

Great Ellingham Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at the recreation centre on Wednesday 16th February 2022 at 7.30pm

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

Parish Clerk – Melanie Eversfield

- 1. Open Forum – An opportunity for any parishioner to speak on parish matters and to hear reports from District and County Councillors, if applicable – None**
- 2. To consider apologies for absence –** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr A Partridge until June 2022, due to personal circumstances. Apologies were also received and accepted from Cllr N Wilkins and Cllr H Mellor. County Councillor Ed Connolly and District Cllr Sarah Suggitt also sent apologies.
- 3. To receive any declarations of interest in any item on the agenda –** Cllr P Ewin – 7a – Prejudicial.
- 4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 19th January 2022 –** 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.

Cllr Betts gave the following report: -

- School crossing – The recruitment of a 2nd lollipop person as a temporary measure has received no applicants thus far. However, for the long-term solution NCC Highways have agreed to install dropped kerbs in the new location. A site meeting with the School Headteacher and Governors is planned.
- Speedwatch – A session was held on 14th February which resulted in 19 vehicles being recorded speeding. Speeding in Great Ellingham continues to be a priority for our local police force. SNAP.
- West Carr Road and Swangey Lane – As this area is due to join Great Ellingham at the next election, Cllr Betts is keeping a close interest in the ‘goings on’. He gave an update on planning application 3PL/2021/1547/F. i.e. George Freeman, MP; Ed Connolly, CC & One Planning (Consultant to local businesses) have all submitted objections to Breckland District Council.
- Advance warning sign on A11 of weight restriction on Wroo Road etc – Highways England have opened a project however the signs are still not in place. In addition to these signs, Cllr Betts has asked NCC Highways why the weight restriction should not start at the entrance to Wroo Road off the A11. The restriction starts only at the Swangey Lane junction because of the Gravel Pits but these are obsolete.
- Jubilee Bench & Oak Tree – The replacement oak tree has been planted outside the front of the school. The plaque is presently being re-set on a new post, for which there will be a nominal charge. The jubilee bench (Chequers Lane) is in an unsafe place being so near to the roundabout and it was proposed that it be moved to a position close to the new location of the Jubilee Oak tree.
- Pond at Church Farm – Cllr Betts reported the filling of the pond to 3 departments at the Environment Agency. An officer was concerned about the types of material being used to

fill the pond and agreed to investigate. He has also reported the builder's actions to the NCC Flood Management Team. Cllr M Barron stated that she would also bring this up when she meets with the Internal Drainage Board.

6. To hear of planning decisions and other information:

- a) 3PL/2021/1483/F – Continued use of land as residential garden land in association with Ferguson House, Glebe Meadow, Great Ellingham - APPROVED
- b) 3PL/2021/1673/HOU – Single storey rear/side extension to dwelling including annexe accommodation – 7 Watton Road, Great Ellingham - APPROVED

7. To consider planning applications:

- a) **3PL/2021/1631/HOU – Proposed cart lodge/garage/summer house with games room above (amended plans) – 2 Rookery Cottages, Watton Road, 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/2022/0050/VAR – Variation of Condition 2 for PP 3PL/2020/0482/VAR – Slight raising of roofline of plot 2 to allow for revised layout and rooms in the roof place – Misty Dawn, Deopham Road, 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.*
- c) **3PL/2022/0084/VAR – Variation of condition 2 on 3PL/2018/0852/F – revised site layout and new/revised driveways and road designs – Land between Watton Road & Hingham Road, 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 31st January 2022 – Agreed.

9. To review and approve Complaints Procedure, Grievance Policy & Training Policy – Agreed.

10. To nominate a councillor to represent the Parish Council on the Village Hall Management Committee Trustees. It was noted that Cllr A Partridge is a Trustee however, Cllr M Hadley will attend meetings as an observer for the next 4-6 months.

11. To receive an update regarding 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 noted that this would take place in the coming months, Covid permitting. Approximately 20 people will attend and a budget of £300.00 would be sufficient.

12. To receive an update regarding funding a planting scheme, prepared by John Patman, for the roundabout and surrounding verges – It was noted that a licence to cultivate has been

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approved. Cllr Betts is in consultation with John Patman with regard to a slight change of design and then quotations will be obtained. In the meantime, Cllr Betts will write to local businesses seeking sponsorship. Cllr S Mellor will undertake a risk assessment of volunteers working on the highway for the Parish Council. All findings will be brought back to the Council.

- 13. To discuss and consider proposals for the queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022** – A discussion took place. It was noted that a few events are already being arranged within the Parish. It was agreed that Cllrs M Barron and S Mellor will look into the supply and purchase of jubilee mugs. It was also agreed that Cllr Betts would speak with the landowner in relation to the pond at Mill Farm, Church Street.

14. To consider the following payments: -Agreed

Chq No	Amount	Payee	Notes
100696	£212.10	Mrs M Eversfield	February Salary

15. To consider items from councillors

- The subject of defibrillators within the Parish was discussed. The Clerk and Cllr Betts to work on this together and bring their findings back to the council.
- The installation of a general waste bin in Shrug's Lane was discussed. The Clerk to liaise with Breckland Council about this and bring any information back to the council.

16. To consider correspondence received:

- Norwich Western Link Project Update. Noted.
- Breckland Landscape & Settlement Character Assessment Stakeholder Workshop. Cllr M Barron will attend on behalf of the council and report back at the next meeting.

17. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 23rd March 2022 to be held at the Recreation Centre commencing at 7.30pm – Noted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.32pm.