

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

In Attendance: Cllr T Betts (Chairman) Cllr T Getley, Cllr S Banks, Cllr D Howe-Li-Rocchi, Cllr J May, Cllr S Mellor

Parish Clerk Anne Rayner
District Councillor Bill Smith
6 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 asked about overgrown verges which had been mentioned at a previous meeting. The clerk confirmed this was one of the tasks submitted for the Highways Rangers and that a reminder about this was sent recently.
District Councillor Smith reported that Breckland are in discussion with King's Lynn & West Norfolk District Council regarding sharing some services. Cllr Smith also mentioned the planning application by Flagship Housing / Bowbridge for an additional 49 dwellings to the land immediately east of the land off Attleborough Rd, which already has approval for 39 new dwellings. The Chairman asked if, as there is a proposal to amend plans for Phase 1, if an application will be made for an educational contribution. Cllr Smith confirmed that he has already raised this point. Councillor Smith offered to invite a member of the parish council to a meeting he is arranging, between Flagship and Breckland District Council.
Members of the public present raised concerns about the potential additional volume of traffic on the local roads, which are already extremely busy and dangerous at points. It was noted that during the appeal process for Phase 1, the original applicants, Orbit Homes, stressed that they would not be proceeding with Phase 2 and one of the points raised by the Planning Inspector during the appeal was the retention of the open land / countryside / views still available, based on the grounds that Phase 2 would not be taking place. It was also hoped that data from the SAM2 could be used to provide useful data relating to the volume and speed of existing traffic.
- 2. To consider apologies for absence** – Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Perkins and Simpson.
- 3. To receive any declarations of interest in any item on the agenda** – Cllr Banks declared an interest in item 9b on the agenda.
- 4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 18 October 2017** – The minutes were approved without alteration and signed as correct by the Chairman.
- 5. To report matters arising not on the agenda and hear the Chairman's report** – The clerk thanked a member of the public present for sending photographs of the sharp concrete exposed edge on Hingham Rd. The photographs have been sent to the Highways engineer.
- 6. To receive an update on the parish councillor vacancy** – The period of notice expired on 10 November. The vacancy will be advertised with a view to the parish council considering applications at the January meeting.

7. **Planning applications considered between meetings – None**
8. **To hear of planning decisions and other information:**
 - a) **3PL/2017/0813/VAR – 68 Long St – Var of conditions (vehicular access) – Approved**
 - b) **3PL/2017/0762/F – White House Farm – Rebuild of two barns to create 5 holiday lets – Approved**
9. **To consider planning applications**
 - a) **3PL/2017/1294/F – Land adjacent Manderley, Attleborough Rd / Deopham Rd – Erection of 4 no 4 bedroom dwellings** – Councillors objected to this application on the grounds of highways safety, concerns over the point of access and egress, especially taking into account the location of the bus stop. The application is also outside of the building line.
 - b) **3PL/2017/1233/F – Land adjacent Mayben Lodge, Bow St – Domestic garage & storage** – Councillors objected to this application due to the size of the proposed building, the close proximity to the neighbour's boundary and the loss of amenity. Cllr Banks did not take part in the discussion.
 - c) **3PL/2017/1341/VAR- Thornwood, Stalland Common – Var of conditions (design, ground contamination & ground gas protection)** – Councillors did not object to this application.
10. **To consider fencing quotes for work at the Pyghtle** – Two quotes have been received for the proposed picket fencing. The height will be 3 feet 6", as recommended. This should be the correct height to discourage children from going over the fence but is low enough for an adult to get over, should the need occur. Cllr Mellor confirmed that he would seek advice regarding whether it was recommended to provide a pole or a lifebelt and would also ask whether a sign is necessary and, if so, what the appropriate wording should be. The Chairman asked if Councillors thought the pond should be dredged before a fence was erected, as it would be difficult to dredge once the fence has gone up. Cllr Howe-Li-Rocchi advised that the Environment Agency have stopped dredging areas as the knock on effect of de-silting appears to be an increase in flash flooding. Cllr Getley repeated his disappointment that whilst Highways will not allow the parish council to undertake a permanent solution to the problem there, due to the attenuation purpose of the pond, Highways will not accept any responsibility relating to the cost or liability for the site. **Action SM**
11. **To consider budget proposals for 2017/18 and agree the level of precept** – The finance working party met on 2 November and recommend a 5% increase to the precept, which represents an increase of 64 pence per annum for a Band D property. Various budget commitments and special projects were discussed, including the gardens, on the triangle of land donated by Melton Farms, the Pyghtle, Hingham Rd noticeboard and proposed first aid training. A member of the public queried the justification of raising the precept when the parish council had healthy reserves. The Chairman acknowledged this but noted concerns relating to greater financial commitments when proposed housing development has taken place in the village plus the continuing threat of a precept cap from central Government.
12. **To receive the financial report and consider the following payments:**

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Cllr Mellor confirmed his agreement to the financial report. The following payment was unanimously approved.

Chq no	Amount	Payee	Notes
100533	£ 158.86	A Rayner	November 2017 salary

13. To consider items from Councillors:

a) Update re. CPR Training AR – The clerk confirmed that St John’s Ambulance can provide defibrillator training. The sessions are two hours. It was agreed to try to book an evening session in the New Year. **Action AR.**

b) Issues for SNAP meeting JM – Cllr May confirmed that there is a SNAP meeting later this month. Other than the usual concerns about speeding, Councillors did not have any further points to raise.

14. To consider correspondence received:

a) Letter from Parker Planning Services – This letter confirms the recent amendment application for the existing approval for 39 dwellings on land north of Attleborough Rd and also the submission of a new application for a further 49 dwellings to land immediately east of the approved site.

15. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 20 December 2017 to be held at the Recreation Centre commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.