

# Little Ellingham News

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## Parish Council Meetings

The next meeting of the Council will be on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 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!

At the March Council meeting we recognised the great service give to the Parish by Councillor Richard Baker and Councillor Ian Baggott who have made the decision to step down from the Parish Council in May. Both have given long term support to the parish and Richard held the role as Chairman for a number of years. A big thank you to Richard and Ian for their commitment and passion over the years.

We are looking for one or two new councillors to fill these boots. If you are interested in standing for the role of Parish Councillor then do please contact Caroline Rebisz or Peter Griffiths who have all the necessary information and paperwork to support your application.

Closing date for applications is 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 and further information can be found here:

<https://www.breckland.gov.uk/article/10516/District-and-Parish-Elections-2019>

## Your Councillors are:

Caroline Rebisz (Chairman), Peter Griffiths (Vice Chair), Ian Baggott, Richard Baker and Gordon Greenwood

All can be contacted via the **Clerk**: Melanie Eversfield  
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**County Councillor:** Mr Edward Connolly  
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**District Councillor:** William (Bill) Smith  
Email: william.smith@breckland.gov.uk

## 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> May 2019**

## 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

Village Litter Pick – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – 2pm-4pm – Old School Hall  
Local Parish Elections – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 - Old School Hall  
Friend's of St. Peter's Open Garden Event – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – 2pm-6pm  
Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – 7.30pm – Old School Hall

### **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)

### **Farmland in the Parish of Little Ellingham**

We would like to bring to the attention of parishioners that the boundary grass areas round fields are in specified Environment Schemes. These are very specific and not for access to people to walk or exercise their dogs. Please use the network of footpaths and comply with the Countryside Code. Any person found trespassing on these areas or elsewhere may be prosecuted. Walking any dog, you should by law carry poo bags and pick up after your dog. The dog cannot do this, it is the responsibility of the owner. This applies to land owned by: -

H. C. Beales & Co

R. Daniels & Son

R. Baker & Son

N & A Armsby

### Upcoming Tree Works in the Parish

Each year the parish council commissions a tree health survey of all the trees on the Green as well as those on the open space in Church Avenue. This is to ensure that none of the trees are diseased or at risk of unexpectedly losing branches or major limbs, especially when there are gales or high winds. This is particularly important on The Green which is used extensively by people on foot, but also where nearly all the trees overhang the highway.

This year's survey has identified the need to fell two trees, an oak, infected with honey fungus, near Trinity Cottage, and a Horse Chestnut close to the entrance to White Lodge Farm which is affected by another fungus, Ganoderma sp. In both cases the fungus causes the trees to rot from within and makes them unstable. Hence the requirement to fell and remove them.

The survey also recommends the removal of deadwood from a number of other trees on The Green. All the trees on The Green are protected by a tree preservation order, and so the Council has had to ask Breckland Council for consent for these works. This has been granted, but is subject to two new trees being planted to replace those being felled.

The Council is in the midst of seeking quotations for this work which is likely to be undertaken later this spring. Whilst this is underway, there will be an element of disruption with parts of The Green needing to be roped off, and possibly temporary traffic lights or some other form of traffic control. Obviously, we will aim to keep any disruption to a minimum.

Keep an eye on the noticeboards for updates about all of this, but if in the meantime you have any questions about any aspect of this work, please speak to the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, Caroline Rebisz or Peter Griffiths.

Little Ellingham Village Hall

# QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 3rd May - doors open 7.30

Bring your own drinks and snacks

Tea, coffee and cakes provided!



£3 per person - maximum team of 6

Entry on door - or book your team via email to

[sl.grout@btinternet.com](mailto:sl.grout@btinternet.com)

Little Ellingham Village Hall - registered charity number 267849



### **Little Ellingham Parish Council**

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

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2019, 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!