

Great Ellingham Parish Council  
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council  
held at the recreation centre on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.30pm

In Attendance: Cllr T Betts (Chairman), Cllr P Ewin, Cllr S Mellor, Cllr M Hadley, Cllr N Wilkins and Cllr N Wishart.

Parish Clerk – Melanie Eversfield and 2 residents

- 1. Open Forum – An opportunity for any parishioner to speak on parish matters and to hear reports from District and County Councillors, if applicable** – Residents raised concerns over speeding on Hingham Road and asked if the speed limit sign could be moved further down the road. Cllr Betts informed them that this would require a traffic act to change the speed limit. He did however, update them on the meeting with NCC Highways and what could possibly be done. Work continues on these ideas and the Parish Council will continue to push NCC Highways.
- 2. To consider apologies for absence** – Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr A Partridge, Cllr H Mellor and Cllr M Barron. County Councillor Ed Connolly and District Councillor Sarah Suggitt also sent their apologies.
- 3. To receive any declarations of interest in any item on the agenda** – There was none.
- 4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 20 October 2021** – The minutes were approved as a true record and signed as correct by the Chairman.
- 5. To report matters arising not on the agenda and hear the Chairman’s report** – There were no matters arising from the minutes.  
Cllr Betts stated that he had followed up items from the meeting with NCC Highways and that this would be discussed under item 13 of the agenda.  
He stated that the recruitment of a 2<sup>nd</sup> lollipop person as a temporary measure for the school crossing is still ongoing but there have been no applicants thus far. The long-term solution to change the location of the crossing is being investigated by Matt Lines at NCC Highways.  
He reported on a recent zoom meeting with Go East Anglia and NCC – all parties are keen to provide a bus service to the village and will probably be done in two stages. Use of Flexibus but scheduled and then following a consultation with villagers identify scheduled routes which would benefit most people.  
It was noted that the 2<sup>nd</sup> SID is in place on Attleborough Road and it was also noted that the 1<sup>st</sup> SAM is back with Westcotec being repaired.
- 6. To hear of planning decisions and other information:**
  - a) 3PL/2021/1240/F – Proposed residential dwelling & cart-lodge – Land adjoining Five Acre Cottage, Attleborough Road, Great Ellingham – REFUSED
  - b) 3OB/2021/0042/OB – Discharge planning obligation on 3PL/2017/0265/O – Attleborough Road, Great Ellingham – APPROVED
  - c) 3PL/2021/1235/VAR – Variation of condition no. 2 on 3PL/2018/0712/D – Design amendment to enlarge house type 1 (2B/4P house, applicable to plots 1-4) from 70m to 79m<sup>2</sup> in accordance with Nationally Described Space Standard (NDSS) – Land Adjacent Church Street, Great Ellingham – APPROVED

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- d) 3PL/2021/1264/HOU – Proposed rear and side extensions to the existing dwelling with internal modifications – 18 Chequers Lane, Great Ellingham – APPROVED
- e) 3PL/2021/1236/F – Erection of 6 bed dwelling (2 storeys plus attic rooms) with detached double garage – Land adjacent White House Farm (97) Long Street, Great Ellingham – APPROVED

**7. To consider planning applications:**

- a) **3PL/2021/1418//HOU – Single storey rear extension & completion of garage - 15 Chequers Lane, Great Ellingham** – *Great Ellingham Parish Council has now had an opportunity to consider the planning application and wishes to raise no objection to the proposals contained therein. However, if new or additional information comes to light then it would appreciate the opportunity to consider this further.*
- b) **3PL/2021/1504/HOU – New detached single garage in rear garden – Homeleigh, 62 Long Street, Great Ellingham** – *Great Ellingham Parish Council has now had an opportunity to consider the planning application and wishes to raise no objection to the proposals contained therein. However, if new or additional information comes to light then it would appreciate the opportunity to consider this further.*

**8. To receive and note accounts, budget comparison and bank reconciliation as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021** – Agreed.

**9. To consider donation to local knitting group** – A donation of £136.00 was agreed.

**10. To consider funding a tea party to celebrate the success of the GE Covid Support Group and present the Lord Lieutenant’s Commemorative Plaque during the party; after which it will be attached to the village sign support** – It was agreed that this should take place and a budget of £300.00 was approved. Cllr Betts to organise this and report back to the Parish Council.

**11. To consider funding a planting scheme, prepared by John Patman, for the roundabout and surrounding verges** – Cllr Betts stated that he would circulate the plan to councillors. If approved, it will need a licence to cultivate from NCC Highways. The scheme could cost in the region of £700-£1000. It is hoped that a village volunteer group could be set up to deal with the future maintenance. It was agreed that the Parish Council should seek sponsorship from local businesses. Cllr Betts to continue to deal with this.

**12. To consider the following payments: -Agreed**

Chq No	Amount	Payee	Notes
100688	£212.10	Mrs M Eversfield	November Salary
100689	£15.96	Mr T Betts	Signs

**13. To consider project/s for Parish Partnership Bid 2022/23.** Cllr Betts gave a detailed account of the 6 schemes that were discussed with NCC Highways. It was noted that the only scheme that could be used for a parish partnership bid at the present time would be for the village gateways at 3 entrances to the village. The Clerk to seek costings from NCC and send off the application. A maximum budget of £7,000 from the Parish Council’s contribution was agreed.

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- 14. To consider items from councillors** – It was noted that Cllr Betts will be undertaking an audit of the lights in the village that are not in keeping with the Dark Skies Policy. Cllr S Mellor asked if it would be possible to update or replace the wheelie bin traffic stickers. It was agreed that the Clerk would seek information and bring back to the next meeting for consideration.
- 15. To consider correspondence received:**
- Breckland ‘Mindful Towns’ Programme – Agreed that this be placed on the noticeboards and also the Facebook page.
  - Confirmation of TPO 2021 No.08 – Noted.
  - Breckland Landscape and Settlement Character Assessment – Councillors went through the survey and the Clerk to submit the answers.
  - Breckland Local Plan Review – This was noted and agreed that the council awaits further decisions from Cabinet.
- 16. To approve 2022 dates:** 19<sup>th</sup> January, 16<sup>th</sup> February, 16<sup>th</sup> March, 20<sup>th</sup> April, 18<sup>th</sup> May, 15<sup>th</sup> June, 20<sup>th</sup> July, 17<sup>th</sup> August (if needed), 21<sup>st</sup> September, 19<sup>th</sup> October, 16<sup>th</sup> November and 21<sup>st</sup> December (if needed) – Agreed.
- 17. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 to discuss planning applications and urgent business only, otherwise Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 to be held at the Recreation Centre commencing at 7.30pm – Noted.**

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