

2018

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18th November 2018 - ICO Decision announced

In 2017 a complaint was made to the Information Commissioner (ICO) by a resident, and the council recently received the [result of the ICO's deliberations](#). This is the culmination of a period of several years during which the council had to deal with a large volume of work generated by the complainant, as documented in the ICO's decision notice. The Commissioner does not require the council to take any steps.

November 2018 - Computer Club closes

After several years of operation, the Computer Club closed in November 2018 due to insufficient membership to keep it viable.

At the first AGM in May 2003 thirteen people were present. Stuart Phillips was elected as Chairman, Robin Richardson as Secretary, Ken Spencer as Treasurer, Eric Zeichner as Technical Officer and Ann Saunders Press Officer.

The Secretary set about raising funds for equipment. The first of many successful applications was a grant from The National Lottery, Awards for All of £2822 together with a further £1093. SNDC provided £1212 from their Community Grant Scheme. The village charities gave further support over the years. A collection of 10 laptops, printers, projector and screen, a scanner and digital camera was gradually accumulated thanks to Robin's hard work on successful grant applications.

In May 2007 BT Community Funding provided a laptop, a BT phone line and connection to Broadband for one year. When this funding ceased, we relied on a connection to mobile broadband, which was a cheaper option to get online.

The offer of a free Broadband connection at the Hall was offered by B4RN in return for using the Hall as a hub but alas that did not come to fruition.

Over the 15 years just about every aspect of personal computing has been covered and many members have been helped on the way to becoming competent users. Others have been challenged to learn new things. Learning from each other, sharing experience and knowledge has been a feature of the Club.

Our Technical Officers were key to delivering their expertise and we are extremely grateful to Eric Zeichner, Mike Wickenden, Matt Smith and Brian Norman, who each in their turn brought new ideas to the Club. They responded to the needs of individuals and exhibited much patience. We would not have functioned without them.

Some of the projects taken on include:

- Setting up the Village Photographic Archive and putting on public presentations and exhibitions
- Setting up a village website

- Printing calendars
- Staging a Vintage Games evening
- Running Saturday Drop-ins
- Staging a Photo Competition
- Demonstrations of the uses of a 3D printer.

Social events included Christmas parties and meals out.

The projector, screen and remaining funds will be offered to the Kirby Cane Memorial Hall for use by the community, as laid down in our Constitution.

October 2018 - Free bus service ceased

On October 27th 2018 the trial of the free bus service running through the villages between Beccles and Bungay was ceased, citing insufficient demand. One area of need was for pupils attending Bungay High School, so the Bungay High School Bus was rerouted to service this requirement.

There is a charge involved and if you are interested in booking a place, please contact Lambert Coaches.

September 2018 Bad weather affects playing field party

Unfortunately a spell of bad weather meant that the party planned for the playing field had to be cancelled. Being an open air event, the wind and rain meant that it would not be practical to hold the event.

Weather permitting, there should be another party in 2019.

8th May 2018 - Kirby Cane & Ellingham Litter Pick

The warm, sunny day on the 8th May 2018 was a welcome change for those involved in the first litter pick in Kirby Cane and Ellingham. Part of the Big South Norfolk Litter Pick, supported by the district council, seven volunteers collected nine bags of waste and two of recyclable material from the roads and byways in the two villages. South Norfolk Council provided grabbers, gloves, high visibility jerkins and waste bags.



Large amounts of fast food containers and drinks cans were collected – a sad reflection on life today. There is a ‘throw-away’ society, unable to dispose of their own waste responsibly; to counter this containers should be biodegradable. One of the stranger things found was a computer printer and two of our pickers found flooring waste, including tiles thought to contain asbestos, dumped near the footpath on the bypass.

Many thanks to: Lesley, Sarah, Betsy, John, Alison, Helen & Iain.

Another pick will be arranged this winter, so it will be easier to find the litter blown/thrown into the base of hedges. Meanwhile, if you see large amounts of litter or fly tipping, please contact South Norfolk District Council on 01508 533701.

2nd April 2018 - Rev. Julie Oddy-Bates retires

The Revd Julie Oddy-Bates, Priest-in-Charge of the Waveney (Geldeston) Benefice, which includes Gillingham, Geldeston, Stockton, Ellingham and Kirby Cane retired.

Julie's husband, Peter Bates, also retired as editor of the Tidings magazine.

24th March 2018 - Official opening of Ellingham village sign

Richard Lees explained how the new village sign came to be, see [full article](#).



Greater Norwich local Plan - January to March 2018

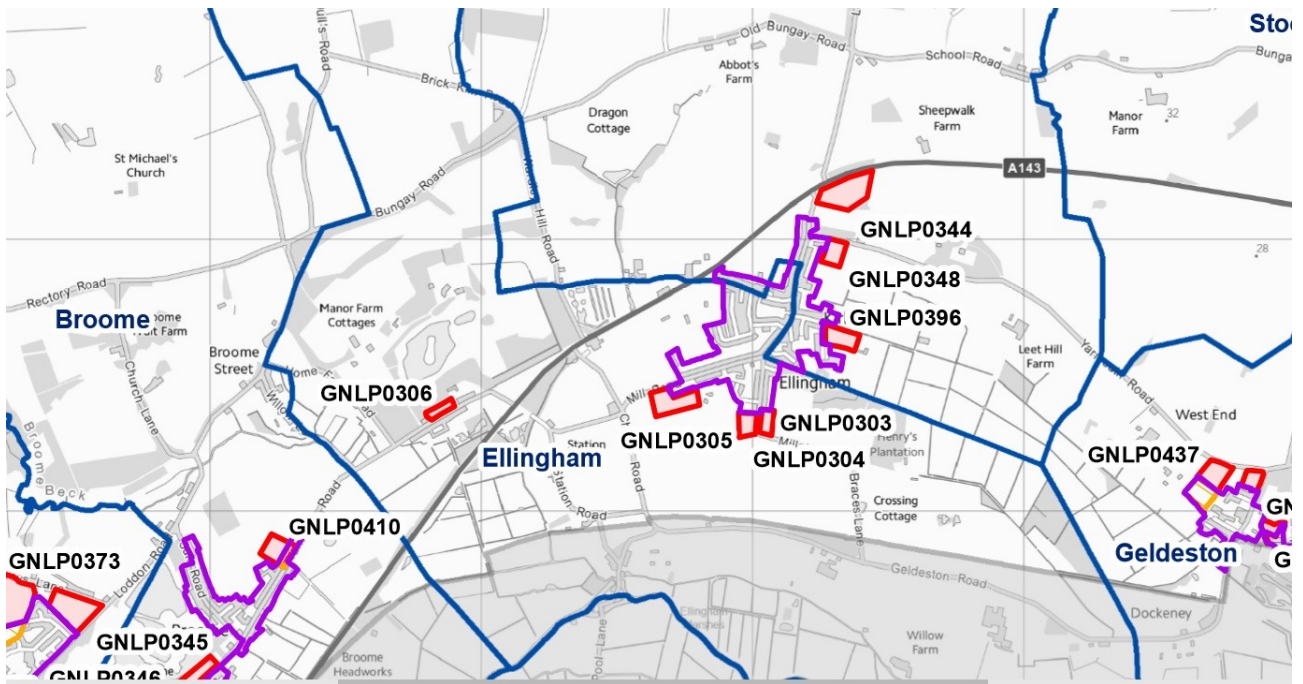
You might have noticed a snippet in the press about the GNLP. Well, as usual, it is not the easiest of council processes to follow but here is my understanding of the situation so far. Please let me know if you think I've got something wrong. If you object to any of their sites please raise your concerns on their web pages - I found it difficult both to navigate and to find how to object - you will need to register. If you wish to comment, please do so by 15/3/2018. I hope the following will be of help to you.

The GNLP (<http://www.greaternorwichgrowth.org.uk/planning/greater-norwich-local-plan/>) will affect building development and the present consultation runs until 15/3/2018, see <http://www.gnlp.org.uk/have-your-say/>

“At this stage no decisions have been made about which sites should or should not be included in the emerging plan; however, where sites have been assessed, this document, and the supporting evidence in the Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) give an early indication about their possible suitability.”

Kay Billig, our district councillor, informed the parish council that this is an initial consultation and that only about 10% of these sites will eventually be adopted. If/when they are, they will all have to go through the formal planning process. At the time of writing, there have been seven sites put forward for consideration within Ellingham and Kirby Cane.

The GNLP will be adopted in 2020 and the sites that have been selected will be built on between then and 2036. The sites shown at the moment were submitted up to 31/7/2017. The council are still calling for new (additional) sites to be put forward. The settlement summaries made so far “do not confirm that a site is suitable for allocation, or give any indication that planning permission would be granted”.



GNL's Settlement Summary for the sites put forward in Ellingham and Kirby cane (see map):

Kirby Cane/Ellingham is classified as a Service Village in the JCS. The settlement has facilities including a primary school, shop and village hall. The main development of Kirby Cane and Ellingham is concentrated around Mill Road, Mill Lane and Yarmouth Road, with estate development south of Yarmouth Road and on a more limited scale to the east of Mill Road and Mill Lane.

Three sites have been submitted for consideration for future development through the GNL in Kirby Cane and four sites in Ellingham.

Site GNL0344 is adjacent to the A143 to the north of Kirby Cane. Therefore, noise mitigation measures are likely to be required. The site is also slightly remote from the existing built up area and consequently less sympathetic to its built form. To the east of Kirby Cane sites 0348 and 0396 are located adjacent to the built up area within the Waveney Valley, and are all affected by a low chance of surface water flooding. In terms of access, sites 0349, 0396 are more constrained than sites 0344, 0348 to the north of the parish which front onto less narrow roads.

To the south in Ellingham parish sites 0303, 0304 and 0305 are located adjacent to the built up area and within the Waveney Valley. Site 0305 is nearest to the local school. In terms of access, all of the sites to the south have potential vehicular access constraints, but these could be overcome through development and it is believed that subject to suitable footpath provision any potential impact on the functioning of local roads could be reasonably mitigated. Site 0306 is on Yarmouth Road some distance away from the settlement and consequently has poor access to services and is unsympathetic to the existing built form of the villages.

Overall, if Kirby Cane/ Ellingham is identified as a location for additional housing, a number of sites have been submitted which could be considered further, with site 0350 offering better access to the local school in comparison to other sites. The main constraint in this settlement is proximity to environmentally sensitive sites in the neighbouring Broads Authority area. As such further assessment may be

required to ascertain impacts and mitigation measures. In terms of utilities and local infrastructure, improvements to water recycling centre treatment capacity and sewerage infrastructure may be required.

I've left the GNLP's typos in the above and I think, when they refer to site 0350 as having better access, they really mean site 0305.

Site/s, if selected, could have:

- 0344 - residential and employment use, 35 to 45 homes
- 0348 - residential, 20 homes
- 0396 - residential, 25 homes
- 0306 - residential, 10 homes
- 0303 - residential, 11 homes
- 0304 - residential 15 homes
- 0305 - residential 32 homes.

Under the FAQs part of their site it suggests that we will find out what decisions have been made in our area in summer 2019.

If you don't have access to the internet, wish to comment but can't access the online forms, or want to know more, you can contact the council regarding the GNLP on 01603 306603.

Please note that I am writing this in my personal capacity and not as a representative of the parish council.