

Great Ellingham Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held at the Recreation Centre on Wednesday 17 September 2025 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr P Ewin (Chair), Cllr R Croft, Cllr I McDonald Cllr S Mellor (Vice-Chair,) Cllr P Bonner, Cllr A Broughton, Cllr T Mellor, Cllr H Mellor & Cllr S Southcott
In attendance: Parish Clerk and 15 members of the public

1. **Chair's Welcome** – The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.
2. **To consider apologies for absence** – None were received.
3. **Open Forum – An opportunity for any parishioner to speak on parish matters** –
 - A member of the public asked where Mr Davidge was who would be reporting on the Bowsfield Site and the developers. The Chair confirmed Mr Davidge was on holiday, but there was no significant change – the owner remains the same, but the building work has been subbed to a different company.
 - A resident voiced their concerns about constantly contacting Beckland Council, but getting no response.
 - Concerns were raised about the traffic calming along Long Street and Hingham Road.
4. **To receive any declarations of interest in any item on the agenda** – Cllr S, T & H Mellor declared an interest in planning application PL/2025/1276/FMIN.
5. **To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of 16th July** – The Minutes were confirmed to be an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.
6. **To report matters arising not on the agenda and hear the Chair's Report** –
 - The chair updated the meeting on the Play area and the planning on Bow Street, which had been refused. He had been in communication with a resident about Anglian Demolition re. sound measuring equipment. He also thanked the Clerk for arranging the Whole Council Training.
 - Cllr Broughton raised concerns brought to him by the public about a new application for the Bowsfield site. He confirmed there had been no approval for changes to the site, the new village hall was still included and a further development would see an application being sent to the Parish Council by the Planning Department.
7. **To receive reports from Councillors and/or the Clerk.** None .
8. **To consider responses to planning applications, previously circulated to Councillors:**
3PL/2020/0741/VAR – Minor improvements to previously approved house type C10, C10v2, C11 and C11v2 (Phase 2b only) Land between Watton Road and Hingham Road, Great Ellingham, NR17 1HZ – No objection was raised by the Councillors.
PL/2025/0425/FMIN - Replacement of existing timber scout hut with new larger steel framed building Great Ellingham Scout Hut Great Ellingham Recreation Ground , B1108 Watton Road, Great Ellingham– No objection was raised by the Councillors.
Cllrs S, T & H Mellor left the meeting.
PL/2025/1276/FMIN - Demolition and Re-build of existing bungalow Timberley Attleborough Road, Great Ellingham– No objection was raised by the Councillors.
Cllrs S, T & H Mellor returned to the meeting.
9. **To consider the following payments:**

Clerk Salary	Aug & Sept Salary	£750.50
Clerk	CiLCA books (Ratify)	£344.98
Clerk	Microsoft Annual Sub	£79.99
Mr Jeffery	War Memorial Maintenance (Ratify)	£75.00
NPTS	CiLCA Training	£180.00
Village Hall	Training Session (REC25_058)	£33.75
Village Hall	Hall Hire Mtg (REC25_064)	£27.00

All payments were unanimously agreed.

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10. **To receive an update on the village pond between Lake View and Mill Farm, Church Street** – The Chair reported that Simon Wood from the Planning department had confirmed no formal enforcement was in place as it was not considered expedient to take any formal action in this instance.
11. **To receive an update on the traffic calming along Long Street** – A meeting on 17 July including Highways and Ed Connolly, both of whom were very supportive of the problem. A number of options were discussed – some dismissed (a chicane, edge markings (road not wide enough) a trod path (as not all the verge is owned by the Council), but other options to be considered around “optical narrowing” speed indicators, “bend” signage, 30 roundels and repeats. Cllr Croft to ask Eight Acres if they would be prepared to make a donation.
12. **To receive an update on the Walsingham Court Keep Clear markings** – The Highways Engineer present on 17th July indicated this was between the residents and the developer, but suggested painting a white “H” bar, which may help.
13. **To receive an update on the new village hall** – A meeting is expected between the developer and their representatives before the next meeting.
14. **To discuss a Parish Partnership bid** – Councillors put forward a number of proposals for costing
15. **To discuss the local re-organisation of the Councils** – No update.
16. **To discuss the roundabout –**
 - a) **Maintenance** – The Chair reported the roundabout had been cut twice, as per the Council agreement. If the Parish Council wished to take over the maintenance, this would need to be done in January 2026, but costs needed to be investigated.
 - b) **Sculpture** – The Chair reported any sculpture would need to be under 1.05m (as advised by the Council) – this would be looked at in more detail once the maintenance was agreed.
19. **To consider items from Councillors: to be received by the Clerk in advance of the meeting –**
 - a) **Cllr Southcott – Forces Silhouettes** – these have been manufactured, and it was hoped would be placed near the noticeboard on Chequers Lane. **ACTION: Clerk** to apply for Street Furniture Licence.
 - b) **Bins** – Two bin quotes had been received, Cllr T Mellor felt these were too expensive and would let the clerk have other options **ACTION: Cllr T Mellor.**
It was noted that two more bins (Opposite the Shop on Chequers Lane and Church Street) had rusted away, so the final purchase would be four bins
20. **To consider correspondence received: all circulated**
21. **To confirm the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 15th October 2025 at the Recreation Centre commencing at 7.30pm.**

Meeting closed at 8.30pm