

EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL

**The meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 5 March 2013
in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, Egerton at 8.00pm.**

Present: Alison Richey (Chairman), Richard King (vice Chairman), Roger Harper, Ambrose Oliver, Tim Oliver, Pat Parr, Bill Smyth, Geraldine Dyer (ward councillor) and Heather James (Clerk). 3 members of the public were also present.

- 1. Apologies:** Richard Wall, Peter Rawlinson
- 2. Declarations of interest:** None
- 3. The minutes of the meeting on 5 February 2013:** The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings. *Proposed: Richard King; seconded: Bill Smyth*
- 4. Matters Arising from 5 February 2013**
 - a. Playground and Skatepark:** The wet pour kits and seats await installation when the weather improves. Bill has been carrying out weekly risk assessment checks and filling in the forms for the Clerk to keep on file.
Thank you Bill. A villager has raised the question of seating at the Skatepark for Parents/Grandparents to sit while youngsters play, it was agreed this would be a good idea, Bill is to undertake the installation.
Action: Bill Smyth
 - b. Older Person's Housing:** Discussions are continuing and another meeting will be held on 26 March.
Action Alison Richey, Richard King
 - c. Footpaths and stiles:** Kath reported that a fallen tree along the footpath behind the houses at Glebeland had resulted in part of the bank collapsing. This had left a very narrow strip for walkers and is quite dangerous. Pat has reported this to KCC but no action has been taken yet.
It has been confirmed the pathway beside the school, Molly's steps, is actually school land and the school will be responsible for the upkeep. KCC will not pay any money for the upkeep, but as it has only just been confirmed that the school is to pay for upkeep Sue Hubbard is trying to get assistance with payments.
 - d. Highways:** The road collapse on the corner of Crockenhill and Forstal road has been reported. The road is still in a state of collapse Pat is to report again.
Action: Pat Parr
 - e. Cricket pitch drainage:** Malcolm Iles and Bill Smyth have been working hard to cut back trees and shrubbery along side the cricket pitch. It has been decided that the excess water running down the bank is a spring. Bill is to ask Richard Hopkins if the water can be diverted.
Action: Bill Smyth
 - f. Fields in Trust:** Roger Harper has supplied a copy of paper work which Richard is to check before they are signed.
Action: Richard King
 - g. Emergency planning:** Pat has sent out over 100 letters which Bill, Tim and Peter helped to deliver, Thankyou. Some responses have already been received will await some more before holding another meeting. Pat is to visit the over 60's club to explain the idea behind **Emergency Planning**. It is hoped a list of the elderly and vulnerable persons can be compiled.
Action: Pat Parr
 - h. Community Responders:** It is hoped that another meeting will be held in the near future.
 - i. Tree surgery:** Graham Howland has not yet received the appropriate paperwork, the work will have to be delayed until next year due to birds nesting.

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j. Finance meeting: The finance committee had worked hard to keep the precept the same or below last years amounts. Due to a misunderstanding the new 'Council Tax Support Grant' has pushed the precept up by 6% which will mean a small increase in Parish Council payments, although it will mean an extra £860 for the Parish. The chairman of KALC is looking into this as a number of Parish Councils have had their precept % increased due to the new payments from ABC.

k. Parish Forum: The new recycling scheme is to come into force on the 1st April, details will be circulated with Council Tax demands.

The Clerk is to check how the rubbish collected by Rob Hopkins while doing his street cleaning will be disposed of once the wheelie bins come into action.
Action: Clerk

l. Police Forum: Reinstating meetings between the Police and Parish Councils, it was decided we would be interested, the Clerk is to contact various people involved with the Police.
Action: Clerk

m. Plan it Ashford: Geraldine had a pack with a questionnaire, this is to be forwarded to Peter Rawlinson to fill out.

n. Pre-School: Funding has been made available and more is to be sort, plans have been drawn up and estimates are being sort, all to convert a room within the Primary school for the use of the pre-school.

Correspondence - All circulated by email in advance unless marked with an *

Action:

KFAS Airport conference 22 March/All 19/2 **Richard King to attend.**

Note:

Recycling news – Geraldine Dyer, Smarden **Survey completed.**

Recycling-garden waste scheme/All 12/2 **Clerk to enquire if recycling bins by Games Barn will still generate an income.**

Kent minerals & waste plan/All 12/2

KALC Paul Naylor-regarding precepts.

Invitation Ann Barnes Police commissioner-Bill to attend 20th Feb

Kent LinK AGM Wednesday 31st March/All 19/2

5th Rail Summit/All 19/2

A call for evidence/All 28/2

Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation/All 5/3 **Email received from ABC**

Accounts:

Approval of the accounts for the month, for cheques to be signed: Proposed Richard King:

Seconded: Roger Harper.

| Expenditure | Cheque No | £ |
|---|-----------|---------------|
| ACRK membership | 1161 | 35.00 |
| MD printers - invite | 1162 | 92.40 |
| Reimburse R James Fencing-postbox for Clerk | 1163 | 23.94 |
| Reimburse Clerk stamps/postage | 1164 | 13.80 |
| Clerk salary March | 1165 | 509.29 |
| HMRC March | 1166 | 129.31 |
| | | 803.74 |

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Income:

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| Grant street cleaning | 973.25 |
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Bank Reconciliation as at 30 January 2013 (Latest statements)

Current Account latest Statement Balance as at 30 January 2013 = 4,768.59 Less unpresented cheques as follows:

| | | |
|------------------------------------|------|---------------|
| KALC | 1151 | 72.00 |
| HMRC Jan | 1153 | 129.41 |
| Richard King DVD covers Jubilee | 1155 | 14.44 |
| D Smyth – flowers Claire | 1156 | 30.18 |
| Hire Sports pavilion – Parish plan | 1157 | 10.00 |
| Photocopying – welcome packs | 1158 | 6.20 |
| Clerk salary Feb | 1159 | 509.09 |
| HMRC Feb | 1160 | 129.61 |
| | | 900.93 |

Actual balance = 3,867.66 as at 30 January 2013.

5. Public Discussion

Alison Richey closed the meeting at 9.30 pm for the public discussion, The meeting re-opened at 9.35 pm.

6. Planning :

Planning applications submitted to Ashford Borough Council this month for Egerton Parish Council to consider and decisions recently taken by ABC to be noted, details of which may be accessed on line at: http://www.ashford.gov.uk/online_planning/ Individuals may also register via the website with ABC to receive regular alerts of new applications and decisions.

| Case No | Location and Description | |
|-----------------------------|--|----------------|
| 13/00036/TC | 11 Glebeland, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DH T1 Sycamore - Removal of overhanging branch (4 Glebeland) | Support |

7. AOB

Parish Plan Forum- 15 March 2013 at Millennium Hall 6-9pm to discuss issues within the Village. All welcome invitations have been sent.

Spring Clean Pat Parr- 6 April 2013 at 10.am meet at the Millennium Hall. ABC to supply equipment and risk assessment forms.

Sue Palmer has requested permission to use the patio area outside the Hall for a hog roast on the occasion of her son's wedding. The Clerk will write that it will be ok.

Sadly the leader of ABC Councillor Peter Wood has died following an operation a letter of regret is to be sent.

The meeting closed at 9.47 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday 2nd April 2013