

Great Ellingham Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at the Recreation Centre on Wednesday 17th April 2024 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr T Betts (Chairman), Cllr P Bonner, Cllr A Broughton, Cllr R Croft, Cllr P Ewin, Cllr H Mellor, and Cllr S Southcott

In attendance: Parish Clerk, District Cllr S Suggitt, County Cllr E Connolly and 9 residents

- 1. Open Forum – An opportunity for any parishioner to speak on parish matters and to hear reports from District and County Councillors, if applicable** – Cllr S Suggitt provided a brief update on the village pond and reported that engagement with the landowner had been positive. A meeting with the landowner and Breckland Council's Director of Planning and Building Control would be arranged as soon as possible, although works associated with the District Council's Local Plan review had caused some delays, due to its consumption of officer time. Cllr S Suggitt stated that she did not envision that issues would be resolved in just one meeting, and that her aim is to facilitate a healthy relationship between the landowner and the community, enabling an agreement whereby the community can take an active roll in the land's maintenance. An enquiry was raised over the details of the planning application associated with the land/pond, and the Clerk advised that full details are now available on the Parish Councils website for ease of reference, with a link to Breckland Council's planning enforcement web page. Cllr S Suggitt further reported that the Draft Local Plan would soon be presented to Cabinet and that the Democratic Services team are busy at present, preparing for the Police and Crime Commissioner elections, and a by election in the Hermatage Ward. Cllr E Connolly noted that his Spring Report and been sent to the Parish Council for information in advance of the meeting and advised members that one of the two proposals he had been lobbying for the Parish looked likely, and that further information would be available in due course. There was discussion regarding regression of verges, particularly on Hingham Road, and Cllr E Connolly offered to investigate this following a resident reporting that the NCC officer response they had received was unsatisfactory.
- 2. To consider and approve apologies for absence** – Apologies had been received from Cllr S Mellor.
- 3. To complete the co-option process of a successful applicant** – Cllr R Croft signed his declaration of acceptance of office.
- 4. To receive any declarations of interest in any item on the agenda** – None received.
- 5. To confirm the minutes of the meetings of 20th March 2024**– The minutes were confirmed as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.
- 6. To report matters arising not on the agenda and hear the Chairman's report** – Cllr T Betts presented a report, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes and on the Council's website.
- 7. To hear of planning decisions and other information:** – No new decision notices had been received.
- 8. To consider new planning applications:**
 - a) 3PL/2024/0217/F – Erection of one dwelling – Land to the north of Broadland Farm Hingham Road – Members required an opportunity to fully review the application and would submit comments via email for ratification at the next meeting.
- 9. To receive and note accounts, budget comparison and bank reconciliation as of 31st March 2024** – Noted.
- 10. To consider the following payments:** – Agreed.

Amount	Payee	Notes
£338.90	Ms Taila Taylor	April Salary
£25.00	Great Ellingham Recreation Centre	May Village Hall Hire

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£70.00	NALC	Website Fees
£293.83	NALC	Annual Subscription
£143.00	Mr R Ewin	Allotment Rent
£143.00	Mr D Ewin	Allotment Rent
£143.00	Mrs J Ewin	Allotment Rent

- 11. To review and approve the Parish Council's Asset Register** – Approved with amendments to remove the Pyghle circular tree bench and noticeboard at Hingham Road.
- 12. To review and approve the following policies:**
a) Financial Regulations – Approved
b) Media Relations Policy – Added in error, scheduled review date April 2025.
- 13. To consider a quotation for bus stop improvements** – The quotation for improvements was accepted and the Clerk was instructed to seek match funding via the Parish Partnerships Scheme.
- 14. To receive an update on the new village hall** – Nothing to report as the offer from the developer [for new village hall land] was still awaited.
- 15. To receive an update on the village pond between Lake View and Mill Farm, Church Street** – This item was covered by Cllr S Suggit during item 1 of the agenda.
- 16. To receive an update on roundabout planting** – Cllr P Ewin advised that the anticipated cost of bark and clover seed totalled £465.00. Members agreed to the spend and asked Cllr P Ewin to place the order, for which the cost would be reimbursed.
- 17. To receive reports from Councillors** – None received.
- 18. To consider items from Councillors: to be received by the Clerk in advance of the meeting** – Cllr P Bonner had raised an item regarding the use of motorcycles on the Rec following an incident last week. Cllr T Betts advised that he had brought this to the attention of the Rec Committee, and they would be discussing what measures, if any, would be appropriate at their next meeting.
- 19. To consider correspondence received:**
a) Light Pollution – Cllr T Betts offered to write to the Head Quarters of Agrovista in the hope of finding a solution to the security lights being on permanently despite the Hingham Road site falling within a designated dark area. Timers and motion sensitive lighting will be sought.
b) TRO, c) TRO and Mobile Safety Camera, d) Traffic on Long Street and Chequers Lane – Cllr T Betts had answered one enquiry and would respond to the others. Given the number of representations received regarding the Traffic Regulation Orders it was agreed to note any new TRO notices on the website.
e) Breckland Mobile Food Store – Noted, for information only.
- 20. To confirm the date of the Annual Parish Meeting** – Wednesday 15th May at 7pm, prior to the council meeting.
- 21. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 15th May 2024 to be held at the Recreation Centre commencing at 7.30pm** – Noted.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm