

Great Ellingham Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at the Recreation Centre on Wednesday 19th February 2025 at 7.30pm

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

In attendance: Parish Clerk and 3 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** – No reports were received from District Councillor S Suggitt, or County Councillor E Connolly.

A resident attended to discuss the layby outside his and his neighbours property and the need for “Keep Clear” signs to stop people blocking his access, which had been promised by the developer at the time of completion in July 2019.

Another resident asked about the traffic calming that has been promised along Long Street and requested this be kept on the Agenda to ensure it remained a focus. Cllr Southcott also advised that if any residents saw lorries over the 7.5 tonne limit clearly using the road as a route, rather than to deliver – these should be reported to the Police. He also reported that there had been an increase in the volume and speed of traffic. It was also reported that between Monday and Friday there was a white coach parking in the layby on the road to Attleborough from early morning until late pm. This was not considered to be a designated parking space, was not best practice and the parking sometimes did not allow other vehicles to use the space. This is to be investigated – **ACTION: Chairman**

Another resident also reported the 2m long grate outside the new housing development is sinking and needs to be reported to Highways – **ACTION: Chairman**

- 2. To consider and approve apologies for absence** – No Apologies had been received.
- 3. To receive any declarations of interest in any item on the agenda** – None received.
- 4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 16th January 2025** – The minutes were confirmed as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.
- 5. To report matters arising not on the agenda and hear the Chairman’s report** – Cllr P Ewin was pleased to report a new clerk had been recruited and thanked her for completing the cashbook for 2023/24. This will now be audited, which will allow the AGAR form to be completed. The Chairman was in receipt of the Mandate for bank signatories, which would be completed and submitted shortly for the new signatories. The Speed Watch Signs previously ordered were received and passed to Peter Joyce for erection, and thanked for his prompt response as these signs were now in place. It was noted that the 1st sign showing upon entering the village from Attleborough was not reflective – to be investigated – **ACTION: Chairman**
- 6. To receive reports from Councillors and/or the Clerk** – Cllr H Mellor reported that she had attended the recent SNAP meeting, but no priorities were now set at these meeting and nothing had been heard from Dion – **ACTION: Cllr H Mellor to chase.**
- 7. To hear of planning decisions and other information:** – Noted.
- a) PL/2025/0041/DCA DCA Approval of details reserved by condition - High Oak Farm Swamp Lane, Great Ellingham, Attleborough, Norfolk, NR17 1LH - Discharge of conditions 5, 6 & 7 on 3PL/2021/1300/F Great Ellingham - **Discharge in full**
- b) PL/2024/1073/HOU HOU Householder application for planning permission for works or extension to a dwelling - 85 Long Street, Great Ellingham, Attleborough, Norfolk, NR17 1LN - Garage/Cart Lodge, Great Ellingham - **Granted with conditions**

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- c) PL/2024/0976/DCA DCA Approval of details reserved by condition - Land Between, Church Street and Attleborough Road, Great Ellingham - Discharge of conditions 9 (Boundary Treatment and 11 (External Lighting) on 3PL/2023/1176/VAR, Great Ellingham - **Discharge in full**
- d) PL/2024/0853/VAR VAR Application for removal or variation of a condition following a grant of planning permission - Misty Dawn Deopham Road, Great Ellingham, Attleborough, Norfolk, NR17 1LJ - Variation of Condition 2 On 3PL/2022/1433/VAR - To revert two storey dwelling back to single storey with small rear extension (Plot 2) - Great Ellingham - **Granted with condition**

8. To consider responses to planning applications:

- e) PL/2025/0100/SU - SU Notifications under Circular 14/90 (electricity generating stations and overhead lines) - Rookery Farm Watton Road, Great Ellingham, Attleborough, Norfolk, NR17 1LB - Installation of two new poles on existing overhead line - All Saints and Wayland - Great Ellingham – **No Objection**
- f) PL/2025/0041/DCA DCA Approval of details reserved by condition - High Oak Farm Swamp Lane, Great Ellingham, Attleborough, Norfolk, NR17 1LH - Discharge of conditions 5, 6 & 7 on 3PL/2021/1300/F - All Saints and Wayland - Great Ellingham - **Discharge in full**
- g) PL/2024/1209/PAQ PAQ Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use of agricultural buildings to dwellinghouses (class C3) and for building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion - Kempley House Stalland Common, Great Ellingham, Attleborough, Norfolk, NR17 1JF - Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed Change of Use of Buildings on Agricultural Units and former Agricultural Buildings to 1No dwelling house (Class C3), which may include extension of the building and/or building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion - All Saints and Wayland - Great Ellingham – **No option to comment.**

9. To consider the following payments: – Agreed.

Amount	Payee	Notes
£3802.50	Feilden Mawson	Stage 1 – Feasibility study
£11.68	P Joyce	Speed Sign brackets

10. To confirm the appointment of the new Clerk – all agreed to the appointment of Elaine Tinsley as Clerk.

11. To consider and ratify the suggested Parish Precept – The Chairman and Cllr S Mellor proposed to Breckland Council a precept of £14,000 for the financial year 2024-25 and asked for the Council's agreement – which was unanimous.

12. To consider changes to the allotment tenancy to allow greenhouses – The Chairman was in receipt of a copy of the lease and, although the lease indicated no sheds or greenhouses should be erected on the allotments, the Landlord has expressed his agreement to these being present and would confirm in writing.

13. To receive an update on the new village hall – No new updates at present, although a meeting between the Parish Council, Breckland Council and the developers is scheduled for Monday 3rd March.

14. To receive an update on the village pond between Lake View and Mill Farm, Church Street – Breckland council had been asked to provide a surveyor to look at this, but no response has been made – this would be chased by – **ACTION: Chairman**

15. To consider items from Councillors: to be received by the Clerk in advance of the meeting – Cllr Broughton requested the website should be updated – **ACTION: Clerk.**

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Cllr Broughton also reported that Breckland have suggested that new housing developments may be considered for Great Ellingham under Labour and he felt it was important that the Parish Council has a housing policy, which he would be willing to draft – **ACTION: Cllr Broughton.**

Cllr Croft raised his concerns about the Anglian Water Sewerage Spills from the sewerage treatment plant at the bottom of Long Street, which has been significant over the past couple of years. After a discussion, it was agreed that The Chair would write a letter to Anglian Water with the Parish Council's concerns –

ACTION: The Chairman. Cllr Southcott reported on correspondence received from a resident concerning the roundabout. After a discussion, it was agreed that C Arnold be approached to discuss bulb planting in this area **ACTION: Cllr Southcott**

16. To consider correspondence received:

- a) Breckland Splash Pad – Following a discussion, it was decided no comments be put forward from the Parish Council.
- b) C Arnold – a discussion took place regarding the proposal for the bus shelter and it was agreed that C Arnold should be contacted to advise no Ivy was to be planted, but general planting would be acceptable
ACTION: Chairman

17. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 19th March 2025 to be held at the Recreation Centre commencing at 7.30pm – Noted.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm