) **3OB/2020/0001/OB – Land at Hingham Rd / Attleborough Rd - Confirmation of approval of affordable housing scheme to approved planning permission 3PL/2018/1021/F** – The parish council supported this application but included comments expressing disappointment that only 16 affordable homes would be provided, instead of the 24 originally stipulated.
8. **To hear of planning decisions and other information:**
 - a) **3PL/2019/1114/VAR – Walsingham Court, Attleborough Rd – Variation of condition re contamination – Refused**
 - b) **3PL/2019/1473/O – Land at Bow St – Construction of 1 self build house – Refused**
 - c) **3PL/2019/1536/HOU – 5 Chequers Lane – Rear extension & associated works – Approved**
 - d) **3PL/2019/0985/F – 19 Long St – Part change of use – domestic property to consulting & waiting room – Approved**
9. **To consider planning applications**
 - a) **3PL/2019/1504/F – Rookery Farm, Watton Rd – Change of use from agricultural store to light industrial** – Following discussion, the parish council did not object to this application.
 - b) **3PL/2020/1016/F – Land at the Hollies, Swamp Lane – Single storey dwelling** - The parish council objected to this application on the grounds that it is outside the settlement

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boundary. Councillors also expressed dissatisfaction with the planned access and that it appeared to be undesirable tandem development.

- 10. To consider the grant received from Rix Petroleum** – The grant amount received this year is £824.32. The parish council agreed to put this money towards the provision of village gates at the southern end of Long Street.
- 11. To hear a report from the recent SNAP meeting** – Councillor H Mellor attended the recent SNAP meeting. Councillor Mellor reported that the police have resolved to provide more support to parishes regarding the on-going speeding problems. However, there is an increasing problem with drugs and county lines and this is currently a top priority.
- 12. To hear a report from the Town & Parish Council Forum** – No report available.
- 13. To receive the financial report and consider the following payments:**

Chq no	Amount	Payee	Notes
100615	£ 258.01	A Rayner	February salary
100616	£ 241.75	Gt Ellingham Rec. Centre	Hire of hall
100617	£ 145.35	A Rayner	Expenses
100618	£ 33.75	A Partridge	Printer cartridge

All payments and the financial report were unanimously approved.

- 14. To consider items from Councillors** – Councillor S Mellor reported a damaged drain at the corner of the road near the school and also a double drain which seems to be collapsing on the road opposite Alder Carr Hall. The Chairman informed councillors and members of the public present that anyone may report such issues and others such as fly-tipping by going to Breckland's website or Norfolk County Council's website if the issue pertains to a highway.
- 15. To consider correspondence received:**
- a) Response from Highways re 20mph request** – A follow up request was made to Highways regarding the possibility of a 20 mph speed limit at any location in the village. This was refused.
- b) Letter from Priscilla Bacon Hospice** – Fundraising has begun for the new Priscilla Bacon Hospice. This letter gives more information about the work the hospice does and also appeals for anyone carrying out fundraising to consider the hospice as the recipient.
- 16. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 18 March 2020 to be held at the Recreation Centre commencing at 7.30pm.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55pm.