

EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL

**The meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 7th January 2014
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, Peter Rawlinson, Bill Smyth, Richard Wall, Geraldine Dyer (Ward Councillor) and Heather James (Clerk). 2 members of the public were also present.

1. **Apologies:** All present
2. **Declarations of interest:** No
3. **The minutes of the meeting on 3rd December 2013:** The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings. **Proposed: Bill Smyth, seconded: Pat Parr**
4. **Matters Arising from 3rd December 2013**

a. Footpaths and stiles: The footpaths from Stisted Way to Egerton house have not been re-instated but are walkable as the crops are low, Pat is to report back if problems arise later in the year.

The owners of Wildings Farm have requested a diversion of the footpath near their property for privacy, Geraldine and Pat have been in contact with the owners and also the owners of a near by property. Between them and consultation with KCC and following questionnaires being completed KCC are to move forward with the next stage.

Two stiles near to Egerton House have been reported, the stile opposite Egerton House is too high to climb over and a request was made for a kissing gate, the other it has been deemed is just slippery due to the weather conditions.

The footpath sign opposite Field Mill has fallen over, Pat is to report.

Action: Pat Parr

b. Highways: Stonebridge Barn, John Lumley's property has had the fallen tree that was over hanging the road removed; no action has been taken over any foliage over hanging the road.

New Road, some more hedging has collapsed into the road, the Clerk is contact the owner to request it be cut back.

Action Clerk

c. Emergency planning: Pat attended a seminar and found it most interesting, there has been a new improved template produced for Emergency planning committees which will be made available in due course. There is a register available to show areas at risk of flooding and following the recent bad weather Pat wondered if Egerton Emergency Plan should highlight any areas at risk.

d. Culverts: Kevin Gore the engineer for highways has been in contact with Peter and an inspection is to be carried out, then if necessary a work order number will be raised. Peter is to raise awareness to highways of the flooding which has occurred recently further down Forstal road from the original culvert problems.

Action: Peter Rawlinson

e. Solar Farm Pluckley: This has been refused planning permission.

f. ABC Site Submissions 2013: Richard Wall sent a letter to ABC with the views of Egerton Parish Council on future planning within the village. He received a Thank you reply for responding, all correspondence is on file with the Clerk.

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- g. Molly's steps:** Tim and Bill have been and cleared away the leaves so as to make it safer for people to walk the steps.
Richard King is to contact Lee Selby (head teacher Egerton Primary School) to discuss the idea of a hand rail or some sort of barrier on Molly's steps. **Action: Richard King**
- h. Sign at Stonebridge Green:** The A board showing the direction of the animal food business placed on the green at Stonebridge Green has been removed and the business owner is to apply for planning permission for a permanent sign at his property.
- i. Broadband:** Richard Wall carried out a postcode search, Egerton exchange has been flagged for superfast Broadband upgrade.
- j. Finger post:** The Clerk took some pictures of the finger posts at Newlands Green Road and Green Hill lane and sent them to a foundry in London. The request came back to send the top circle of the finger post at Newlands green to London. Following a discussion at the PC meeting Bill suggested asking a local firm to make a replica from light weight steel rather than having a replacement made from cast iron. The Clerk is to contact local suppliers for costs. **Action: Clerk**

Correspondence:

All circulated by email in advance unless marked with a *

Action

KALC training programmes 8th February: All 19/12

Note

KALC AGM wind/solar farms planning: All 10/12

KALC Issue 373- note date award scheme, also section 137 : All 10/12

Parish Precepts and concurrent grants: Finance committee 12/12

Village alliance plan for 2030 ABC :All 12/12

Parish Forum meeting: Pat 11/12

Lower Thames crossing: All 17/12

Police & Crime commissioner December newsletter: All 17/12

Council tax review: All 19/12

Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership: Alison, Bill, Richard W 19/12

Ann Barnes meet the Commissioner 22/1: All 7/1

Parish Caretaker scheme: Alison 7/1

Speed sign enquiry: All 7/1

NALC events calendar: All 7/1

*Oast to Coast magazine

Web Items

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6.Accounts:

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

Seconded: Bill Smyth

Accounts

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
Land registry	Fields-in-trust	1244	80.00
Came & Co Insurance	CFR	1245	25.00
			105.00

Note: Due to lap top crashing cannot access PAYE A/C will do PAYE when lap top is repaired.

Income:

CFR	Donation	500004	550.00
UK Power	rent	500005	53.75
			603.75

Bank Reconciliation as at 1 November 2013 (Latest statements)

Current Account latest Statement Balance as at 29th November 2013 = £28,132.97 Less un-presented cheques as follows:

Physio control UK	1st responder	1216	2155.20
Reimburse Clerk	Various -stationery	1228	40.07
KALC	Good cllrs guide book	1231	2.50
Clerk salary	November	1234	514.45
HMRC	November	1235	128.80
Physio control UK	1 st responder	1237	724.80
Mrs A Richey	Staples CFR	1238	174.08
Egerton Playing Fields	Parish Plan Hire of Pavilion	1239	10.00
Mrs H James	Christmas tree for Glebe	1240	60.00
R James & Sons fencing	Tube for Christmas tree	1241	60.00
Mrs H James	Clerk December salary	1242	514.65
HMRC	December	1243	128.60
			4,513.15

Actual balance = £23,619.82 as at 1 November 2013

• **7.Public Discussion**

Alison Richey closed the meeting at 8.4 5 pm for the public discussion, the meeting re-opened at 8.47pm.

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- **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/ Individuals may also register via the website with ABC to receive regular alerts of new applications and decisions.

New:

13/01378/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Netherfields, Chapel Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9BX Erection of a single storey side extension and loft conversion with the insertion of a dormer window to rear elevation
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No comments- Support

13/01442/AS	Egerton	Weald North	1 Stevens Close, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DZ Erection of a second storey extension over garage
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Support

13/01416/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Newlyn, Newland Green Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9EP Two storey front and side extensions to include veranda to master bedroom and new front porch (Resubmission to application 13/01003/AS)
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No comments

Decided planning applications:

13/01251/AS Permit	Egerton	Weald North	Sharon, Forstal Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9EH Erection of a replacement side garage and proposed single storey
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- **9.AOB**

- Any other business/information:
- Pat-lighting: Following a request for extra lighting at the base of the steps from the kerb to the road way, it was decided it would be preferable for any clubs/committees using the hall that the first person to arrive would turn on the car park lights rather than install more lighting or to paint white paint on the pavement.
- Parish Assembly- This is to be held on Wednesday 19th March with 7.30pm start.
- Budget/Precept- This was discussed and approved. Proposed Richard King; seconded Richard Wall. The Clerk will send off necessary paperwork to ABC. The Precept has been raised to accommodate the future loss of payments from ABC for recycling and Council Tax support grant.
- Newsletter- It is hoped to send out a newsletter in February to let villagers know about-The Parish Assembly, Neighbourhood watch updates, The Budget and Precept.

The meeting closed at 9.37

Next meeting: Tuesday 4th February 2014 at 8.00pm