

Great Ellingham Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at the recreation centre on Wednesday 21 July 2021 at 7.30pm

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

Parish Clerk Anne Rayner
District Councillor Sarah Suggitt
2 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 applicable** – District Councillor Sarah Suggitt confirmed that Breckland Council held their first face to face meeting recently, since the beginning of the pandemic. It was held in an alternative location, as the offices at Dereham are quite small. Councillor Suggitt has recently also undertaken ‘Mental Health First Aid Training’ as the District Council are still working to pick up gaps in communities and Mental Health services are stretched beyond capacity.
- 2. To consider apologies for absence** – Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs S Mellor and M Hadley. County Councillor Ed 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 23 June 2021** – The minutes were approved without alteration and signed as correct by the Chairman.
- 5. To hear information relating to the Attleborough Neighbourhood Plan Board** – Guest speaker, Elizabeth Burrows, is the Chair of the Attleborough Health, Care and Well-being Trust and gave an introduction to the work undertaken by the Charity so far and their aims for the future. Elizabeth detailed the many challenges which will undoubtedly be faced, given the development taking place in Attleborough and the surrounding area. The existing health care facilities are already inadequate and access to the main Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital is difficult from villages like Great Ellingham, with very little transport provision and midwifery services are only available in Wymondham. Mental Health services and end of life care also need adequate provision. Some progress has been made. Castle Meadow Care have purchased a 15 acre site near to the train station. The Charity is working closely with the CCG and experts at Health Economics at the UEA are willing to work on the project and produce a robust and up to date report. The cost of this is £23k, of which £19k has already been raised. Elizabeth asked Councillors if they would consider a grant towards the remaining amount. The impact of the local health provision will undoubtedly impact surrounding villages, as well as Attleborough. Elizabeth confirmed that she will be making a similar request of other nearby parish councils whose residents access health facilities in Attleborough. The Chairman thanked Elizabeth for her time and confirmed that Councillors would consider her request as part of the ‘finance’ section of the meeting.
- 6. To report matters arising not on the agenda and hear the Chairman’s report** - Following the last meeting the Chairman put an appeal on the village Facebook page and also the ‘Nextdoor’ site

appealing for support for the village shop. This seemed to increase business for a few days but it subsequently slowed up again. The Chairman appealed to Councillors and to residents to support the shop, which is being negatively impacted by the road closures in the village, as it would be a great shame to the residents who rely on it and the Post Office, should it be lost.

The Chairman continues to remain in close contact with the Highways team managing the roundabout installation. Hingham Road and Bow St are both currently closed. Bow Street is closed both to prevent it becoming a rat run but also in order that repairs can be carried out to the road, which is in a very poor condition. This does mean that other smaller roads such as Deopham Rd, Anchor Corner and Thieves Lane are being used as shortcuts.

It was noted that, despite the refusal of planning permission, Flagship are still using the lights outside their show homes and marketing suite. The Chairman has written to contacts at Wellington and Flagship and asked for them to be removed, preferably, or at the very least turned off.

With the support of our County Councillor, Ed Connolly, the Chairman hopes to arrange a meeting with Cllr Martin Wilby (Norfolk County Council Member with responsibility for Highways and Infrastructure) to discuss all the Highways requirements for the village, including: 20 mph zones and two pedestrian crossings near the school; pinch points at suitable locations on Long Street; gateways at all four entrances to the village and an assessment of the issues on Hingham Road, as discussed at the last meeting.

- 7. Planning applications considered between meetings: None to report**

- 8. To hear of planning decisions and other information:**
 - a) 3PL/2021/0770/HOU – 9 Chequers Lane – Two storey rear & side extensions – Approved**
 - b) 3PL/2020/0780/F – Land at Chalk Lane, Snetterton – Construction of agricultural feed mill – Approved**

- 9. To consider planning applications** – Although there were no planning applications when the agenda was published, a consultation letter has been sent directly to the Chairman in respect of the application for Anglian Demolition & Asbestos - Application No. FUL/2020/0043. Norfolk County Council have only given 14 days to make a submission.
Councillor H Mellor declared an interest in this application.
The Chairman provided further details of the application and the current situation at the site and the application was discussed at some length. The parish council agreed to submit an objection for reasons including the following:
The applicants do not appear to hold the licences for the work they wish to undertake; the acoustic report does not seem to represent what is actually happening at the site; there is inadequate water drainage in place; the company are advertising a general waste service without giving any indication of where the waste will go; the application seems inappropriate in its predominantly residential setting and there is no indication of operating hours. The parish council also raised concerns regarding the access to the site, given the 7.5 tonne weight restriction on West Carr Rd, Wroo Road and Long Street. It also appears that asbestos will be handled at the site which, again, is completely unacceptable in a residential area. Finally, Councillors were most concerned to hear that nearby neighbours have received no notification about the application, nor have been invited to comment.

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- 10. Parish Partnership Scheme 2022/23** – The parish partnership scheme will be running again for 2022/23, with the same contribution basis of 50% from the parish council and 50% from the County Council. The types of scheme which will be considered are the same as in previous years. The closing date for applications is 10 December 2021. It was therefore agreed to place this on the September agenda for further consideration.
- 11. TPO notification 2021 No 8** – It was noted that TPO 2021 No 8 has been issued in respect of an oak in the grounds of Bury Hall.
- 12. To consider Hingham Road speeding & road safety issues** - As agreed earlier in the meeting, this will be included in the meeting to be arranged with Councillors Ed Connolly and Martin Wilby from Norfolk County Council.
- 13. To receive the financial report and consider the following payments:**

Chq no	Amount	Payee	Notes
100679	£ 212.10	A Rayner	July salary
100680	£ 7.92	A Rayner	Expenses
100681	£ 499.98	T Betts	Laptop reimbursement

The financial report and payments listed were all unanimously approved. The matter of the request made on behalf of the Attleborough Health, Care and Well-being Trust for a grant was discussed at some lengths. It was agreed that as this project would impact the long term health provision in the area, which would certainly include some Great Ellingham residents, a grant of £1000 would be awarded to support the project.

- 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 18 August 2021 to discuss planning applications and urgent business only, otherwise Wednesday 15 September 2021 to be held at the Recreation Centre commencing at 7.30pm.**

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