

Chairman's Report – July 2023

West Carr & Wroo Road; Long Street & Swangey Lane

Breckland Council has provided me with the Electoral Roll for the area, which joined the civil parish of Great Ellingham at the time of the Local Elections in May. This means I can write to the residents, to remind them of the change, for which they voted, albeit several years ago. I propose to invite them to the PC meeting in September, at which they can air any issues they would wish the GEPC to address or pursue with others.

Public Transport

Following several meetings and consultations regarding the need for an improved public transport service to the village, I'm pleased to report that the plan for Great Ellingham is nearly finished and is said by the NCC Senior Transport Officer to contain: "some significant improvements from later this summer". He went on to say, "The outline plan is to reduce the coverage of the pre-booked Flexibus and increase the amount of timetabled journeys serving the village. The details of the timetabled journeys are still being worked on, but once they are confirmed they will be shared with you. Please be assured there is good news coming."

Speedwatch

We have continued to monitor the speed of vehicles entering the village in the Hingham Road. Each session has resulted in between 10 & 20 vehicles being reported for speeding – three were exceeding 50mph as they approached the school from Hingham. We still need more volunteers.

Pond in Church Street

We are waiting for information from Breckland Council as to how they plan to resolve the issue; that being the unauthorised filling of the pond in front of Lakeview (aka the fisheries) in Church Street.

Teddy Bear Festival

Whilst I was away for most of the festival, I understand it went very well and the Parish Council thanks the organisers and contributors for their efforts.