

Great Ellingham Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at the recreation centre on Wednesday 21 June 2017 at 7.30pm.

In Attendance: Cllr T Betts (Chairman) Cllr T Getley, Cllr S Banks, Cllr D Howe-Li-Rocchi, Cllr N Perkins, Cllr D Simpson, Cllr G Snelling

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 mentioned the erosion of the verges on Long Street and also asked if the parish council were still considering a trod path for Long Street. The Chairman advised that the trod path is not straightforward due to the ditches along the area in question but discussions were still taking place. A member of the public raised a query relating to a section of ditch along Penhill Road which appears to be filled with grass cuttings and hedge trimmings from the householder. Following discussion, it was agreed that this ditch was privately owned, so this was not fly tipping, as such. Although the ditch is now piped, it is likely to still form part of a drainage system. The clerk will raise this with the Flood Management Team at NCC.

District Councillor Smith reported that Breckland District Council have won a national Municipal Journal Award, in recognition of their property investment scheme, which generates approximately £2.2 million annually.

Councillor Smith also reported that the Local Plan will be finalised within the next few months and will then go to the Planning Inspector. It is trusted that the issue of a five year land supply will be satisfied, although this will be an on-going process and the District Council must continue to prove a five year land supply and not fall below the threshold.

2. **To consider apologies for absence** – Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Mellor and May.
3. **To receive any declarations of interest in any item on the agenda** - None to declare
4. **To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 17 May 2017** – The minutes were approved and signed as correct by the Chairman.
5. **To report matters arising not on the agenda and hear the Chairman's report** – Nothing to report.
6. **Planning applications considered between meetings:**
 - a) None
7. **To hear of planning decisions and other information:**
 - a) None

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8. To consider planning applications:

- a) **3PL/2016/1540/F Development Site, Long St – Change of use from agricultural to garden –** Councillors raised **no objections** to this application.
- b) **3PL/2017/0451/F Conifers, Hingham Rd – Demolition of existing prefabricated dwelling and erection of 4 dwellings –** This application was discussed at some length. Councillors **objected** to the application on the grounds that it is outside of the settlement boundary and there were also concerns relating to highways safety. The applicant and a representative were present and the reasons for the decision of the parish council were discussed.
- c) **3PL/2017/0714/F Land adj 21 Hingham Road – Erection of dwelling –** Councillors **objected** to this application on the grounds of highways safety, adverse impact on the visual amenity of the area and the close proximity of neighbouring dwellings.
- d) **3PL/2017/0726/HOU 6 Mill Lane – Attached annex to create ground floor bedroom –** Councillors raised no objections to this application.

9. To consider a contribution towards a new printer for the Ellingham Pump – Councillors considered this request and resolved not to make a donation on this occasion.

10. To consider a request for a donation from Great Ellingham Scout Group – Councillors considered this request. It was agreed to award a grant of the difference between the cheapest quote (£815) and the funds already raised (£236) – resulting in a total grant of £579.

11. To review Councillor duties – This will be carried forward to the next agenda, due to the absence of two Councillors.

12. Better Broadband for Norfolk – Installation of new cabinet – A new cabinet is to be installed at the rear of the verge on Attleborough Road (between Teal House and The Old Parsonage).

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

Chq no	Amount	Payee	Notes
100521	£158.66	A Rayner	June 2017 salary
100522	£119.00	Post Office Ltd	Q1 income tax
100523	£450.00	S Michlmayr & Co Ltd	St James Church clock repair

14. To consider items from Councillors:

- a) **Update re. Speedwatch TB –** The Chairman reported that the group has ten volunteers, the sites have been approved and the volunteers are to meet on 29 June to undertake training. A rota for the sessions will be set up after this.
- b) **Update re. CPR Training NP –** Councillor Perkins is waiting for a response from the other group interested in arranging a joint training session.
- c) **Update re. WIFI in village hall GS –** Councillor Snelling reported that the village hall committee have approved the installation of a broadband installation and box, to be housed within a lockable cabinet. Cllr Snelling mentioned the possibility of a pavilion to be sited at the other side of the recreation field, which the playgroup may share with the

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cricket club, although talks regarding this are still in very early stages. It was agreed that the Chairman, Cllr Snelling and Richard Ewing would try to meet to discuss options further.

- d) Update re. Making the Pyghtle safer SM** – Cllr Mellor's contact will get in touch with the Chairman, in order to discuss further the possibility of moving the point of attenuation from the pyghtle.
- e) Overgrown footpaths and bridleways – Bow St & Wood Lane** – The clerk will pass the contact details of Jody Thurston, the new Countryside Access Officer covering South Norfolk and Breckland, on to Cllr Banks.

15. To consider correspondence received:

- a) Snetterton Park** – The approval of planning application 3PL/2017/0055/F was noted. This relates to a new petrol station, retail space, parking and landscaping on land between the A11 and the Snetterton park race circuit. Cllr Smith and also Mike Brennan, operations manager for planning at Breckland, asked planning officers to condition external lighting, wherever possible when dealing with Great Ellingham and the surrounding parishes.

16. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 19 July 2017 to be held at the Recreation Centre commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.05pm.