

Great Ellingham Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at the recreation centre on Wednesday 15th February 2023 at 7.30pm

In Attendance: Cllr T Betts (Chairman), Cllr S Mellor (Vice-Chairman), Cllr M Hadley, Cllr P Bonner,
Cllr M Barron and Cllr H Mellor
15 Parishioners

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 resident enquired as to why the memorial bench had been moved. The Chairman explained that, in its original location, it was too close to the roundabout.
A resident asked about the light survey proposed by the Parish Council and whether it would include Agrovista, who have recently added to their overnight external lighting. The Chairman confirmed that all premises in the village would be examined for inappropriate lighting.
A resident raised the issue of the erosion of verges by tractors. The Chairman agreed to speak to Highways.
It was noted that our County Councillor has offered both of his nominations for the Road Safety Awards to our village. The PC has nominated the installation of a 40mph limit on the Hingham Road and pinch-points in Long Street as a traffic calming measure.
A question was about the triangular piece of land between Long Street and Town Green. The answer is that the builder of Melton Meadows, RBC Ltd., has not complied with the S106 agreement, which required him to provide and maintain an amenity garden. The PC has referred the issue to Breckland's Planning Enforcement officer.
2. **To consider apologies for absence** - Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs N Wishart and P Ewin.
3. **To receive any declarations of interest in any item on the agenda** – None
4. **To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 18th January 2023** – The minutes were confirmed 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** –
Cllr Betts presented a report, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes and on the council's website.
6. **To receive resignation of Cllr N Wilkins and consider next steps** – It was noted that no action will be taken due to the upcoming parish council elections.
7. **To hear of planning decisions and other information:** -
 - a) 3PL/ 2022/1433/VAR – Variation of condition 2 on 3PL/2022/0532/VAR – Revised fenestration and location of chimney pot to Plot 1. Side door to Plot 2 garage to be handed on Plot 3 – Misty Dawn, Deopham Road, Great Ellingham – APPROVED
 - b) 3PL/2022/0864/F – Infill of pond adjacent to Church Street (retrospective) – Land adjacent to 12 Church Street, Great Ellingham – REFUSED
 - c) 3PL/2022/1248/F - Change of use of land to the south from amenity land to residential, raising the roof & side and rear extensions, including demolition of existing garage, erection a detached garage with home office above – Pear Tree Cottage, Bow Street, Great Ellingham - APPROVED

8. To consider planning applications:

- a) **3PL/2023/0048/F – Erection of toilet unit within fenced compound and sewage treatment plant – Great Ellingham Recreation Ground and Centre, Watton Road, Great Ellingham - SUPPORT**
- b) **3PL/2023/0055/VAR – Variation of Condition No 11 on 3PL/2017/0762/F - Removal of exclusivity as holiday accommodation to enable longer term residential lets - North and South Barns (Behind Oak and Ash Barns) Adjacent White House Farm NR17 1LN - WITHDRAWN**

9. To discuss the options paper of the local plan consultation – It was noted that this had not been released at present.

10. To discuss the S106 agreement in relation to 3PL/2018/0852/F - A discussion took place about the project to build a new village hall. The Chairman gave a brief resume of the contents of the S106 agreement. A request was made to examine the pros and cons of building the new hall on the land to be donated by the developer or near to the existing village hall. Richard Ewin agreed to consider a request to use some of the money, raised during the last project, run by Ann Reeve, to employ a consultant to provide evidence upon which option should be adopted. The Chairman agreed to discuss with the developer, the option of selling back the donated land to the developer, thus raising more funds toward the cost of building the new village hall.

11. To receive and note accounts, budget comparison and bank reconciliation as of 31st January 2023 – Noted.

12. To consider the following payments via BACS: -Agreed

Amount	Payee	Notes
£286.41	Mrs M Eversfield	February Salary
£250.77	Heather Etteridge	Exhibition Boards
£281.94	Broxap Ltd	Refuse Bin

13. To consider items from councillors:

- a) Feedback from the Attleborough Priority Setting Meeting held on 31st January 2023. It was noted that speeding in the village would remain a priority.
- b) To receive an update on blocked surface water drains in Long Street. It was noted that whilst the leak and manhole have been repaired, the damage done to the carriageway and verges needs to be repaired. The Chairman agreed to contact the Highways Engineer.

14. To consider correspondence received:

- a) Breckland Council re. Environmental Initiative Grant. Noted.
- b) A villager asked whether the PC planned to do anything to commemorate QEII's lifetime service to the Nation. A day of volunteering is proposed and could be adopted in the village or some other gesture – ideas welcome.
- c) A villager asked about the lack of public transport and plans to improve it. The Chairman said it was being discussed but we lacked the people to make extra routes viable at present .

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The use of the Flexibus was put forward as a short-term solution and it was agreed to put an article in the Pump.

- 15. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 15th March 2023 to be held at the Recreation Centre commencing at 7.30pm – Noted.**

There being no further business the meeting closed.