

Great Ellingham Parish Council  
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council  
held at the recreation centre on Wednesday 23 June 2021 at 19.30.

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

Parish Clerk Anne Rayner  
District Councillor Sarah Suggitt  
County Councillor Ed Connolly  
3 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** – County Councillor Ed Connolly reported that Norfolk County Council are considering revising their policy on which speed limits, calming measures and other steps taken to address inconsiderate and dangerous driving is based.
- 2. To consider apologies for absence** – Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Barron. District Councillor Suggitt also sent her 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 26 May 2021** – The minutes were approved without alteration and signed as correct by the Chairman.
- 5. To ratify all decisions and resolutions taken at the meeting of 26 May 2021** – The Chairman reminded Councillors of the decisions taken at points 1, 2, 6, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 & 19 at the meeting held on 26 May 2021. Councillors ratified all decisions and resolutions.
- 6. To report matters arising not on the agenda and hear the Chairman’s report** – The Chairman reported that trade at the village shop has been hugely impacted by the road works and there is no option for any form of support or compensation from either County or District Councils. Councillors agreed they would be happy to do anything to encourage support for the shop, although it was noted it is possible that residents are still using the shop but passing trade has suffered. Councillors agreed to social media posts encouraging use of the shop (which includes the Post Office) as it would be a loss to the village if it had to close. Other ideas included possible support from the Teddy Bear Festival Committee or the idea of a ‘pop up’ stall. The Chairman continues to work closely with representatives from the roundabout installation team. Traffic has been heavy and difficult to manage at school pick up and drop off times. It has been suggested to the recreation centre committee that the gates be opened, allowing for cars to park on the grass, during dry weather only. This is currently being considered. The school is full and has recently had to turn away two families who have recently moved on to the new development. Although too late for the agenda, the decision has been received refusing the exterior lighting at the Flagship development. During conversations recently held with planners at the District Council, the Chairman hopes the importance of the ‘Dark Sky’ status has been understood.

The Chairman has also written to the Mayor of Attleborough highlighting concerns relating to industrial development around the West Carr Road area which does not appear to have been granted the appropriate planning permission.

Finally, the Chairman thanked Cllr Hayley Mellor for all her work creating the presentation relating to speeding and road safety on the village, this will form the basis of taking the initial steps to Highways.

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

**8. To hear of planning decisions and other information:**

- a) **3PL/2021/0518/F – Orchard End, Town Green – Demolish existing dwelling and erect a replacement dwelling – approved**
- b) **3PL/2021/0481/VAR – Prospect House, 20 Long Street – Variation of condition – changes to north elevation – Approved**

**9. To consider planning applications:**

- a) **3PL/2021/0871/HOU – Lindisfarne, Hingham Road – Single storey side extension** – The parish council raised **no objections** to this application.
- b) **3PL/2021/0829/F – Land adjoining 19 Hingham Rd – Proposed new residential dwelling** – Following discussion, which included representation from the applicant's agent and hearing the details of an objection posted on the planning portal, Councillors agreed that they continued to **object to this application** on the grounds of overdevelopment. The parish council still feel that the plot is too small for the proposed dwelling.
- c) **3PL/2021/0770/HOU – 9 Chequers Lane – 2 storey rear and side extension, new front porch and internal alterations** – The parish council **objected to this application**. Councillors felt the proposed extension was disproportionate to both the size of the existing property and the plot size. Councillors also raised the issue of loss of amenity and light for neighbours.
- d) **3DC/2021/0137/DOC – Land between Watton & Attleborough Roads – Discharge of Condition 12 on 3PL/2018/0852/F** – This application includes a proposal for street lighting, which the parish council strongly **objected** to.

**10. To review Standing Orders** – Draft Standing Orders were circulated prior to the meeting, the only proposed change being to increase the amount at which point Tenders are due to £60k to bring this figure in line with that shown in the Financial Regulations. The parish council agreed to adopt the amended Standing Orders. **Action AR.**

**11. To discuss road safety issues** – A copy of the presentation put together by Councillor H Mellor has been circulated to all parish councillors, District Councillor Sarah Suggitt and County Councillor Ed Connolly. Councillors agreed the presentation was excellent and could not think of anything additional to be included, although District Councillor Suggitt did suggest it may be worthwhile to visit Old Buckenham and look at the pedestrian crossing there. The Chairman suggested that the next stage will involve County Councillor Ed Connolly helping to set up a meeting with the appropriate representatives from Highways and the presentation will form a basis for the meeting. The presentation includes proposals for two separate crossings, one on Hingham Road and one on Attleborough Road, both aiming to provide safe crossing points for everyone but particularly the

Great Ellingham Parish Council  
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council  
held at the recreation centre on Wednesday 23 June 2021 at 19.30.

schoolchildren. The other recommendation is that the area surrounding the roundabout from all approaches be reduced to a 20mph speed limit and includes other traffic calming measures. A member of the public who wished to discuss speeding concerns along Hingham Road was also present at the meeting. He expressed concern at the apparent increase in drivers who are speeding excessively and generally driving without due care along Hingham Road and feels, with the increased development in the village, the situation is only likely to get worse. The erosion of verges and lack of pavements also makes this road dangerous for pedestrians. Cars are refusing to slow and wait whilst other vehicles turn into driveways and are simply overtaking at points in the road which are not safe to overtake. Councillors agreed that the point on Hingham Road particularly being discussed is a known accident blackspot and would support any action which could be taken to either reduce the speed limit. The Chairman confirmed that the existing 30mph speed limit is going to be extended as a result of the new development but not far enough to include the far end of Hingham Road, which is currently subject to a 60mph speed limit. It was agreed to add this as a separate agenda item for the July meeting in order to consider all options.  
**Action AR.**

- 12. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons** - Norfolk ALC have received a letter from Bruno Peeks, Pageantmaster, detailing the plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons in June 2022. It was agreed to send this on to the recreation centre committee and the Church. **Action AR.**

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

Chq no	Amount	Payee	Notes
100674	£ 231.90	A Rayner	June salary
100675	£1796.40	S Michlmayr & Co Ltd	Clock repair
100676	£ 99.60	A Rayner	Q1 tax payment
100677	£ 165.00	K Calver	Bin installation x 2
100678	£ 49.99	M Jeffery	Maintenance Deopham Green

The financial report and all payments were approved.

- 14. To consider items from Councillors** – Cllr Partridge reported that as she is no longer employed by the recreation centre, she is able to be the parish council's representative on the recreation centre Trustee committee and will therefore take over from Cllr Hadley.
- 15. To consider correspondence received – None to report**
- 16. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 21 July 2021 to be held at the recreation centre, commencing at 7.30pm.**

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