

# Little Ellingham News

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## Parish Council Meetings

The next meeting of the Council will be on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018** 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.

## Update from meeting with Kerry Foods

A meeting took place with Kerry Foods and Breckland Council on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018. The meeting was a useful session and we have outlined some of the key points discussed below: -

- Complaints – Any complaints received via the agreed complaints process are reviewed by Breckland Council as part of their overview of activity. Therefore, it is important that if parishioners feel they need to complain that they follow the process agreed and share a copy with the Chairman or Clerk so that we can keep track. From the figures shared at the meeting the number of complaints is falling which is showing progress.
- Odour Management – Kerry Foods are changing their systems to allow for better filtration of cooking/cleaning smells and Phase 1 of the long-term solution took place in April/May. Kerry Foods believe that Phase 1 has already been a success as they have seen a decrease in the number of complaints received. Phase 2 will cost Kerry Foods in the region of £260,000 and this was due to be put before their Board of Directors in August for approval. Once approved it is hoped that the new full system will be in place towards the end of 2018.
- Noise Management – There have been issues with the boiler and a temporary boiler was brought in. Kerry Foods realised that the temporary boiler was not working effectively and therefore got the contractor back to do remedial works in order to resolve the issue. This temporary boiler will be in situ until February/March time when

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**The Council's website is:**  
<https://littleellinghampc.wixsite.com/littleellinghampc>

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 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

## 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

Parish Council Meeting - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018 - 7.30pm, Old School Hall

a new, permanent, boiler is installed. It was also noted that the main air compressor broke down for a period of 36-48 hours and therefore a temporary air compressor was brought in. There was lots of pressure to keep noise to a minimum. This issue has now been fully resolved.

- Effluent / Water Waste Disposal – Effluent/waste water is still being disposed of in the Parish and it was noted that the contractor was not abiding by the travel plan that is in force at Kerry Foods. Scott Turner has dealt with this situation and it should now be resolved. It was noted that Kerry Foods must employ a contractor who is licenced appropriately through the Environment Agency.
- Highways/Traffic Management – Scott confirmed he will continue to address issues where HGVs are coming through the village against the travel plan. The Parish Council have also asked that Kerry Foods re-iterate to staff the importance of not going through the village at speed.
- Light Pollution – Kerry Foods have addressed the issues previously raised by the Parish Council and we will continue to monitor this aspect, especially during the winter months when we have longer nights, no leaves on the trees and when light pollution is more noticeable.
- Kerry Foods Post Code – Scott continues to face a challenge with this within Kerry Foods Board of Directors and will keep the Parish Council updated.

### **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**

- 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.

### **Little Ellingham Village Hall**

Little Ellingham Village Hall is an excellent venue for events, including wedding receptions, parties, committee meetings and club activities.

Bookings can be from individuals or organisations, both on a long-term basis or separate one-off events.

### **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)

### **Funding available for local community groups**

Are you a Breckland based community group or charity looking to raise valuable core funds? If so, you could be eligible to sign up to the 'Our Breckland Lottery' and receive 50% of ticket sales generated by your supporters. This is paid directly into your bank account each month, at absolutely zero cost to your group.

With over 50 organisations already signed up across the Breckland district, supporters have generated over £15,000 for organisations in the first 4 months. The initiative, funded by Breckland Council, provides local good causes with a steady stream of income, enabling them to buy new equipment, refurbish premises, or continue to provide vital free services to the community.

Weekly draws happen every Saturday, with tickets only £1 and a jackpot prize of £25,000! There's already been over 300 winners of cash prizes and add on bonuses, including Annual Membership to Parkwood Leisure and FREE tickets to Roarr! Dinosaur Adventure.

For more details on signing up or to buy tickets for your local good cause please visit: [www.ourbrecklandlottery.co.uk](http://www.ourbrecklandlottery.co.uk)

For general queries contact: [community@breckland.gov.uk](mailto:community@breckland.gov.uk) or call 01362 470707.

### **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.

Norfolk County Council has again provisionally allocated £325,000 on a 50/50 basis, with an upper limit on Norfolk County Council funding support of £25,000 per bid, to fund schemes put forward by Town and Parish Councils to deliver projects that are priorities for local communities.

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 in 2019/2020. Please let the Clerk know your thoughts, ideas and suggestions via email at [little.ellingham@gmail.com](mailto:little.ellingham@gmail.com) by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

### **Report from Breckland Councillor Bill Smith – September 2018**

**Better Broadband for Norfolk (BBfN) – Breckland Council Highlight Report August 2018**

For information the latest report for Breckland from Better Broadband for Norfolk. This shows that a super-fast broadband coverage in the district has now reached 89%. Coverage is expected to increase by a further 5% by the end of June 2020.

These figures demonstrate coverage has reached 89%. The table reports coverage provided via the Better Broadband for Norfolk rollout: -

Available from commercially funded roll-out = 30%

Available via better broadband for Norfolk Contract 1 = 49%

Delivered via Contract 2 End June 2018 = 10%

Will be delivered by the end of contract 2 (June 2020) = 5%

No fibre solution planned = 6%

Total coverage at end of June 2018 = 89%

Independent coverage data: -

Think Broadband

Superfast UK	>24 Mbps	88.54%
Superfast EU	>30 Mbps	87.96%
Openreach	>30 Mbps	87.96%
Ultrafast	>100 Mbps	0.21%
Openreach	FTTP (Native)	0.21%
Below 2 Mbps	(USC)	2.46%
Below 10 Mbps	(USO)	8.41%
Below 15 Mbps		9.42%
Virgin Media Cable		0.00%
FTTP or FTTH		0.21%

This information is from the independent Think Broadband website and shows coverage in Breckland. This website sources data from infrastructure suppliers and Internet Service Providers and includes data for all deployments, commercially funded and those using public subsidy. A range of speeds are reported, the two key UK government measures are 24Mbps+ and the percentage of properties with access to a speed of less than 2Mbps. This information allows the proportion of properties between 15Mbps and 24Mbps to be calculated – 2%.  
<http://labs.thinkbroadband.com/local/breckland.E07000143>

Openreach deployment:

BBfN Contract 1 implemented 680 fibre cabinets across Norfolk to serve 42% of Norfolk properties, doubling coverage. This second contract will implement over 1,100 further fibre structures to serve another 11% of Norfolk's properties.

By the end of March 2020, over £50 million of public sector investment via BBfN programme will provide access to Superfast broadband for 95% of Norfolk properties.

The rollout is based on the cost to provide a specific fibre solution, divided by the number of properties that will benefit providing a per property cost. Funding is used on this basis, however District funding is only spent within that District.

To the end of June 2018 the second contract has implemented 61 new fibre cabinets and six Fibre to the Premises solutions (FTTP) across Breckland Council which have provided access to fast broadband for over 5,700 Breckland Council properties.

The order of the rollout continues to be based on the most efficient possible, to ensure as many properties as possible have access to Superfast speeds by minimising deployment costs. 18 more cabinets and 6 FTTP solutions have begun implementation in Breckland Council and a further 45 surveys have been completed.

Breckland Council Governance Review

In response to requests for a review of local governance arrangements, Breckland has over the past several months undertaken a detailed Governance Review, which included two public consultation exercises. Two of the requests sought changes in Parish/Town boundaries at Thetford and Great Ellingham. The third was a request by Carbrooke Parish Council, for the appointment of an additional parish councillor.

The changes sought by Great Ellingham, arose from a request by some of the residents of West Carr Road, to transfer the area, including Long Street, Swangy Lane and Wroo Road, from Attleborough to the Civil Parish of Great Ellingham. The justification for such a transfer being, that since the dualling of the A11 Attleborough By-pass, the western side of Attleborough was now effectively cut off and isolated from the town and, consequently, the area had now a much greater affinity with the Parish of Great Ellingham. Moreover, following a plebiscite organised by Great Ellingham Parish Council, of all residents of the area; the result was a majority (indeed it almost unanimous) in favour of the proposal to transfer the area from the Township of Attleborough to the Civil Parish of Great Ellingham. At its meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2018, the Sub-Committee overseeing the Governance Review, decided to recommend the transfer to Breckland Council for approval and implementation.