



Little Ellingham News

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CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 19/20

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

6th November 2019

8th January 2020

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LITTLE ELLINGHAM VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU!

Our village hall is a huge asset to the community and one that I know many of you treasure.

As a Parish Council we are keen to see the hall continue as a success and to do this we need your help.

We are delighted to let you know that Sarah Drewery has agreed to stand as Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee. Sarah needs a team of people to support her on the committee. The more volunteers we get, the more we can spread out responsibilities and ensure the committee has fun whilst promoting the hall.

We are looking for people who are enthusiastic and keen to get involved in any way they can. The key activities of the committee cover the following:

- Promotion of the hall both locally and in the wider neighbourhood. I know Sarah has lots of great ideas on how we can promote the hall so will be keen to drive this forward with your help.
- Events - staging social and other events. Sarah was very much involved in organising the recent quiz night which was a huge success. We are keen to see more of these events.
- Day to day management of the hall - keeping everything clean and tidy. The parish council will consider the need for temporary cleaners to be employed if events in the hall increase in number
- Security - making sure the hall is locked and alarmed after events.
- Bookings and hiring of the hall including collection of the funds. Sarah has taken on the organisation of this. The Parish Council are looking to develop our website and email account to make booking the hall a really easy process.

If you think you can help, we would be delighted to hear from you. please contact Sarah Drewery on sl.grout@btopenworld.com, phone number 851440 or Caroline Rebisz on crebisz7@googlemail.com, phone number 850491.

Please come and join the team and let's get the Village Hall a hive of activity.

Kerry Foods Update - September 2019

Kerry Foods planning submission 3PL/2019/0467/VAR was discussed at Breckland Council Planning Committee on Monday 2nd September.

The Parish Council have been working hard over recent months engaging with George Freeman MP, Councillor Sarah Suggitt (who is a member of the planning committee) and Kerry Foods to try and mitigate the impact of this planning submission on the village. The latest submission removes the planning condition which prevented Kerry Foods from operating 24/7 in their new kitchen.

At the planning committee the Parish Council are given 3 minutes to speak and we took that opportunity to seek a condition which could enforce Kerry Foods to investigate some form of silencer or muffle on the new odour management system to reduce the noise experienced by a number of residents. There is evidence that the new system has increased the noise levels experienced and, whilst this is within British Standards, we were keen to get action agreed. We also raised the recent odour issues experienced over the bank holiday weekend. We looked for commitment from Kerry Foods to encourage their staff to behave responsibly when travelling through the village and for every effort to be made to keep the sky dark at night with responsible lighting.

It is with regret that I advise you that Breckland Councillors unanimously approved the planning submission without formally recognising the issues we raised on behalf of the parish. The Parish Council is extremely disappointed with this decision. We will continue to work hard with Kerry Foods to address residents' concerns.

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.

The Parish Councils of Little Ellingham and Great Ellingham have been working together with Kerry Foods to establish a Community Liaison Group. Our joint aim is to ensure that there are good channels of communication between the community and Kerry Foods.

As part of this engagement Kerry Foods have offered to host an Open Day session at the site. Local residents will be able to visit the factory, meet the management team and see the operation in action. I have had the opportunity to tour the factory and found it a very useful experience.

The initial Open Day is scheduled for the afternoon of 15th November commencing 2pm.

If you would like to attend the event could you email crebisz7@googlemail.com so that I can register your interest.

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 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

Parish Matters

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 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 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.

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. However, Farmers and Landowners have clear responsibilities relating to the maintenance of public rights of way, and you can read about these at <http://norfolk.gov.uk/ut-and-about-in-norfolk/public-rights-of-way/about-public-rights-of-way>

St Peter's Church

Following the completion of the tea point in the Church, there is a small number of pews which are surplus to requirements, and available for purchase. For more information, please get in touch with Peter Griffiths on 01953 850722 or peter.griffiths@afiweb.net

SAM2 – vehicle activated sign

On behalf of the Parish Council and Village, I would like to express my dismay at the individual who thought it was appropriate to move the SAM2 machine over the weekend of 5th and 6th October. It was moved by me on the Saturday (in order to comply with Norfolk County Council's siting requirements); however, it was discovered that somebody then rotated it through 180° back to its original position. To do so would have required a considerable amount of force as the machines are locked into place. In doing this there is a significant risk of damage to what is a circa £4k piece of equipment. It is clear this wasn't a bit of mischief so this compounds the disappointment that whoever did it, didn't feel they could approach the Parish Council to discuss the matter. Since the new Parish Council was formed this year, we have strived at keeping everyone as informed and involved as much as possible in village matters. A simple email or call could have addressed this issue. In the meantime, the sign has been taken down so a careful inspection can be made to ensure there is no damage to the casing. There are delicate electronics inside and the absolute integrity of the casing is paramount to prevent any moisture ingress.

If there is any damage that requires fixing and has a cost implication, then of course the matter would become one of criminal damage. On behalf of the Parish Council, I'd be grateful if you could let us have any information about this matter. Thank you. Councillor Atherton.

What would you like to see in our five year plan for health and care?



Making Norfolk and Waveney a healthier place to live

Every day we make choices that affect our own health and wellbeing, and many of us spend time caring for other people too - our partners, children, parents and friends. As a result, we all have lots of experiences of caring for others, and being cared for. Local NHS and care organisations are working together to develop a five-year plan for health and care in Norfolk and Waveney. We need you to turn all your experiences into good ideas about how we can improve the health and wellbeing of people living locally.

Join our online conversation to share your ideas about how we can make Norfolk and Waveney a healthier place to live, and to see what other people are saying too. Your ideas might just save a life, so get involved and tell us what you want to see in our five-year plan for health and care. <https://ingoodhealth.dialogue-app.com/>

Come & see the
NEW TEA-POINT



St. Peter's Church
Little Ellingham
10-12pm -26 October

Buy, play, eat & chat!

Blessing on Sunday at Benefice Service

General Information

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Wednesday 6th November 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.

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

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