

Great Ellingham Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held at the Recreation Centre on Wednesday 15 April 2026 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr P Ewin (Chair), Cllr I McDonald, Cllr T Mellor, Cllr P Bonner, & Cllr C Blanchflower
In attendance: Parish Clerk, 7 members of the public

1. **Chairman's Welcome** - The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **To receive apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from Cllr H Mellor & Cllr S Mellor
3. **To receive any declarations of interest on any item on the agenda** – None received
4. **To confirm the Minutes of the meeting on 11th & 18th March 2026** – The Minutes were confirmed to be an accurate record of the meetings and signed by the Chair.
5. **Open Forum – an opportunity for any parishioner to speak on parish matters and to hear reports from District and County Councillors (15 Mins)** –
 - Neither the District or the County Councillors were present
 - A member of the public brought to the Parish Council's attention the change to the heating at the Rec. Centre.
 - Another member of the public reported the 30 MPH zone was to be extended to Attleborough, as per the Notice on the entrance to Rush Meadow development – Cllr McDonald to investigate **ACTION: Cllr McDonald**
 - A member of the Recreation Committee mentioned the bench was to be erected, along with two trees (donated by the planting Group) in memory of Pat Partridge.
6. **To report matters arising not on the Agenda and to hear the Chair's Report** – The Chair reported Cllr Croft had resigned from the Parish Council and he thanked him for his work as a Parish Councillor and welcomed Cllr C Blanchflower to the Council. He also confirmed the Bowsfield planning went through and the S106 was being drafted at present ready for signing.
7. **To receive reports from Councillors and/or Clerk** – None
8. **Open Forum – an opportunity for any parishioner to speak on planning matters (15 mins)**
 - A member of the Recreation Committee requested the resurrection of the new Village Hall sub-committee **ACTION: Chair**
 - Representation was made by the applicants for the planning PL/2026/0456/FMIN.
9. **To consider responses to planning applications, previously circulated** –
Appendix 2: Consultation
PL/2026/0450/FMIN – The plan shows the site boundary outside of the planning boundary and should be raised with the planning department **ACTION: Clerk**
Planning application was supported.
PL/2026/0456/FMIN – Planning application was supported.
10. **To receive the financial report and consider the following payments** – All were agreed.

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11. **To receive an update on the traffic calming along Long Street** : The Chair reported Highways had still not responded with a plan. **ACTION: Chair**
Cllr Bonner congratulated the Speedwatch Team for their efforts which was showing fruition along Long Street. ChitChat were to be asked for volunteers for the Speedwatch Team **ACTION: Clerk**
The Chair read out the recent SNAP report and acknowledged the speeding along West Carr Road and the noisy motorbike.
12. **To receive an update on the new Village Hall** : The Chair reported there was no update.
13. **To discuss the local re-organisation of the councils** : Cllr T Mellor reported the 3 unitary option had been selected.

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14. **To receive an update on the roundabout – maintenance and sculpture :** The Chair reported he was still chasing Kier, but the roundabout had been cut twice so far this year, and it was likely the Parish Council taking over the maintenance would not happen for 2026.
15. **To discuss the Resident Survey :** The Councillors were in agreement that a more defined survey should be rolled out to all residents. The local magazine (The Pump) was to be resurrected, likely June, and would be a good conduit for this.
16. **To discuss Community Asset Transfer :** The Parish Council agreed to not pursue to asset transfer from Breckland District Council for the asset located on Rectory Road, and Hingham Road.
17. **To consider items from Councillors: to be received by the Clerk in advance of the meeting :**
 - a) Cllr McDonald reported communication with the Church Parochial Council and a design has been agreed – he is now to write to the Diocese to discuss funding.
 - b) Cllr Bonner reported bin weights were pending before siting could be arranged.
 - c) Cllr T Mellor confirmed the model document should be completed and circulated for adoption at the next meeting, along with the Grant Funding
 - d) Cllr Bonner confirmed the Assets had been inspected for the year. There were some repair works needing to be carried out on the benches and Defibrillator housing. Also the bus shelter needed to be inspected to see if the cracks were superficial. Quotes to be obtained**ACTION: Cllr Bonner**
18. **To discuss car park marking quotes for the Village Hall :** A second quote had been sought, but questions were raised to the feasibility of remarking the car park without tarmac being laid. So a tarmacking quote to be sought. **ACTION: Recreation Centre Committee**
19. **To discuss responses to Places for People and Persimmon Homes :** Correspondence had been sent to both Places for People and Persimmon Homes for details of their projects.
ACTION: Clerk.
20. **To adopt the Privacy Statement :** The Privacy Statement, as circulated was adopted.
21. **To discuss new Parish Councillor member co-option :** The timeframe for an election request was still ongoing.
22. **To consider correspondence received : all circulated :** A consultation request from Breckland on Planning Application PL/2025/0859/RMIN was received and discussed – no objections were raised.
23. **To confirm the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 20 May 2026 at the Recreation Centre commencing at 7.30pm.**

Meeting closed at 8.15pm