

Little Ellingham News



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Parish Council Meetings

The next meeting of the Council will be on **Wednesday 4th May 2022 at Old School Hall**, beginning at 7.30pm. Parishioners are welcome to attend all Council meetings, where they are allowed to speak, but only 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.

Ever thought of being a parish councillor?

As you will have seen from previous newsletters, we have been seeking for some time to fill a vacancy for a Parish Councillor following Caroline Rebisz' move away from the village, and now a second vacancy has arisen with Carol Warwick having resigned due to other commitments. Against this background, we thought it might be a good idea to say a few words about the role of Parish Councillor and how worthwhile it is.

Parish Councils affect the lives of villagers in several ways. For example, the Council deals with maintenance of the Greens, helps ensure footpaths and other rights of way are accessible, liaises with the County Council over highway matters, oversees management of the village hall, comments on planning applications, and even contributes to planning policy (a couple of years ago we fed comments into Breckland Council's Local Plan when it was revised in order to reflect the National Planning Policy Framework).

The Council meets every two months, normally on a Wednesday evening, and meetings usually last for no more than an hour or sometimes a bit longer depending on the how much business there is to discuss. Agendas and supporting papers are circulated by the Clerk, Melanie Eversfield, a week in advance, but there is seldom an excessive amount of paperwork to read beforehand.

Your Councillors are:

Peter Griffiths (Chairman), Alex FitzGerald and Stuart Knight

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The editor Melanie Eversfield, email: little.ellingham@gmail.com welcomes your comments and village news about events, etc. Please submit information for the next issue **no later than 1st April 2022**

Regular Events at Little Ellingham Village Hall – March 2022

Mondays Yoga with Sorrel 7.00 – 8.30pm

Tuesdays Crafternoon 1.30 – 3.30pm

Bring a craft project to share or learn something new. All welcome. £1.50 per head.

Thursdays Mardle 10.00am – 12.00pm

Join us for tea or coffee, cake and a chat. All welcome. £1.50 per head.

Thursday Spring Flower Arranging Workshops 7 – 9pm

March 3rd, 17th, 31st, April 14th

Little Ellingham Village Hall is available for private hire.

Please contact LEVillageHall@gmail.com for further information

Outside the usual pattern of meetings, there may be occasional planning applications to comment on, or external meetings which Councillors are delegated to attend, for example the Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel.

Despite this relatively modest time commitment, there is a lot of satisfaction to be gained from making a significant contribution to our local environment for the benefit of the whole community.

Please feel free to talk to Melanie Eversfield or the current chairman, Peter Griffiths, if you would like to know more about the Council's work.

Pilgrim Foods Update and Complaints Process

The Kerry Foods operation in Little Ellingham has been purchased and is now run by Pilgrim's Foods Masters and we can confirm that complaints will be dealt with in the same way as before. So, if any parishioners do experience an issue with the Pilgrim's Food Masters operation, report these on the usual phone number 01953 852600. In the past some parishioners have also emailed Paul Dauny at Kerry Foods with issues and this route can also be used to log any concerns. Paul's new email address is PAUL.DAUNY@pilgrimsfoodmasters.com.

All complaints should be logged by Pilgrim's Food Masters and reviewed by Breckland Council in order to understand the impact on our local community.

To ensure the Parish Council still 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 will continue to keep a record of all complaints which we will use to discuss and follow up actions with both Pilgrim's Food Masters and Breckland Council.

Parish Clerk – little.ellingham@gmail.com

Chairman – peter.griffiths@afiweb.net

Parish Litter Pick

The Parish Council will be hosting a litter pick of the village on **Saturday 2nd April 2022 meeting at Old School Hall**, 2pm to 4pm. Parishioners are welcome to take part.

The Queens Platinum Jubilee 2022 – How do you want to celebrate as a village?

In June 2022, the United Kingdom will once again be in the spotlight around the world while we raise a glass in celebration of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's 70 Year Reign. The May Bank Holiday has been moved and extended to Thursday 2nd June 2022 and with an extra Bank Holiday on Friday the 3rd of June where we will enjoy a nationwide 4-day celebration to include splendour and pageantry like only the British know how.

Our Royal Jubilee events are synonymous with street parties and gatherings up and down the country, friends and neighbours will get together to enjoy this historic event and to show support and thanks for our Monarch Queen Elizabeth II. The Platinum Jubilee is set to be even more extraordinary than the Diamond Jubilee and that was spectacular. We can expect to see creative displays within the Royal Household along with the latest digital technological displays that have since evolved.

The Parish Council would like to hear your thoughts on how we can celebrate this momentous occasion. On Friday 18th March 2022 at 7pm we are hosting an open meeting to seek the villagers' views on what how, when and where we can celebrate. We must ask how you can contribute in organising any events?

Please let us know by either attending the meeting in person on 18th March, emailing little.ellingham@gmail.com or posting a note through the village hall letter box.

Please note that if we do not receive any feedback or offers of help then we are afraid that due to time constraints we will not be able to host any events.