

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF GREAT ELLINGHAM HELD AT THE RECREATION CENTRE ON 19 APRIL 2023 AT 7.00PM

Present: Cllr Betts (Chair), Cllr S Mellor, Cllr H Mellor, Cllr Hadley, Cllr Ewin, County Cllr E Connolly, 8 members of the public and the Clerk to the Parish Council, Melanie Eversfield, were also in attendance.

- 1. Welcome and introduction – Councillor Tim Betts, Chairman –** The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.00pm and welcomed Councillors and parishioners.
- 2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2022 –** The minutes, circulated in advance of this meeting, were approved without alteration and signed as correct by the Chairman.
- 3. Chairman’s Annual Report -** The Chairman gave a detailed report, a copy of which is attached to the minutes. (Appendix 1).
- 4. District Councillor’s Report –** District Councillor Suggitt could not attend the meeting but had sent a report, a copy of which is attached to the minutes. (Appendix 2).
- 5. County Councillor’s Report –** County Councillor Connolly gave a report, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes. (Appendix 3).
- 6. Reports from Village Organisations:**

Green Fingers Gardening Club – David Edgar

Although David could not attend the meeting, he sent a report, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes. (Appendix 4)

51 Petanque Club

The club is going really well and has almost 70 new members since it formed in 2016. Membership is £20 per annum. Meet on a Monday, wed and sat morning for social games. League teams play on a Thursday night and winter league teams play every other Sunday morning. fund. Future aim is to get younger people involved hopefully with new families moving into the village. Overall it’s been a huge success.

Recreation Centre – Report from Richard Ewin

The Trustees AGM was held in February. There are 15 Trustees representing all user groups that make use of the facilities. The Trustees meet on a monthly basis. There are various projects in the pipeline: a community hub on a Friday evening, new flooring in the entrance hall along with various other projects to make the hall more conducive for hire. There is also lots of interest in the new village hall project and the Trustees want to be involved as much as possible.

Great Ellingham Cricket Club – Report from Richard Ewin

2022 was good for the club with various leagues and programmes from Junior to Adult. Also ran a ladies softball side for the last 3 years and keeps growing so much so that the club can form an under 11 and under 13 side. There is a need volunteers to enable this to happen.

Great Ellingham Primary School – Report from Julie Dekker (Executive Headteacher)

The school continues to be very full and are not able to take all the families that are moving into the village. 25 coming into school from September and 25 children leaving year 6. Still very popular for the families that are not wanting to send their children to the larger schools in Attleborough. Waiting for ofsted report should be back soon. Lot more school trips now that covid is gone and a lot of trips around the village. Continuing to develop the school site, change the nature garden and plans for waterfall, pond and river system which will help geography, science and DT. Very keen to have another classroom. Staffing levels rely on a budget.

St James' Church – Report from Charles Mason

Charles Mason gave a detailed report on the last year for the Church.

7. Matters of concern to Parishioners – There were no matters of concern.

8. To confirm the date of the next Annual Parish Meeting as 17 April 2024.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.48pm.