



Little Ellingham News

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CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2020

All dates are at 7.30pm in Old School Hall unless stated otherwise.

4th March 2020

6th May 2020

1st July 2020

2nd September 2020

4th November 2020

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LITTLE ELLINGHAM VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU!

Over the last year the Parish Council have been trying to encourage parishioners to support the management of the Village Hall so that we can keep this valuable asset running for the good of the community.

Unfortunately, we have struggled to get any additional villagers to join the management committee. The current committee is short on numbers and that means the majority of work required to keep the hall running is falling on a very small number of people.

In terms of the finances of the Village Hall, we are spending more each year than we are making in bookings. Our reserves will start to be used up to manage some property improvements which are required to both heating and damp issues.

We are getting to a point where we, as a village, have to decide what we want to do with the hall going forward. Do we want to increase usage of the facility, which will require willing volunteers? Do we reconsider the future of the hall? Or should the parish council increase Council Tax paid by everyone so that the village hall can be subsidised?

These decisions are ones that all residents need to be engaged with as they will have longer term impacts on the village.

In the coming months we are looking to send out a survey to every household in the parish with specific questions around the future of the hall. We are asking all parishioners to complete and return to the village hall (anomalously if you wish). Once we have the responses, we can make some decisions about the future of the village hall.

Please can we ask that you take part in this survey and help to shape the future of the hall.

Kerry Foods Complaints Process

Can we remind residents that it is important that you raise complaints with Kerry Foods when appropriate as this supports our ongoing dialogue. Details of the complaints process are included in the newsletter.

We would also encourage residents to raise complaints with Breckland Council - the website address for noise complaints is attached <https://www.breckland.gov.uk/reportnoisenuisance>. It is important that Breckland Council are aware of any issues residents face with Kerry Foods as they regularly review complaint numbers in their discussions with the company and any enforcement requirements arising from these complaints.

It is important that any parishioners who experience an issue with the Kerry Foods operation, report their concerns on the phone number and email address previously communicated (01953 852600) Paul.Dauny@kerryfoods.co.uk.

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.

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 Chairman – crebisz7@googlemail.com

Community Speed Watch for Little Ellingham?

Are you tired of drivers not sticking to the speed limit? Are you concerned that individuals are making the roads unsafe in the Parish? Do you have some spare time that you might be able to offer to help tackle the problem of speeding in our community? Would you be interested in taking part in a Community Speed Watch?

Little Ellingham Parish Council would like to set up a Community Speed Watch Scheme in the Parish and needs volunteers. After receiving full training and with the full support of the Parish Council, Norfolk Safety Camera Partnership and Norfolk Police, teams of volunteers are issued with a speed radar gun, two Community Speed Watch signs and reflective jackets. The volunteers then carry out speed checks in 30 and 40 mph limits working to Norfolk Constabulary Guidelines. Owners of offending vehicles will be written to by Norfolk Police in the first instance, persistent offenders will be targeted for police enforcement.

If you would like to become a volunteer (a minimum of six is required – minimum 18 years of age) the please contact the Clerk to the Council on 01603 712943 or email little.ellingham@gmail.com



Parish Matters

Dogs in the Countryside, Farmland and Little Ellingham

- Keep your dog under close control.
- Always carry a dog poo bag and clean up after your dog both in countryside and on pavements. Fouling is illegal – including in the **Churchyard and the Common!**
- You and your dog should both keep to the line of the path and please keep your dog on a lead when livestock are in fields.

Bottle Bank in the 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 it has already been reported.

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 online (<https://www.breckland.gov.uk/flytip>) You may be asked to help make a written statement about what you saw.

Thank you to the Baker Family

The Parish Council would like to thank the Baker Family for organising the annual visit from Father Christmas in the Parish. It is much appreciated.

Tell the Parish Council what you would like to see in the Parish!

Each year Town and Parish Councils are invited by Norfolk County Council to submit bids for highway improvement schemes. Recently this scheme has part funded the flashing sign (SAM2) that you will have seen pop up around the Parish. The types of highway improvements that can be bid for are as follows: -

- Small lengths of formal footway
- Trods (a simplified and low cost footway)
- Improved crossing facilities
- Improvements to Public Rights of Way
- Flashing signs to tackle speeding (Speed Awareness Mobile Signs (SAM2))
- Part-time 20mph signs with flashing warning lights outside schools
- "Keep Clear" carriageway markings outside schools
- New Bus Shelters.

The Parish Council would like to know what residents of the Parish would like to see us bid for to be implemented. Please let the Clerk know your thoughts, ideas and suggestions by 1st June 2020.

General Information

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Wednesday 4th March 2020** 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. The website <https://littleellinghampc.wixsite.com/littleellinghampc> contains Minutes, Agendas, past newsletters and financial information regarding the Parish Council. It is regularly updated.

County Councillor: Mr Edward Connolly Email: ed.connolly.cllr@norfolk.gov.uk

District Councillor: Sarah Suggitt Email: sarah.suggitt@breckland.gov.uk



Little Ellingham Parish Council

To coincide with the Great British Spring Clean - there will be a Litter Pick on:

Saturday 28th March 2020, 2 to 4 pm

Residents who wish to take part and to help clean up the four roads leading out of Little Ellingham are invited to meet at the Village Hall at 2pm when equipment will be issued.

We look forward to seeing you there!

VE DAY

75TH ANNIVERSARY

A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

8 - 10 MAY 2020

VE DAY CELEBRATION

We would like to arrange a community event to mark the 75th Anniversary of VE Day, to be held at the Old School Hall and around the village.

If you have any ideas as to how to celebrate this anniversary or would like to get involved in arrangements then please contact Sarah at sl.grout@btinternet.com or 07766564141