

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

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

Parish Clerk Anne Rayner
District Councillor Bill Smith
County Councillor Cliff Jordan
4 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** – No comments.
2. **To consider apologies for absence** – Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Betts, Mellor, Banks and Simpson
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 15 February 2017** – The minutes were approved without alteration and signed as correct by Councillor Getley (Vice chair)
5. **To report matters arising not on the agenda and hear the Chairman's report** –
Attleborough Development Plan Co-ordination committee: the Chairman attended a meeting of this committee. Its purpose is to co-ordinate all the projects that are on-going in and around Attleborough. The Chairman took the opportunity to make the committee aware of our concerns regarding the affect the Relief Road could have upon Long Street; Chequers Lane; the staggered junction and Hingham Road. The representative of NCC present said the potential side effects of the introduction of the new road will be analysed fully and steps to alleviate potential problems will have to be introduced. However, until a planning application for the new road is submitted, which will confirm the design and location of it; it is not possible to commence this analysis. The Chairman will continue to attend the committee's meetings and report back to Councillors.

Highways: the Chairman met with Paul Sellick (County Highway Engineer) on the 8th March to discuss:

- **Options to make safe the pond at The Pyghtle:** the idea of moving the attenuation from the Pyghtle to the new development on the triangle is neither feasible nor affordable. The pond at the Pyghtle plays an important role in preventing flooding in Long Street and its replacement by another on the triangle would merely move the problem not resolve it. The NCC Flood Management Team (FMT) will assess the network of pipes and ditches in the area in order to ensure that flooding is prevented and this might result in changes to the pond on the Pyghtle but not its disappearance. The Chairman suggests the PC awaits the result of the FMT's analysis and then decides how best to make the pond on the Pyghtle safe.
- **Introduction of a trod path on Long Street:** the NCC Highways Engineer is still sympathetic to the need and will consider it again, once the Flood Management Team has decided what needs to be done to the water courses in the area. This is key as it might be that some of the

ditches will have to be piped, which would make the creation of the trods easier. The Chairman will maintain a close watch on this work in order to grab any opportunity to improve the safety of pedestrians on Long Street.

- **Extensions to speed limits:** NCC Highway's Traffic Management budget has been chopped, which means any extension to speed limit areas would have to be financed externally. The Highway's Engineer has agreed to discuss the possible extension to the speed limit in Hingham Road (e.g. 50mph from Fred's house to the Little Ellingham junction) with the relevant colleague, to see whether it can be achieved as part of the highways improvement plan emanating from the Orbit Homes development.
- **Safety of the pavement / grass verge outside the school:** the seeding of the verge will be done in the spring. All other proposals to improve the area, immediately outside the school entrance, have been rejected.
- **Safety of the Church Street/Attleborough Road junction:** the Chairman discussed again the idea of making circulation around the triangle one-way to improve the junction's safety. The County Engineer is supportive and will discuss it with colleagues. Again the loss of the Traffic Management budget will be a barrier but the idea of linking this improvement to nearby developments could make it possible. The Chairman will continue to pursue this idea.
- **Defibrillator:** the village's defibrillator has been installed on the west wall of the Methodist Chapel in Church Street. News of this has been published in the Wymondham & Attleborough Mercury, on the PC's website; the village notice boards and will appear in next month's Ellingham Pump. Councillor Perkins is in the process of arranging training classes, which can be attended by villagers (including councillors).
- **Community Speedwatch:** the Chairman has taken over the lead role regarding this project. A new request for volunteers has been posted on the PC's website and in the Ellingham Pump. In the meantime, the Chairman will visit all current volunteers to facilitate the completion of the necessary Volunteer Application Forms.

6. To hear of planning decisions and other information:

- a) **Response from Breckland re site East of Town Green** – Breckland have confirmed that the removal of trees on the site is not a concern as there are no Tree Preservation Orders at the site. Likewise, apparent preparatory works can be undertaken without permission. Only if any actual works are being undertaken without permission would Breckland be in a position to investigate an enforcement issue.

7. To consider planning applications

- a) **3PL/2017/0179/HOU – 42 Long Street – Front / side ext, car port & rear extension** – Councillors raised no objects to this application.
- b) **3PL/2017/0185/F – Misty Dawn, Deopham Rd – 6 det. bungalows, garages & private access road** – Following discussions, Councillors agreed to object to this application.
- c) **3PL/2017/0100/O – Highcroft, Ellingham Rd, Attleborough – Erection of 3 dwellings** – Following discussion, Councillors agreed to object to this application.

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- 8. To consider a grant request from Great Ellingham Methodist Church** – The Methodist church have requested a grant towards the cost of a new carpet, which will be in the region of £1000. Councillors considered the application and agreed to award a grant of £500.

- 9. To receive the financial report and consider the following payments:**

The financial report, circulated before the meeting, was approved. The following payments were unanimously approved:

Chq no	Amount	Payee	Notes
100507	£157.09	A Rayner	March 2017 salary
100508	£118.00	Post Office Ltd	Q4 tax
100509	£350.14	Glasdon UK Ltd	Litter bin
100510	£255.50	Recreation Centre	Hall Hire for meetings

- 10. To consider items from Councillors:**

- a) **Junction of Church St / Attleborough Rd / Deopham Rd** – This item was raised by Cllr May but the current situation covered during the Chairman's report.

- 11. To consider correspondence received:**

- a) **Request from CPRE to sign a pledge relating to housing targets** - Councillors agreed to sign this pledge, which is a request to district councils to allow for existing housing allocations to be fulfilled before seeking sites to accommodate an increase in housing numbers for inclusion in plans to 2036.
- b) **Little Ellingham weight restriction and extension of 30mph traffic regulation order** – The parish council have an opportunity to respond to this consultation from NCC. The improvements have been included as part of the planning changes at Kerry Foods. Councillors agreed to confirm to NCC that they are in favour of the proposal.

- 12. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 19 April 2017 to be held at the Recreation Centre commencing at 7.30pm.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8pm.