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### **Parish Council Website**

The website <https://littleellinghampc.wixsite.com/littleellinghampc> contains Minutes, Agendas, past newsletters and financial information regarding the Parish Council. It is regularly updated.

### **Dates for your diary**

Informal 'Meet the Parish Council' - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 - 6.30pm, Old School Hall

Parish Council Meeting - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 - 7.30pm, Old School Hall

Friend's of St. Peter's Open Garden Event – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – 2pm-6pm

# Little Ellingham News

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### **Parish Council Meetings**

The next meeting of the Council will be on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019** beginning at 7.30pm. Parishioners are welcome to attend all Council meetings, where they are allowed to speak, during the Open Forum, which is for a short time usually at the start of the meeting. Look out for the agenda displayed during the previous week.

### **Little Ellingham Needs You!**



## MAY 2019

### Become a local councillor: make a difference

Elections for Town & Parish Councils will be held in  
**May 2019.**

If you would like to make a difference and be involved in  
shaping the future of our community, **why not stand for  
election?**

If you are interested, come along to an informal 'meet the  
parish council' session on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 6.30pm at  
Old School Hall to find out what's involved. Our bi-  
monthly meeting follows at 7.30pm.

<https://littleellinghampc.wixsite.com/littleellinghampc>

Are you concerned  
about your local  
area?

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Do you want to  
represent the views  
of local people?

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Do you want to  
contribute your  
business or personal  
skills and expertise?

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Are you passionate  
about services  
provided to your  
community?

Contact Little  
Ellingham Parish  
Council on

01603 712943

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### **What should you do if you discover fly-tipped waste after the tippers have left?**

- Do not touch the waste - Fly-tipped waste can be dangerous - it may contain syringes, broken glass, asbestos toxic chemicals or other hazardous substances
- Try to determine what and how much waste there is
- Take note of the exact location and the time you discovered the waste
- Do not disturb the site: there may be evidence that could help identify the culprits and lead to their prosecution
- Write the details down as soon as possible and report it on line. (<https://www.breckland.gov.uk/flytip>) You may be asked to help make a written statement about what you saw.

### **Dogs in the countryside and Little Ellingham!**

- Keep your dog under close control.
- You and your dog should both keep to the line of the path.
- Please clean up after your dog both in the countryside and on pavements. Fouling is illegal – Including in the Churchyard!
- Please keep your dog on a lead when livestock are in fields.



### **Bottle Bank in Village Hall Car Park**

The Village Hall Committee would like to remind residents that there is a bottle bank in the village hall car park for everybody's use. The Village Hall receives a payment for this, so please support your local village hall by using the bottle bank and help raise much needed funds.

### **How to report Highway problems**

Residents can report problems relating to the Highway online via Norfolk County Council's website at the address below: -

**<https://apps.norfolk.gov.uk/HighwaysDefect/>**

Things such as pot holes, pavements, trees and verges and flooding can be reported. Please do not assume that someone has already reported the issue you

come across. You can also check the website above to see if it has already been reported.

### **Kerry Foods Complaints Process**

It is important that any parishioners who experience an issue with the Kerry Foods operation, report their concerns on the phone number previously communicated (01953 852600).

These complaints are logged by Kerry Foods and reviewed by Breckland Council to understand the impact on our local community. It also ensures that Kerry Foods and your Parish Council can address the issues which are important to our parishioners.

We know that some parishioners also email Tom Connell at Kerry Foods with issues and this route can also be used to log any concerns.

To ensure the Parish Council has full visibility of concerns raised, we would ask that you email a brief summary of the issue to the Parish Clerk or Chairman on the following email addresses. We are keeping a record of all complaints which we will use to discuss and follow up actions with both Kerry Foods and Breckland Council.

Parish Clerk – [little.ellingham@gmail.com](mailto:little.ellingham@gmail.com)

Chairman – [crebisz7@googlemail.com](mailto:crebisz7@googlemail.com)

### **Breckland District Councillor's Report for January and February 2019**

#### **The Local Plan: The Inspector's Modifications**

The Inspector's Examination in Public of the draft Local Plan commenced earlier in 2018, and while he has made a number of modifications to the Breckland text, it may be as late as April 2019, before he releases his final report. Consequently, the adoption of the Local Plan may not take place before June 2019. The Inspector has absolute discretion as to what modifications he wants to make. Should Breckland Council attempt to limit the Inspector's discretion, this would result in the Plan being found unsound and consequently, the Inspector would direct the Council not to adopt the Plan; the outcome of subsequent public consultation notwithstanding. NB: Breckland Council did not specifically invite the Inspector to make the modifications to Policies HOU 04 and HOU 05, as set out below. In order for

the Local Plan to be found sound, it must be able to demonstrate a rolling five-year housing land supply.

The Inspector's letter sets out modifications relating to housing development in the most rural settlements: **"In terms of Policy HOU04 and HOU05, please can the Council draft modifications to remove the 5 and 3 dwelling limits from the policies respectively, as well as criterion 3 of Policy HOU04."** Without the proposed cap the number of dwellings which can come forward under a single application, there is potential that larger sites and higher housing numbers will come forward within the rural settlements, contrary to the original intentions of the Policy.

However, the Policies still contain a number of criteria which should limit the level of development. Policy HOU04 sets out that development should not result in an increase of development by more than 5% of the settlement. Whilst Policy HOU05 no longer contains a cap, it is believed that the wording will still effectively limit the size of development.

#### Governance Review: Recommendation to Boundary Commission

On 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018, Breckland Council unanimously approved the recommendation: "That the boundary of the (civil) parish of Great Ellingham be altered to extend the southern boundary of the parish of Great Ellingham to meet the natural boundary provided by the A11, which currently lies within the parish of Attleborough". The Council's recommendation has now been forwarded to the Boundary Commission for final approval.

When the Attleborough By-pass was dualled, I had sought to have the boundary extended, but at that time there was no support from the relevant community. However, in 2014 residents from West Carr Road area, approached Great Ellingham Parish Council, as they felt that the area no longer had any natural ties with the town of Attleborough, being effectively cut-off by the A11, and their homes being in closer proximity to Great Ellingham. Some parishioners have expressed concern that this extension will result in further development in the parish. The Governance Review has nothing to do with the Local Plan, or development per se.

The extension will place Great Ellingham in a stronger position as it begins to lobby the relevant authorities, to avoid the consequences of a substantial and ongoing increase in traffic use through the centre of the village, following the construction of the Attleborough Link Road. It is feared that once completed the Link Road will encourage traffic, from as far afield as Dereham, Diss and Watton, to access the C136 (Chequers Lane, Long Street and Wroo Road), or Link Road, at the Breckland Lodge Roundabout.

I understand from Breckland Officers, while the extended area will come into Great Ellingham should be Boundary Commission approve, it is probable that the

area will remain in the Attleborough Ward of Burgh & Haverscroft (not Queens Ward as shown on the map) for district purposes until 2023. This has advantages for Great Ellingham in its lobbying over the Link Road. The two Breckland Councillors' for Haverscroft Ward will, for a period, represent an area within Great Ellingham, and will have a duty to attend parish council meetings and to support the parishes interests. Therefore, they will have to balance the town's and parishes interests. Moreover, the same situation is likely to apply to the county council member for Attleborough. For a time, Great Ellingham could have 4 Breckland and 2 County representatives.

#### Norfolk County Council – Parish Update

##### Investment in Special Educational Needs (SEND)

We are looking to invest £120m in specialist school places and services, with up to four new special schools and 170 places in specialist bases at mainstream schools.

In addition, we want to develop more outreach support for children in mainstream schools. Our special schools are among the best in the country, but they are at capacity and we want to create more provision. This will help more children to be taught near to their homes, improve the quality of education for many children and address growing demand for places.

It will require borrowing to develop a widespread building programme with, between three and four new complex needs schools and a range of bases at mainstream schools, specialising in autistic spectrum disorder; learning and cognition needs; social, emotional and mental health needs or speech.

Policy and Resources Committee approved the initial investment of £4.8m in the current financial year to allow the first phase of work to begin as quickly as possible.

A new special school, specialising in social, emotional and mental health, is likely to be the first project to get underway. The school would be developed on the Alderman Swindell School site, in Great Yarmouth.

##### Housing with Care

In October 2018, we agreed to invest £29m to facilitate the development of 2,842 extra care units across the county.

The creation of extra care units across the county will provide many older people with an alternative housing option that recognises their growing care needs and allows them to continue living independently in their local communities.

### The new Early Childhood and Family Service

We ran a public consultation from 17<sup>th</sup> September to get the public's view on our new Early Childhood and Family Service proposals.

This has been an emotive subject with a lot of pressure from the opposition and a hostile media, often both armed with misinformation.

The responses are being analysed and the report drafted for January committee. Members will receive a full briefing on the work to date before any decisions are made.

### Repton Homes

Our own property company Repton Homes, has appointed Norfolk based developer Lovell to build more than 400 new quality homes in Norfolk over the next three years.

The homes will be built in Acle, Hopton and Attleborough, where outline planning permission has already been granted. The plans include a mixture of two, three and four bed properties for sale as well as provision for affordable homes.

### 2018 Budget announcements and what we are spending money on

Highways: -

Since the extra roads funding was announced we've been working hard to plan how to make best use of our £12.7m. Our focus will be on pothole repairs and resurfacing, particularly on a number of roads in the Fens which were badly affected by the hot summer weather. Money will also go towards bridge maintenance, and repairs of signs and drains.

We know that potholes are a big issue for road users so we are grateful for any opportunity to help us improve the condition of roads across Norfolk.

More work will take place across the county in the coming months as the grant needs to be spent before the end of the financial year.

Adults: -

Norfolk County Council plays a critical role on ensuring the health and social care system runs as effectively as possible during winter and other periods of intense pressure. The Government's extra funding of £4.2m to support action on winter pressures will include: -

- £730,000 on measures to avoid unnecessary delays in hospitals for people with mental health difficulties, dementia, plus additional support for people returning to home after discharge.

- £2.2 million for additional reablement – support for people to regain their ability to live independently – plus more preventative work, to avoid hospital admissions.
- £1.1 million to bolster short-term capacity in the care market and to protect the adult social services budget, in the face of sustained pressures.

Other initiatives include: -

- An improved online 'bed tracker' system, to help find care home places for people discharged from hospital
- A dedicated service providing short term support to people coming out of hospital
- A team of trusted assessors based in the acute hospitals to ensure people can return to care homes quickly and safely.

### New Governance Model

We have made the necessary decision to move to the Cabinet System of Governance in May 2019. Lots of hard work has gone into building a new robust and publicly accountable structure and a sound constitution.

We have also taken the decision, following the departure of the Managing Director, to move to an Executive Leader model. This will mean that NCC will truly be a member-led authority, working as one "Team Norfolk" alongside others.

### NCC Business Plan

Over the next few months we will be looking to create a six-year business plan for the Council. Norfolk County Council is a £1.4bn business, a big business delivering services and should be run like a business. This plan will give a clear corporate vision on how we work in the future and target our resources. A key element will be to have a shared plan across the whole Council so that departments no longer work in silos.