

# EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, Egerton at 8.00pm.

**Present:** Peter Rawlinson (vice Chairman), Jennifer Buchanan, Claire Foinette, Ambrose Oliver, Tim Oliver, Pat Parr, Geraldine Dyer (Ward Councillor) and Heather James (Clerk).  
5 members of the public were present.

1. **Apologies:** Richard King (Chairman), Alison Richey, Rob Walker
2. **Declarations of interest:** Claire (neighbour) Land at Brook Gate.
3. The minutes of the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017: The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings.

**Proposed:** Tim Oliver; **Seconded:** Pat Parr;

#### 4. Matters Arising from 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017

- a) **Footpaths and stiles:** Pat has sent out a report for the month.

##### Report No. 83 of the Egerton Footpaths Representative – March 2017

##### **Outstanding Footpath Issues:**

1. **PROW238505 and PROW560277. AW22 - Appleberry House, Coach Road.** Stile too difficult to climb over. Allocated, awaiting inspection. This is still marked as "*awaiting allocation*".
2. **AW92 - New Road to Orchard and Tumulus etc.** Need to approach Jonathon Harmer.
3. **PROW293302. Byway at Hazeldene Farm up to Coach Road.** Overgrown byway, asked KCC to cut it. They have allocated it and it is awaiting inspection. Riders say it hasn't been done. I will ask for volunteers at the Parish Assembly.
4. **PROW323726 - Rotten wood barrier at Raymond Shrubbs' footpath.** They have allocated it and it is awaiting inspection.
5. **PROW237696.** AW68 from Rockhill Road before Tim's house straight across adjacent to Rockdale Farm the stile there has rotten wooden struts which makes the plank very unstable and dangerous.  
*Awaiting Allocation by KCC.*
6. **PROW597453.** AW68 further along from above, marked as a stile but is a fence-type structure almost impossible to climb over, plus there is a metal sheep gate attached with string to that which you have to push forward to get it out of the way before you can attempt to climb over this structure.  
*Awaiting Allocation by KCC.*
7. **PROW276419.** AW91 the footpath to the side of Bedewell up the steps and straight ahead along field to point of woods at Egerton House. Fingerpost has fallen down. *Work Scheduled.*
8. **PROW818728.** AW81. From Stone Hill along the ridge to near the end of the path at Greenhill, the wooden stile has broken. *Awaiting Allocation by KCC.*

##### **Activity Since February Meeting**

1. **PROW306422.** A villager reported a fallen wooden fingerpost along the Iden Lane byway towards the Pluckley end. Looks like rotten wood caused it to fall. *Awaiting inspection by KCC.*

- b) HIGHWAYS (since the February meeting)

1. Hedge between Stone Hill and Greenhill. It was agreed that Heather would write to Tommy Down to ask nicely to restore his hedge. HAS NOW BEEN CUT.

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2. **Report No. 251904 (Heather).** Sign at Stonebridge Green. Heather to re-define which sign we are referring to as there seems to be a misunderstanding.
  3. **Report No. 251906 (Heather).** Mud in drain at Iden in Iden Lane. KCC state "*Works being programmed*".
  4. **Report No. 264720 (Heather).** Mud being washed down Greenhill from New Road (discussed at the February meeting).  
30MPH sign on Rock Hill Road opposite Water Villas is damaged. Peter has reported and will let Pat know report number .  
**Action:** Peter Rawlinson
- c) **Neighbourhood and Parish Plans:** The meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February in the Committee room, the Committee were elected and following ideas from Pluckley it was decided that the steering group would be five people. Lois Tilden and Jane Carr would share secretary duties, Peter Rawlinson would be interim Chairman until a Chairman is elected. There will be a display at the Annual Parish Assembly to keep villagers informed as to the progress. The first action is to inform ABC that Egerton are to start the NHP. A four page publication will be sent out to every household within Egerton explaining all about the NHP. The cost of printing will be £189.00 and delivery around Egerton will be £100. Proposed: Tim Oliver, seconded: Jennifer Buchanan, all in favour of this going ahead. The publication will be delivered W/C 13<sup>th</sup> March. Vision paperwork will be distributed to PC to read and comment back to Peter. The next meeting following the PA will be 23<sup>rd</sup> March in the Committee room, the Clerk will book this. **Action:** Clerk
- d) **Emergency Planning and Resilience Workshop:** Pat has received a number of responses to the letter sent out to vulnerable persons within the village. Letters have now been sent to people on the volunteers list to check this is up to date. Peter has started the telephone tree in case of an emergency.
- e) **Broadband:** Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 at 7.00pm in the Sports Pavilion  
George Chandler KCC, Tony Digweed Openreach, Stacey King BT, Heather James Clerk EPC  
Residents of Stevens Close and Harmers Way with 840 prefix telephone numbers to be changed to 756 prefix to take advantage of the new faster broadband being installed onto the Egerton exchange. George opened the meeting then Tony explained to those present how the change would take place at no cost to residents. If the residents wished to take up the offer there would be paperwork to fill out to end the 840 number and request a 756 number.  
Residents of Harmers Way houses 12-19 (except 13 & 18) were present and all wished to change, the Clerk will write to 18 Harmers Way to invite residents to change their number, at present no one resides at 13, if they wish to do so.  
Residents of Stevens Close 1-11 (except 7 which is already 756) all wish to change. Thank you to Bill Smyth for arranging residents of Stevens Close to attend the meeting.  
The Clerk will collate all address's, telephone numbers and email address' and circulate to George, Tony and Stacey.  
**Action:** Clerk
- f) **Rubbish:** The Clerk is to check with ABC if other villages have the problem of bags of clothing being left in various areas.  
**Action:** Clerk
- g) **Glebe mowing:** Peter has received a quote for mowing which would be £45 per session. Graham Howland, a resident and member of the public at the meeting has offered to mow the grass and dispose of the cuttings. He will liaise with the Clerk who is storing the mower following it being serviced.

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- h) **Pre-school movie night:** It is hoped to hold this event on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September on the cricket field with parking on the football pitch. The pre-school movie night committee will be at the Parish Assembly. The Clerk is to check EPC deeds and constitution paperwork to check if the rec can be used for profit making activities. **Action:** Clerk
- i) **Mobile phone signal:** Peter has received a reply from Damian Green who has promised to follow up query and will reply at a later date.
- j) **Battles over:** The Clerk has contacted Bruno Peek, Pageantmaster to express EPC interest in holding an event to mark the 100 years of remembrance.
- k) **Entrance signs:** Following the questionnaire when the Parish Plan was being formed many in the village were in favour of gates at the various entrances to Egerton. This never went forward at the time and it is to be put to villagers with a stand at the Parish Assembly. Peter and the Clerk will set out a stand to give villagers an idea of the style of gate and the costs. It is hoped if the gates are to be put up funding will be able to be sought. Smarden have three gates at various entrances to the village. **Action:** Peter Rawlinson, Clerk
- l) **Mowing/strimming:** The Clerk will contact Heber to request a cut to grass very soon as the grass is already quite long. Jonathan Elworthy, playing fields Chairman, would like a meeting with Heber to discuss grass cutting on the cricket and football pitches. **Action:** Clerk
- m) **Commonwealth Day:** The Clerk has advertised this event and it is hoped villagers will visit the church for coffee and see the flag at 10.00am.
- n) **Kent Permit:** The Clerk will follow up on this as there has been no follow up from ABC. **Action:** Clerk
- o) **Spring Clean:** This will be held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April, all to meet in the Millennium hall car park at 10.00am. All children must be accompanied by an adult. The Clerk has contacted ABC to request health and safety paperwork and all equipment be sent to Pat.
- p) **Rural Affairs event:** Pat will attend this event on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March and will circulate a report following the event. **Action:** Pat Parr
- q) **Green Hill Lane:** 4b report No 264720
- r) **Shop sale:** A number of information packs have been sent out but there have as yet not been any offers to buy the shop. Both Colin and Fraser have been unwell and have been struggling to keep up with stocking shelves, now they are on the mend. They are going to see how things are progressing by June and maybe put the shop into auction as a going concern at the end of the year.

5) **Correspondence**

All circulated by email in advance unless marked with a \*

**Action**

\*Kent, Surrey, Sussex Air Ambulance grant request: **The request for a donation of £250 has been agreed. Proposed: Pat Parr; Seconded: Jennifer Buchanan all agreed to use contingency donations fund. The Clerk will send off the cheque.** **Action:** Clerk

**Note**

Electoral Review of Ashford: Draft Recommendations: All 9/2

Tree and Pond Warden activities, February and March: Peter 9/2

Kent Community Speedwatch: All 9/2

Event Announcement: Planning Conference 2017, 23 March 2017: All 9/2

Leader's Briefing regarding **Boundary Review Proposals Available for Comment:** All 14/2

Government Housing White Paper - "Fixing our broken housing market": All 14/2

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF ASHFORD - DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS: All 14/2

Consultation on initial proposals for new Parliamentary constituencies: All 14/2

Kent Estates Partnership Board: All 21/2

\*Norris & Fisher Insurance

Spring News from the Kent Downs AONB: All 23/2

Parish Briefing Note no 35, which covers **Setting the record straight on business rates:** All 28/2

SECTION 137 EXPENDITURE LIMIT FOR 2017/2018: All 2/3

Reported crimes by PCSO- **February 2017: All 7/3**

**02/02/2017: Theft of motor vehicle – Green Hill lane.**

**8/2/2017: Burglary dwelling and theft. – Field mill road, - Egerton.**

**22/02/2017: Burglary dwelling – Mundy Bois Road.**

I attend when possible, the farmers market on a Friday to meet with Parishioners which gives them to opportunity to speak to us regarding any issues, so far I've only had a query about a possible abandoned vehicle but it's nice to speak in person to the villagers.

I've also attended Crocken Hill with the report of a nuisance quad bike, if anyone has any information about this crossing farmers' fields and where it may come from it would be very useful

I've also had a call of concern from a farmer In Forge lane who rents his land out for sheep, he's reported persons unknown are allowing their dogs to roam off the leads near the sheep. He has challenged the individuals and advised them of possible consequences but feel they may continue. I've been given a possible address of the persons and will pay a visit if it is reported again.

Freight Action Plan Consultation: All 7/3

**Web Items**

6) **Accounts:**

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Approval of the accounts for the month, for cheques to be signed and Internet transfers to take place.

**Proposed** Peter Rawlinson; **Seconded:** Tim Oliver;

| Expenditure        |                        | Cheque No | £             |
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| Pat Parr reimburse | Postage Emergency plan | BACS      | 25.30         |
| Clerks & Councils  | Subscription renewal   | BACS      | 12.00         |
| Mrs H James        | Clerk salary March     | BACS      | 628.91        |
| HMRC               | March                  | BACS      | 177.30        |
|                    |                        |           | <b>843.51</b> |

| Income |  |  |  |
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**Bank Reconciliation** Balance as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017 = £6,925.91 less un-presented cheques as follows:

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**Actual balance = £6,925.91 as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

**Village improvement Total = £16,484.55**  
**Pre-school move = £ 8,276.15**  
**= £ 8,208.50**

**Accounts for Egerton update magazine**

| Expenditure |         | Cheque No | £              |
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| Printbig    | Issue 5 | BACS      | 1297.00        |
|             |         |           | <b>1297.00</b> |

| Income      |  |      |                |
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| Advertising |  | BACS | 2095.00        |
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**Bank Reconciliation:** Balance as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017 = £2,487.70 Less un-presented cheques as follows:

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Most advertisers have re-newed for another year.

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- a) Total Budget and Precept 2016-2017 £42,056.00  
Actual amount spent to date is £32,344.88

**7) Public Discussion**

Peter Rawlinson closed the meeting at 9.31pm for the public discussion, the meeting re-opened at 9.41pm.

**8) 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/](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.*

**New:**

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| <a href="#">17/00195/AS</a> | Egerton | Weald North | <b>Land North East of 5 Brook Gate abutting, Forstal Road, Egerton, Kent</b><br>Erection of a general purpose agricultural building. |
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**Lois will draft a comment to be submitted to ABC**

Planning Inspectorate APP/E2205/X/16/3161037: The Cottage, Stonebridge Green Road, TN27 9AP

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| Application number                                      | 16/01000/AS   |
| Nature of application                                   | Lawful development certificate - proposed - use of the property as a dwelling under class C3(b) |
| Type of decision  | Refusal of Lawful Development Certificate   |
| Decision made by  | Officer   |
| Was committee decision in agreement with officer advice | N/A   |
| Appeal Decision   | Allowed   |

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**Awaiting decision:**

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| <a href="#">17/00048/AS</a> | Pluckley,<br>Egerton | Weald Central,<br>Weald North | <b>The Rose and Crown, Pluckley, Ashford, Kent, TN27 0ST</b><br>Replacement externally illuminated fascia sign with 2 No. additional externally illuminated fascia signs |
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| <a href="#">17/00050/AS</a> | Egerton | Weald<br>North | <b>Penare, Forge Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9EJ</b><br>Demolition of existing timber framed bungalow and erection of a 1.5 storey chalet style dwelling on the same site |
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| <a href="#">17/00029/AS</a> | Egerton | Weald North | <b>16 Harmers Way, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DN</b><br>Two storey side and rear extension. |
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| <a href="#">16/01000/AS</a><br>Appeal<br>Received | Egerton | Weald<br>North | <b>The Cottage, Stonebridge Green Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9AP</b><br>Lawful development certificate - proposed - use of the property as a dwelling under class C3(b) |
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16/00279/INF-BT Telephone Boxes in Ashford Borough- The telephone box opposite the Barrow House will be kept.

**Decided planning applications:**

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| <a href="#">16/01000/AS</a><br>Allowed | Egerton | Weald<br>North | <b>The Cottage, Stonebridge Green Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9AP</b><br>Lawful development certificate - proposed - use of the property as a dwelling under class C3(b) |
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| <a href="#">16/01479/AS</a><br>Withdrawn By<br>Applicant | Egerton | Weald<br>North | <b>3 Stonecroft Cottages, The Street, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DJ</b><br>Erection of a replacement conservatory. |
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| <a href="#">16/01480/AS</a><br>Withdrawn<br>By Applicant | Egerton | Weald<br>North | <b>3 Stonecroft Cottages, The Street, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DJ</b><br>Application for listed building consent to remove existing conservatory and replace with a new conservatory, remove existing door and window |
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|  |  |  | between existing conservatory and main house and widen existing brick arch. |
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| <a href="#">16/01008/CONA/AS</a><br>Permit | Egerton | Weald<br>North | Greenhill House, Green Hill Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent,<br><b>TN27 9HA</b><br>Discharge of conditions 6a-6e |
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| <a href="#">16/01570/CONA/AS</a><br>Approve Details<br>(Reserved Matters) | Egerton | Weald<br>North | Groom Farm, Newland Green Lane, Egerton, Ashford,<br><b>Kent, TN27 9EP</b><br>Discharge condition 2 |
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**AOB**

- Snow Committee- Lois **Richard Hopkins holds the grit/salt ready for bad weather but is not now the contractor for KCC. This is Tom Hope, who will be asked if he can take over responsibility of areas within the village not covered by KCC in the event of bad weather. These include clearing the car park at the Millennium Hall**
- Christmas tree-**Peter and Tim will take down the tree and put in place the plate to cover the hole.**
- Notice board on Glebe- **Tim has repaired the door where the wind caught the door and damaged the hinge and Perspex. Thank you Tim.**
- Lawn mower-Tim **See 4g**
- Crocken Hill road repairs- **The Clerk requested all Cllrs to report to highways the bad state of repair of the road from The Old Harrow through to Pembroes Cross.**
- School update-Ambrose: **An acting headteacher has been bought in and the two previous acting heads are now back as vice heads. Interviews for a new head will be held on 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> March.**
- Christmas decorations for the village- **Denise Smith has given a number of decorations and two trees for use by the village. Pat will store these in her stables. Thank you Denise and Pat.**
- Mud over drain by Committee room- **Tim has cleared this away Thank you Tim.**
- Egerton Update- **Congratulations to the team who produce the magazine an excellent publication.**
- Telephone box opposite The Barrow House: **BT are to keep this following a request from EPC. Peter has cleaned the box and cleared foliage. The Clerk will report that the light does not work.**

**Action:Clerk**

The meeting closed at 10.22pm  
Next meeting: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 8.00pm