

Great Ellingham Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at the recreation centre on Wednesday 15 February 2017 at 7.30pm.

In Attendance: Cllr T Getley, Cllr S Banks, Cllr D Howe-Li-Rocchi, Cllr J May, Cllr S Mellor, Cllr N Perkins, Cllr D Simpson, Cllr G Snelling

Parish Clerk Anne Rayner
District Councillor Bill Smith
County Councillor Cliff Jordan
5 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 available** – A member of the public reported that, during correspondence with the Breckland Principal Planning Officer, it had been confirmed that, in light of the current approved development in the village, the Local Plan will be amended to remove the need for a further 40 dwellings. It is understood that this decision is still to be ratified but when this is done, the previously named preferred sites for future development will no longer be necessary. A member of the public mentioned that the next meeting of the Attleborough Development Partnership is on Tuesday 21st February, commencing at 2pm. As Cllr Betts is not present at the meeting, it is not possible to confirm whether or not he will be attending.

The Chairman of the 51 Petanque Group confirmed that planning permission has been granted for the floodlights. The group would like to investigate the possibility of a path, from the gate to serve both the petanque terrain and the scout hut. This would help the site be DDA compliant. It was suggested that information relating to this could be found online and the chairman of the petanque club will begin to investigate quotes for a possible path.

County Councillor Jordan reported on a likely recommendation for a 4.8% increase to Council Tax, in order to raise much need funds for investment, particularly into adult and children's social services.

- 2. To consider apologies for absence** – Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Betts.
- 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 18 January 2017** – The minutes were approved without alteration and signed as correct by Councillor Getley.
- 5. To report matters arising not on the agenda and hear the Chairman's report** – The Chairman sent a written report, in his absence – The defibrillator is installed and is in a cabinet fixed to the wall of the Methodist Chapel in Church Street. Training will be arranged in the near future. The local media have been notified, a requirement of the British Heart Foundation, and a photo-call and interview has been requested by the Mercury. Thanks to the BHF, the Chit-Chat group and Martin Gent for their help. Thanks also to Cllr Perkins for acting as the point of contact for enquiries. The chairman noted that he continues to press Highways for action relating to several issues in the village. County Councillor Jordan asked to be copied in to Highways issues which have not been resolved.

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The Chairman noted that there are currently a number of developments underway in the village, which will inevitably result in some inconvenience to villagers. The parish council requests that issues or complaints be brought to the attention of a parish councillor, rather than addressing the developer or their staff directly. This should prevent fallings out and help the PC to co-ordinate contact with the developers.

6. To hear of planning decisions and other information:

a) 3PL/2016/1302/F – Site adj. White House Farm – revised application – approved

7. To consider planning applications

a) 3PL/2016/1191/F – Site east of Town Cottage – Reduced scheme for 3 dwellings – The revised application was noted, however, Councillors still felt the site would be overcrowded and also raised concerns relating to the access to the site. It was also noted that the site appeared to be subject to preparation and clearance and it was requested that the clerk raise this with Breckland planning department. Councillors resolved to **object** to this application. **Action AR.**

b) 3PL/2017/0107/VAR – Removal of conditions 3, 4 & 6 on 3PL/2014/0725/F – Land adjoining 21 Hingham Road – Councillors raised **no objections** to this application.

c) 3PL/2016/0752/F – Bury Hall Barn, Deopham Rd - Erection of static horse shelter – Councillors raised **no objections** to this application.

8. To hear an update relating to the Speedwatch group – It was noted that Cllr. Betts has agreed to take over the co-ordination of the speedwatch group.

9. To agree to the appointment of an internal auditor for the 2016/17 end of year – The clerk reported that Pauline James would be happy to undertake the internal audit again this year. Her fee has increased by £1 per hour, to £29 per hour. It is expected that the audit will be completed in two – three hours. Councillors agreed to the appointment of Mrs James.

10. To choose a bin for the grass area on Church Street – It was agreed to order a bin in the same style as the existing waste bins in the village. The site has been approved by Breckland District Council and Norfolk County Council. **Action AR.**

11. To consider purchasing speed aware stickers for wheelie bins – The clerk provided an example of “30 mph” sign stickers, intended for use on wheelie bins. Councillor May reported that the existing stickers had been allocated based on the acceptance of householders, which is why they are not on all bins. It was agreed that Cllr May will mention the issue at the next SNAP meeting, to check that the police would be happy for the stickers to be used and the clerk will check with Breckland. **Action AR & JM.**

12. To receive the financial report and consider the following payments:

The financial report, circulated prior to the meeting, was approved. The following payments were unanimously approved.

Chq no	Amount	Payee	Notes
100505	£157.29	A Rayner	February 2017 salary

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100506	£ 80.00	MBG Electrical	Work to defibrillator
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13. To consider items from Councillors – None to report

14. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 15 March 2017 to be held at the Recreation Centre commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10pm