

Great Ellingham Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at the Recreation Centre on Wednesday 18th September 2024 at 7.30pm

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

In attendance: Parish Clerk and 4 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** – A resident attended to address agenda item 21B, village planting. A resident raised concern over the new pavements on Attleborough Road and the “keep clear” identification and reported 8 incidents where the signage had been ignored in the past 3 days. The Chairman took note and would contact the local Highways Engineer to discuss. The new Methodist Minister of the Great Ellingham Methodist Church attended to introduce herself, and to update on their current position. Due to a small membership, and lack of funds, it is likely that the church will close. Assistance was sought from the Parish Council for creative ideas and input in to how the building could be kept in use for the benefit of the community. It was agreed that an item would be added to the agenda of next months meeting.
2. **To consider and approve apologies for absence** – Apologies had been received from Cllr H Mellor, with further apologies from District Cllr S Suggitt.
3. **To receive any declarations of interest in any item on the agenda** – Cllr A Broughton disclosed an interest in item 9a and abstained from the vote.
4. **To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 15th May and 19th June 2024** – The minutes were confirmed as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.
5. **To note the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting on 15th May 2024** – Noted.
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 receive reports from Councillors and/or the Clerk** – None received.
8. **To hear of planning decisions and other information:** – Noted.
 - a) Ref No: 3PL/2024/0350/F – Proposal: Erection of 2 no. 1.5 storey self build dwellings. Location: GREAT ELLINGHAM: Land Adjacent to Aldecarr Hall Attleborough Road – Decided 13-06-24 **Decision REFUSED – APPEALED 12-08-24**
 - b) Ref No: 3PL/2024/0434/F – Proposal: External alterations to agricultural storage building to include installation of a new roller shutter door and personnel door in the east elevation and blocking up existing door openings in the west and north elevations. Location: GREAT ELLINGHAM: Agricultural Building Attleborough Road – Decided 24-06-24 **Decision PERMISSION**
 - c) Ref No: 3PL/2024/0391/VAR – Proposal: Variation of Condition No2 on 3PL/2020/1363/VAR - General design changes to dwelling. Location: GREAT ELLINGHAM: Colesville 34 Church Street – Decided 26-06-24 **Decision PERMISSION**
 - d) Ref No: 3PL/2024/0420/VAR – Proposal: Removal of Condition No 2 (Accommodation to be retained in same ownership of the main dwelling known as White House Farm) on 3PL/2023/0055/F. Location: GREAT ELLINGHAM: North and South Barns (behind Oak and Ash Barns) Long Street – Decided 01-07-24 **Decision PERMISSION**
 - e) Ref No: 3PL/2024/0421/VAR – Proposal: Removal of Condition No 2 (Accommodation to be retained in ownership of White House Farm) on 3PL/2023/0056/F. Location: GREAT ELLINGHAM: Ash and Oak Barns Long Street – Decided 01-07-24 **Decision PERMISSION**

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- f) Ref No: 3DC/2024/0134/DOC – Proposal: Discharge of Conditions No9 & 10 on 3PL/2020/0228/F (allowed on appeal). Location: GREAT ELLINGHAM 21 Hingham Road, NR17 1HY – Decided 11-07-24 **Decision DOC COMPLETE**
- g) Ref No: 3PL/2024/0438/F – Proposal: Change of use of land to permit the siting of storage containers (161 in total) following demolition of existing poultry houses (Full). Location: GREAT ELLINGHAM Stalland Farm Stalland Common, NR17 1JF – Decided 15-07-24 **Decision WITHDRAWN**
- h) Ref No: 3OB/2024/0010/DOB – Proposal: Application to discharge the Open Space Scheme as required by Para 1.1 of Schedule 2 Part 1 of the S.106 Agreement dated 26th June 2019 on pp 3PL/2018/0852/F as varied by 3PL/2020/0741/VAR. Location: GREAT ELLINGHAM: Land between Watton Road & Hingham Road – Decided 17-07-24 **Decision PERMISSION**
- i) Ref No: 3PL/2024/0172/O – Proposal: Outline application with some matters reserved, except Access and Scale, for the Demolition of existing agricultural barns and erection of five new dwellings and associated hardstanding (Outline). Location: GREAT ELLINGHAM Shackles Farm, West Carr Road, NR17 1AN – Decided 17-07-24 **Decision PERMISSION**
- j) Ref No: 3PL/2024/0504/F – Proposal: Continued use of land for the standing of four residential caravans and four portacabins as seasonal agricultural workers' accommodation. Retention of toilet block, shower block and covered seating area (Full). Location: GREAT ELLINGHAM AND ATTLEBOROUGH, Portwood Farm, Tanyard Lane NR17 1AG – Decided 05-08-24 **Decision PERMISSION**
- k) Ref No: 3PL/2023/1016/F – Proposal: Demolition of poultry shed, erection of five detached dwellings, change of use of land from agricultural to residential and construction of new access road to Watton Road (Full). Location: GREAT ELLINGHAM AND ROCKLANDS Rookery Farm, Watton Road, NR17 1LB – Decided 08-08-24 **Decision PERMISSION**
- l) Ref No: 3PL/2024/0531/HOU – Proposal: Alteration and extensions to property including attic rooms. (Householder) Location: GREAT ELLINGHAM Chemainus Swamp Lane, NR17 1LH – Decided 13-08-24 **Decision PERMISSION**
- m) Ref No: 3PL/2024/0480/HOU – Proposal: Convert the garage into a utility room with a toilet (Householder). Location: GREAT ELLINGHAM Walcot Cottage West Carr Road, NR17 1AN – Decided 13-08-24 **Decision PERMISSION**
- n) Ref No: 3PL/2024/0205/F – Proposal: Construction of one additional dwelling adjacent 7 plot development site (ref 3PL/2022/0518/F) (Full). Location: GREAT ELLINGHAM Land between Church Street and Attleborough Road, NR17 1LE – Decided 22-08-24 **Decision PERMISSION**
- o) Ref No: 3PL/2024/0703/LU – Proposal: Proposed single storey Home Office extension and solar panels to the side and rear roofs of the dwelling. Proposed new location for existing air source heat pump - certificate of lawfulness - proposed use. Location: GREAT ELLINGHAM: 7 Headmere Road – Decided 12-09-24 **Decision PERMISSION**

9. To consider responses to planning applications:

- a) Ref No: 3PL/2024/0686/F - PROPOSAL: Amended design to convert and extend barn to dwelling previously granted under ref:3PL/2019/0349/F (Extant Permission) and erection of new carport. LOCATION: GREAT ELLINGHAM: Charcoal Barn Bush Green – No objections.

10. To ratify response to the Larling Strategic Growth proposal – Members ratified their response objecting to this development on the grounds that it is highly unsustainable and contradicts the sustainability requirements set forth by both the government and Breckland.

11. To receive and note accounts, budget comparison and bank reconciliation as of 31st August 2024 – Noted.

12. To consider the following payments: – Agreed.

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Amount	Payee	Notes
£1,016.70	Ms Taila Taylor	July, August & September salary
£50.00	Great Ellingham Recreation Centre	September & October village hall hire
£79.99	Microsoft	Subscription renewal
£785.00	THIS	Bark spreading & weeding
438.00	Mr P Ewin	Bark reimbursement
30.98	Mr P Ewin	Seed reimbursement
600.00	Great Ellingham Cricket Club	Mower contribution
225.95	Great Ellingham Pre-school	Mat purchase

- 13. To determine Councillor responsibilities for the remainder of the municipal year 2024-2025** – Members agreed the following appointments:
Planning – Cllr A Broughton
Highways – Cllr R Croft
Finance – Cllr S Mellor
SNAP & Speed Watch – Cllr H Mellor
Education – Cllr P Ewin supported by Cllr S Mellor
Recreation Ground and Village Hall – Cllr S Southcott
Asset Register – Cllr P Bonner
Defibrillator – Cllr P Bonner
- 14. To consider erection of Community speed-watch signs for village gateways** – Members agreed to the purchase of 4 signs at a cost of £106 each, £424.00 in total.
- 15. To receive an update on the new village hall** – Cllr T Betts, Cllr P Ewin and other stakeholders had a meeting at Breckland's offices. The meeting was more positive than negative but highlighted several difficulties that had been faced by the developer, including obstacles throughout the covid pandemic, and inflation to material costs and staffing etc. Confidential discussions are now underway between Breckland Council and the developer in attempt to resolve some of the issues affecting the profitability of the estate. A follow up meeting was arranged with the architect, with a view to them putting together a proposal for the new village hall, on the basis that Collins development would build the hall, providing cost saving to the Parish as it would effectively be built at cost. No commitments were made, other than to meet for the discussion, which leads to the proposal set out at item 16, to appoint Feilden Mawson Architects to develop RIBA Stage 1.
- 16. To agree the appointment of Feilden Mawson Architects to develop RIBA Stage 1: Feasibility ♣ 'Kick off' workshop with Client team including programme and consultant team review ♣ Preparation of Project Execution Plan ♣ Early-stage design options and filtering ♣ Co-ordination with appointed consultant team** – Agreed at a cost of £3168.75.
- 17. To receive an update on the village pond between Lake View and Mill Farm, Church Street** – Cllr S Mellor, District Cllr S Suggitt, the landowner and neighbours had met several weeks ago. The landowner had committed to bringing proposals, and the neighbours had many ideas, but no progress has been made. Enforcement from Breckland Council has been lacking.
- 18. To receive an update on roundabout planting** – covered during the Chairmans report.

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19. To agree provision of new Perspex cover for village noticeboards – Cllr P Bonner may be able to donate the Perspex, Cllr T Betts to provide the dimensions.

20. To consider items from Councillors: to be received by the Clerk in advance of the meeting – None.

21. To consider correspondence received:

- a) Funding request from St. James PCC – Members agreed to award £500.00 to contribute towards general maintenance and grass cutting, but where funding is sought for future projects the request must be specific.
- b) Village Planting – The resident leading the project attended the meeting and gave members an overview of their aspirations. The Parish Council supported the initiative and agreed to provide match funding to this project to the value of £250.00.
- c) Street Box – Request to be referred to the Rec Centre for their consideration.

22. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 16th October 2024 to be held at the Recreation Centre commencing at 7.30pm – Noted.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm