

Great Ellingham Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held remotely on Wednesday 21 October 2020 at 7.30pm

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

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** – A member of the public pointed out that the incorrect installation of the village gates by NCC Highways means that tax payers funds are being wasted, as by the time they are installed correctly there will have been more than one wasted trip. This was noted by the Chairman.
District Councillor Sarah Suggitt confirmed that Breckland have submitted their response to the Government White Paper on planning reform but comments can be submitted up to 25 October. The District Council has plans in place for a second wave of Covid 19 and other services are up and running as normal.
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 Wilkins declared an interest in item 7c.
4. **To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 16 September 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 on the recent accident on Hingham Rd in which a local resident and his horse were injured by a driver, the injuries to the horse proving to be fatal. All good wishes go to the resident in question, for a full recovery.
The Chairman approached the headteacher of the school, to see if a staff member may be interested in taking up one of the parish councillor vacancies.
There has been discussion with the tenant of the house on Mill Lane regarding the overgrown hedge and it is hoped that this matter will be resolved shortly.
Flagship Housing have purchased the land known as the 'asparagus field'. It is understood that a planning application for 60 affordable homes will be submitted in due course.
6. **Planning applications considered between meetings: None**
7. **To hear of planning decisions and other information:**
 - a) **3PL/2020/0809/VAR – Bow Street – Variation of conditions (minor external changes) – Approved**
 - b) **3PL/2020/0853/F – 19 Hingham Road – Proposed new dwelling – refused**
 - c) **3PL/2020/0886/HOU – The Firs, Swamp Lane – conversion of attic space, replacement of porch with stair atrium – Approved**

8. To consider planning applications:

- a) **3PL/2020/1038/F – Development site off Bow St – Erection of 2 barn style dwelling houses with integral garages and parking with off site highways improvements to add 1500 wide pathway adjacent Hingham Rd to school / village centre - Withdrawn**
- b) **3PL/2020/1018/F – Land adjoining Field Cottage, Bush Green – Proposed new residential dwelling and cart lodge / workshop** – The parish council **objected** to this application on the grounds that the site is outside of the development boundary.
- c) **3PL/2020/1144/VAR – White House Farm, Long Street – Variation of conditions, change to proposed materials – timber cladding omitted, replaced with render to match main house** – The parish council had **no objections** to this application.
- d) **3PL/2020/1143/F – The Hollies, Swamp Lane – Erection of a 2 bedroomed bungalow** – This application was discussed at some length. The Parish Council **objects** to the application mainly on the grounds that the plot is outside the development boundary but Councillors also raised concerns regarding the access and the proximity to flood plains.

9. To consider the two parish councillor vacancies – The parish council can co-opt to both vacancies. Anyone interested can contact the clerk for further information.

10. To agree arrangements to discuss the 2021/22 budget – A small group would normally meet at this time of year to discuss the budget for the forthcoming year before presenting the information at the full council meeting in November. A working party meeting will be arranged, either via Zoom or, as it will be fewer than six people, in person. It was agreed that the Chairman, Councillors S & H Mellor, Councillor Wilkins and the clerk would attend.

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

Chq no	Amount	Payee	Notes
100648	£263.90	A Rayner	October salary

The financial report and the payment were both approved.

12. To consider items from Councillors – None to report

13. To consider correspondence received – None to report

14. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 18 November 2020, details to be confirmed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10pm.