

Great Ellingham Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at the Recreation Centre on Wednesday 20th March 2024 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr S Mellor (Vice-Chairman), Cllr H Mellor, Cllr P Ewin, Cllr P Bonner, and Cllr A Broughton
In attendance: Parish Clerk, District Cllr S Suggitt and 12 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** – Residents raised concerns over planning proposals for two additional dwellings on Church Street and the associated removal of trees and hedgerows, believed to contravene the conditions associated with the application. Cllr S Suggitt has raised an enquiry with Breckland Council's enforcement team and the matter would now be investigated and an update provided in due course. Other issues raised were the dumping of spoil, verge erosion and the churning up of the highway bank. Residents queried the progress of the Parish Council's representations to Breckland Council seeking enforcement action relating to the village pond. Cllr S Mellor advised that Cllr T Betts had initiated an email among members on this subject, however the representations had not yet been drafted and circulated to councillors for agreement and submission. Cllr S Suggitt reported that the enforcement team were yet to identify a reasonable and achievable solution and advised that the landowner had now contacted her and requested a meeting in the hope of finding an amicable resolution, and a date for this meeting is awaited. The planning authority will be the determining body, but assurance was given that all concerns raised would be considered, with a hope of finding a suitable solution that accommodates all parties.
2. **To consider and approve apologies for absence** – Apologies had been received from Cllr T Betts and Cllr S Southcott.
3. **To complete the co-option process of two successful applicants** – Cllr A Broughton 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 15th & 27th February 2024** – The minutes were confirmed as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Vice-Chairman in the Chairman's absence.
6. **To report matters arising not on the agenda and hear the Chairman's report** – Cllr S Mellor presented a report prepared by Cllr T Betts, 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 ratify objection to application 3PL/2024/0120/F** – Councillors ratified the decision to object on three grounds: absence of affordable units; lack of Flood Risk Assessment (FRA), Drainage Strategy and supporting information and failure to comply with S106 Agreement.
9. **To consider new planning applications:**
 - a) 3PL/2024/0205/F – Construction of two additional dwellings adjacent 7 plot development site (ref 3PL/2022/0518/F) – Land between Church Street and Attleborough Road – *No objections subject to all conditions being met, with concern raised regarding the removal of trees and hedgerows on site.*
 - b) 3PL/2023/0920/VAR – Variation of Conditions 2, 7 and 8 on 3PL/2008/1412/F - Amendment to drawings for proposed layout of new first floor accommodation and external window configuration as well as variation of condition wording of surface water and foul water drainage conditions – Kingfishers Bow Street – *No objections.*
 - c) 3PL/2024/0172/O – 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 – Shackles Farm West Carr Road – *Objection to be raised on the basis that the proposed development falls outside of the development boundary.*

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10. To receive and note accounts, budget comparison and bank reconciliation as of 29th February 2024 – Noted.

11. To consider a resolution under Regulation 3(1) of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 that the Parish Clerk should be designated as being eligible for membership of the LGPS with effect from 21st March 2024 –
On the Motion of Cllr P Ewin, seconded by Cllr H Mellor the resolution was approved as presented.

12. To consider the following payments: – Agreed.

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

13. To receive an update on the new village hall – Nothing to report in addition to ratification of objection discussed at item 8.

14. To receive an update on the village pond between Lake View and Mill Farm, Church Street – No further update to the discussion had at item 1 during the public forum. At the request of the public, members agreed that the planning application number and the link to submit a complaint to Breckland Council's enforcement team would be added to the Parish Council website.

15. To receive an update on roundabout planting – provision of bark and grass seed – Cllr P Ewin had not had communications with ex-councillor M Hadley, and subsequently offered to order the seeds himself, although due to access restrictions he would not be able to undertake the planting.

16. To consider items from Councillors: to be received by the Clerk in advance of the meeting – None received.
Members requested a standing item going forward for urgent business and reports.

17. To consider correspondence received:

a) Great Ellingham Cricket Club fundraising query – Members noted the Cricket Club as a worthy cause to support but require further information and more detail prior to making any agreements.

b) Tanyard Lane speed limit – Members agreed that representations supporting the request would be sent to the Highways Authority.

c) Armed Forces Day event funding – The Parish Council would not be making its own application but would pass on details to the Rec Centre in case they have any interest.

18. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 17th April 2024 to be held at the Recreation Centre commencing at 7.30pm – Noted.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm