



**Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 10th January 2023
7.30pm Committee Room, Millennium Hall, Egerton**

Present

Richard King (chairman), Peter Rawlinson (Vice Chairman) Cllrs Tim Oliver, Jeff Hopkins, Lois Tilden, Pat Parr, Claire Foinette, Richard Wall, Sonia Young (Clerk)

Three members of the public were present.

1) Declarations of Interest

Cllr Pat Parr: neighbour to site proposed for the Older People's Accommodation at Orchard Nurseries.

Cllr Lois Tilden: near neighbour to Planning Application PA/2022/3018

Cllr Jeff Hopkins: near neighbour to Planning Application PA/2022/3018

2) Apologies

Cllr John Lawton

Councillor Charlie Simkins

Borough Councillor Ken Mulholland

3) Minutes of the Previous Meeting - 6th December 2022

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings.

Proposed: Cllr Claire Foinette. **Seconded:** Cllr Pat Parr. **All in agreement.** Vice Chairman Peter Rawlinson abstained as not present at the December meeting.

4) Matters Arising from 6th December 2022

a) Noticeboard at Egerton Forstal.

Action pending. Cllrs Lois Tilden and Claire Foinette.

b) Villagers' queries re 100 Club Fund status and disbursement of funds raised by the last Egerton Fete

Action pending. Clerk

c) 123 bus survey

A total 51 completed surveys were submitted by Egerton residents. The results are being collated by Pluckley Cllr Guy Washer and will be circulated in due course.

d) Playground improvements

Cllr Claire Foinette reported that the see-saw had been delivered and will be installed late January. It was agreed that a plaque be placed by the playarea thanking all of those who supported the improvements with a grant: The Geoff Wickens Trust, The Hawks Nest Trust, Ashford Borough Council and Kent County Council.

e) 2024 precept request

The request has been submitted to Ashford Borough Council. A narrative has been requested by ABC to support the increase.

f) Closure of the 123-bus service – impact on schoolchildren

Cllr Claire Foinette contacted 6 coach and bus companies for costs of an alternative solution. None could offer a viable price point or service. It was agreed that the only solution would be for a large organisation to bring a court case to challenge the term 'appropriate' school which is being used by KCC and other County Councils to avoid paying for transport where selective education is offered.

5) Chairman to close the meeting for public discussion

Chairman closed the meeting for public discussion.

Meeting closed 19.54pm



Meeting re-opened 20.07pm

6) Footpaths report No 153 (see Appendix i)

Cllr Pat Parr reported that a footpaths warden for Egerton has not yet been appointed.
No new issues to report.

7) Highways report. No report available.

8) Planning

Planning applications submitted to Ashford Borough Council this month for Egerton Parish Council to consider, details of which may be accessed online at: http://www.ashford.gov.uk/online_planning/
Individuals may also register with ABC to receive regular alerts of applications and decisions.
No planning applications listed.

Case Reference:	PA/2022/3018
Location	Franden, Chapel Lane, TN27 9EG
Proposal	Erection of a single storey one bedroom garden annex.
View Files:	Click Here
Comments deadline:	14/01/23

EPC View: A modest wooden building with low pitched roof.

Propose: No comment

Proposed: Cllr Richard Wall. **Seconded:** Vice-Chairman Peter Rawlinson. Cllrs Lois Tilden and Jeff Hopkins did not take part in the discussion.

Case Reference:	PA/2022/3027
Location	Amherst Court, Bedlam Lane, TN27 9DA
Proposal	Proposed erection of a replacement single storey rear extension with pergola style structure. Erection of replacement enclosed porch. Alterations to fenestration. Erection of a 2m high entrance gates. Plunge pool in residential garden area. Detached single storey 4-bay car port/ store building.
View Files:	Click Here
Comments deadline:	before 14/01/23

EPC View: The proposals are extensive. Many of the interior proposals will be matters for the ABC Conservation officer to consider in terms of the preservation of the original fabric of the Grade II listed house. The proposed extension would appear to detract significantly from the rustic image of the house and adversely affect the existing Kent peg roofline which is a distinctive feature in this historic dwelling. The external proposals would not fit with the Egerton Parish Design Statement.

Propose: Object

Proposed: Cllr Lois Tilden. **Seconded:** Cllr Richard Wall. **All in agreement.**

Case Reference:	NOT/2022/3011
Location	Ragged Barn, Mundy Bois Road, TN27 9ER
Proposal	Prior Approval for the change of use of agricultural building and land within its curtilage to a dwelling house. (Resubmission of approval 20/01727/AS to notify of changes to external elevations and materials)
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Comments deadline:	before 14/01/23
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EPC View: The revised plans for this conversion of a barn to a dwelling show a more sympathetic and fitting design than the original plans. The proposals would have a more modest effect on the setting of the development and meet the principles of Egerton Parish Design Statement.

Propose: Support

Proposed: Cllr Lois Tilden. **Seconded:** Cllr Jeff Hopkins. **All in agreement.**

Case Reference:	PA/2022/3082
Location	Amherst Court, Bedlam Lane, TN27 9DA
Proposal	Demolition of the existing C21 conservatory and the erection of a replacement single and associated internal alterations to create and improved kitchen, living and dining area. Erection of pergola style structure to create covered outdoor living space. Removal of open porch structure and erection of replacement enclosed porch. Alterations to modern ground and first floor fenestration to C21 addition. Minor internal alterations to modern addition including infill of rear lean-to structure. Painting of existing outbuilding weatherboard and alterations to fenestration along northeast elevation.
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Comments deadline:	before 14/01/23

EPC View: as prior. See PA/2022/3027 above.

- **Planning appeals - update on North Field**

EPC noted comments have been submitted after the stated deadline.

- **Maidstone Borough Council Plan Review – Lenham Heath Development**

It is expected that the Planning Inspector will make a decision on the Maidstone Borough Council Plan early in 2023 but no date has been advised.

- **Mast outside school approved on appeal by the Planning Inspector**

EPC agreed that the approval was a huge blow for the village particularly given that EPC offered and tried to work with the applicants to find a more suitable location for the proposed mast.

9) Older People's Accommodation – update

No new information available.

10) Affordable Housing – update

No new information available.

11) Review and approval of EPC policies Finance Regulations 2023-24, Data Protection Policy 2023-24

The EPC Policies were circulated to all Cllrs prior to the meeting.

Propose: approval of both documents.

Proposed: Chairman Richard King. **Seconded:** Cllr Tim Oliver. **All in agreement.**

Action: Clerk to send both documents for upload to the EPC website.

12) Correspondence

Note: All circulated by email in advance unless marked with a *

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ABC fly tipping prosecution. All. 6/12



CPRE – update on Govt rural planning issues. All 6/12
 KCC Footpath closure and diversion around New Road development for 6 months. All. 9/12
 ACRK – closure. All. 9/12
 ABC Brompton bicycle £100m factory build. All 09/12
 NALC legal update: 2023 elections and running bus services. All. 14/12
 KCC highways = closure Field Mill Road. All. 14/12
 ABC/ Pagent Master – notice re no beacons for the coronation. All 14/12
 KALC community Awards Scheme 2023. All. 15/12
 Kent Police Winter Newsletter. All. 20/12
 ABC webinar invitation 18 Jan – election briefing. All. 22/12
 ABC Webinar catch up link – Developer Contributions. All. 29/12
 ABC Land Mapping Final Report – All. 29/12
 KALC training – All. 4/01
 BT re-siting of telegraph pole adjacent to skatepark. RK/PR/ JH/LT 02/01
 Rural bulletin. All. 4/01

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13) Accounts

Accounts

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
Village delivery of bus survey	Alan Arthur	BACS	100.00
North Field Appeal submission	RE Planning	BACS	3360.00
2 nd Class Stamps	Reimburse S Young	BACS	5.44
Repairs - Removal of rotten skate park fencing	Tim Kent	BACS	218.00
January salary	S Young		1120.46
Tax	HMRC Jan salary		33.97
Total			4837.87

Income			
Donations NP fight fund		BACS	650
Donations NP fight fund		Cheque	1000
Total			1650

Bank Reconciliation Balance at 31st December 2022 = £16, 781.03 less un-presented cheques as follows

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Actual balance = £16,781.03 at 31st December 2022

Note above balance includes RESERVES as listed:

Grant K Mulholland/ ABC towards the printing of the Neighbourhood Plan: £1,000

Neighbourhood Plan fighting fund: £2,900

Legacy Ernie Mexter: £5,000.

Accounts for Egerton update magazine

Expenditure			£
Total			

Income			
Total			

Bank Reconciliation Balance at 31st December 2022 = £2,136.80 Less un-presented cheques as follows:

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Actual balance = £2,236.80 at 31st December 2022

Accounts for Village Projects

Expenditure		Cheque No	£

Income			
Interest		BACS	7.16
Total			7.16

Bank Reconciliation Balance at 31st December 2022 = £31, 284.57 Less un-presented cheques as follows:

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Actual balance = £31, 284.57 31st December 2022

Village Projects fund

Pre-school move	11,478.65
Esme Slater woodland	10,000.00
Village Hall	9,805.92

Proposed to accept: Cllr Pat Parr. **Seconded:** Cllr Lois Tilden. **All in agreement.**

14) Additional items

- **Date for the 2023 Parish Assembly.**

The clerk proposed Wednesday 29th March. **All in agreement.**

- **Date for the May meeting**



The clerk proposed Tuesday 16th May following the local elections and coronation bank holiday as the date for the new council to meet. **All in agreement.**

- **January 2024 - proposed meeting 9 Jan 2024.**

All in agreement.

- **St James Church Clock/ donation**

The Clerk received correspondence in regard to a donation from EPC towards upkeep of the church clock and floodlighting the church.

Proposed: It was proposed that EPC make an appropriate donation of £50 towards the repair of the clock the next financial year (after April 1st) and £200 towards the floodlighting.

Proposed: Cllr Lois Tilden. **Seconded:** Cllr Pat Parr. **All in agreement.**

- **Other**

The clerk advised that a resident had reported damage/collapse to both sides of the entry road leading to the sewerage treatment works on Rock Hill Road which has been caused by high and constant tanker traffic cutting the corners and driving over the verges.

Action: Clerk to write to Southern Water and send images as regards the liability of Southern Water for ensuring repairs and paying for same.

- **Coronation planning**

It was agreed that EPC Cllrs could not take on more volunteer work, in addition to other extensive ongoing projects, and organise a Coronation event for the village but that other volunteers should be encouraged to come forwards to make plans and take this event activity ahead.

- **Thanks**

Cllr Tim Oliver wished to thank Bill Smyth for the help he gave in the early hours of the morning over Christmas to help residents of the Good Intent cottages to pump out flood waters.

- **The George**

Cllr Pat Parr advised that a group of villagers was working hard to keep the pub open.

Meeting closed at 21.58pm

Next meeting Tuesday 7th February 2023.

Appendix (i)

Report no. 153 of the Egerton footpaths representative for January 2023

6 Outstanding Issues remain from the December 2022 report.

0 Closed Issues

0 New Issues

The outstanding issues below are listed with the KCC Reference, the date reported, the footpath number, the location, the difficulty experienced and the status of action.

1. **PROW 210959063.** 10/09/21. AW75 at Heronsdale, Wanden Lane. Egerton resident complaint of overgrowth (brambles) and fence panel leaning towards the footpath. Status: Still Awaiting Allocation.
2. **PROW211126930.** 09/11/21. Part of AW87 to the west of the church behind the Glebeldand houses where the path is quite narrow. Badgers have again been active and collapsed the side of the path about halfway along. Status: Still Work Scheduled but it is accessible with matting in place until a more permanent solution is found. Status: Still in Progress.



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3. **PROW211117086.** 21/11/21. AW64 Footpath opposite Egerton House on Greensand Way in a small wooded area towards the byway up to Coach Road. Two planks missing/broken on the bridge over a small stream. Status: Still Work Added to Forward Maintenance Plan.
4. **PROW220641396.** 22/06/22. AW81. Stone Hill to Green Hill. At the Parish Assembly two separate reports were made regarding the boundary stile between the Stone Hill properties to the large field out to Green Hill. The stile there is too high for ladies to manage. Status: Still Awaiting Allocation.
5. **PROW220718308.** 21/07/22. AW88. Elm Close to Stone Hill. Official KCC fingerpost at the top of the steps leading down to the hall pointing across to direct walkers to the footpath which leads out to Stone Hill is missing. Status: Still Work Scheduled.
6. **PROW221045684.** 27/10/22. AW106. The Cottage on The Street by the telephone box out towards Egerton House etc. The new owners of The Cottage have sent a dozen photos (4 attached here) where various of the trees on the footpath are leaning towards their property or beginning to grow over The Cottage. I have suggested to KCC a meeting with the new owners to discuss the issues. Status: Still Awaiting Allocation.

NEW ISSUES: None.