

EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

1. **Apologies:** Alison Richey, Rob Walker

2. **Declarations of interest:** Pat Parr, Gift of land

3. The minutes of the meeting on 3rd October 2017: The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings. **Proposed:** Tim Oliver; **Seconded:** Claire Foinette;

Richard proposed moving onto planning as a member of the public who had a planning application put forward was present. Application 2 Old School Court. As the council's planning representative Lois was asked her views on the application. Lois suggested that the council support the application unless there was a reason not to.

Heronsdale Farm is a prior approval application which is for ABC to decide.

Jennifer reported that only one person had come forward to volunteer for the speedwatch operation so as there seems to be no other interest Jennifer thinks it cannot proceed. Sarah Elworthy has sent some links about another way of dealing with the problem of speeding in the village. It was decided to look into obtaining a speed indication device. **Action:** Jennifer Buchanan, Peter Rawlinson

4. Matters Arising from 3rd October 2017

a) Report No. 91 of the Egerton Footpaths Representative – November 2017 **Outstanding Footpath Issues:**

1. **PROW818728.** AW81. From Stone Hill along the ridge to near the end of the path at Greenhill, the wooden stile has broken. *Inspected. Landowner Action.* Checked and this is still outstanding so reported again to KCC, new report **PROW332972.**
2. **PROW362453.** AW72. Between Forstal Farm and Poplar Farm broken fingerpost. *KCC Inspected. Work Scheduled.* Claire now says the fingerpost has disappeared and hence no directions to the two footpaths at the end of Forge Lane. Re-reported this issue and asked for some closure under new report **PROW470933.**
3. 25th September. **PROW 574736.** Two parishioners separately contacted KCC and reported a large branch fallen onto the footpath beside the BT phonebox in The Street.

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4. 25th September. **PROW 866037.** One of the parishioners also reported a fallen oak tree onto the footpath behind the Church, enough along the open track towards Egerton House to enable passage around the tree.

New Footpath Issues Since Last Meeting:

None.

b) HIGHWAYS (outstanding from October meeting)

1. **Report No. 293395.** Blocked drains at Stonebridge Green. KCC state "*under investigation*".

New Highways Issue:

1. 12th October. **Report** to KCC (Heather) regarding water leak in Crockenhill Road.
2. 31st October. **Report No. 310627. (Heather).** Request for new village hall sign for Elm Close.

- c) **Broadband:** Some properties in Harmers Way and Stevens Close have had their numbers changed from prefix 840 to 756. Unfortunately these people have been charged for the service when they should not have been. The Clerk will follow up who has been charged and contact Tony Digweed BT/Openreach contact. The Clerk will also follow up on progress of faster broadband for residents at Mundy Bois.

Action: Clerk

- d) **Entrance signs/Village gateways:** Pat has received design drawings from Julian Swift and an offer from Julian to pay for the making of the gates. The designs will be submitted to KCC for approval and to request a costing to erect. A letter will be sent to Julian to thank him for his offer and to please go ahead. Les Bidewell is to be contacted to request a cost to make 30MPH signs and Egerton sign to go onto gates once erected.

Action: Pat Parr, Clerk

- e) **Mobile phone signal:** Peter has received a reply from Damian Green with a query on how many masts there are in Egerton for various mobile phone providers. It seems there are not any in Egerton the nearest one being in Ulcombe. Peter is to check with Matt Smith who works for EE.

Action: Peter Rawlinson

- f) **Trees:** The trees have all had work done as requested and the Clerk has received an invoice which is the same amount as quoted although extra work has been carried out. The Clerk will arranged payment of the invoice.

Action: Clerk

- g) **Notice boards:** Richard has not yet had a chance to meet with Julian Swift on this matter, he will do before the December meeting

Action: Richard King

- h) **Gift of Land:** Richard has been in contact with Halletts to go ahead with all necessary searches. He has sent a draft of the covenant for the land to be held for villagers in perpetuity

Action: Richard King

- i) **New roof for play area house:** The Clerk will contact Tim Kent if this is something he could replace.

Action: Clerk

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- j) **Street cleaner:** The Clerk has had correspondence with James Boyle, from Little Chart that he would be interested in the job. He has been invited for an interview on Thursday 9th November when Richard, Jim Stears, Tim and the Clerk will attend.
Action: Richard King, Tim Oliver, Clerk
- k) **Christmas on the Glebe:** As a member of the Glebe Christmas Fair committee the Clerk reported that all was going well with the planning. Locating the marquees had been a problem but it seems they have been stored with the huts in the barn belonging to Mark Bruce-Lockhart. Richard suggested that maybe Jonathan Elworthy might assist in checking the marquees before the Fair. Peter offered to assist if Jonathan agreed to the job.
Action: Clerk, Peter Rawlinson
- l) **Domain Name:** Alison has secured www.egertonparishcouncil.co.uk which the Clerk has purchased and Malcolm Laws has pointed onto Egerton-kent web site so the two sites are connected and can be viewed by all.
- m) **Government Planning Law:** Richard has gone through paperwork from KALC and DCLG and thought it not necessary for Egerton to comment.
- n) **Finance meeting:** To be held on Monday 13th November, the Clerk will send out paperwork to members before the meeting.
- o) **Sanctuary Housing:** Richard thanked Geraldine for all her help in organising properties for various families. There have been a number of different moves for families lately within the village.
- p) **Minutes:** Following the request from a resident that the draft minutes be published before being approved at the monthly meeting, the Clerk checked with KALC if this is legally allowed. This has been agreed as long as DRAFT is displayed across all paperwork and that there could be changes before the minutes are approved. The Clerk will post the DRAFT minutes onto the web site and onto the notice boards. Once approved they will then be displayed.
Action: Clerk
- q) **Benches:** Following the request for the benches on the rec to be sanded down and re-varnished, Jennifer will take pictures of the benches and the work needed will be discussed at the December meeting.
Action: Jennifer Buchanan
5. **PCSO:** Oliver Welch has submitted the following report, it is hoped this will happen on a monthly basis. He reported as follows:
"Crime has continued to remain low throughout October in Egerton and the surrounding villages with very few incidents reported. However recently we have seen a slight increase in burglaries across the division so I would like to remind all residents to stay vigilant and report anything suspicious via the Kent Police non-emergency number 101 or if you do witness a crime in progress then please do call 999. Below are some basic steps to help secure your property.
- Keep front gate closed at all times
 - Lock all external doors.
 - Spotlights can help deter offenders.
 - Alarm System- particularly those linked to the police can deter offenders and help police attend incidents swiftly.
 - Timer switchers- for lights when you are out at night or on holiday.
 - Alarms for out buildings

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- Lock sheds and garages
- Mount CCTV to deter and capture evidence of offences.

There have been 0 reports of anti-social behaviour in the village throughout the month. Full in depth crime statistics are freely available by visiting www.police.uk

Finally I would like to draw your attention to the new online crime reporting system on the Kent Police website. This is now live and gives members of the public the ability to report crime online rather than by phone which some may find easier, faster and more convenient."

6. **Neighbourhood Plan Update:** Peter reported that the workshops have been completed and all the input is being analysed. The next issue of the Update magazine, due to be delivered shortly, will show the outcome of the workshops. The next NHP meeting will take place on Wednesday 8th November with another one being held on Wednesday 29th. Certain items that were highlighted at the workshops cannot be dealt with by the NHP committee so will be passed to the PC. Richard thanked Peter, Mel and the NHP team for all their hard work.

7. Correspondence

All circulated by email in advance unless marked with a *

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KALC Community Awards Scheme 2018: All 12/10 **Pat will undertake the job of organising this, Cllrs will correspond by email with suggestions of the recipient.**

Event Announcement: Crime Prevention And Safety Conference, 07 December 2017: All 12/10- **No takers**
Parliamentary Boundaries- Richard 24/10 **Following long discussions and a vote Richard will send a letter proposing Egerton stay within Ashford constituency.**

*New cooker for Millennium Hall **The Parish Council have agreed to pay for a new electric cooker as the present gas one has been deemed unfit for purpose. The Millennium hall committee will make a donation towards the cost of the new cooker.**

Note

DCLG Consultation - Planning for the right homes in the right places: All 5/10

Kent and Medway Funding Fair 18/10/17: All 5/10

DCLG Consultation - Disqualification Criteria for Councillors and Mayors: all 10/10

South East Water annual stakeholder survey 2017: All 10/10

Leader's Heritage and History Briefing No. 5: All 10/10

Ashford Development Update Local Plan 2030: All 10/10

Feedback from Ashford Annual Forum - 3rd October: All 12/10

REGISTER YOUR PLACE TODAY AT NALC'S LARGER COUNCILS CONFERENCE: All 12/10

Christmas Market and Coffee Morning in aid of the Kent MS Therapy Centre-Saturday 18th November from 10am to 3pm: All 17/10

Kent County Council - Budget Consultation 2018 - Draft Budget Strategy 2018/19 Consultation: Finance Committee 17/10

Stress Down Day - Friday 27 October: All 17/10

Skills for Volunteers" course - Wednesday, 13th December 2017: All 24/10

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Charity Pamper and Prosecco event in aid of the Kent MS Therapy Centre- Saturday 25th November 1pm to 4pm: All 24/10

BATTLE'S OVER - A NATION'S TRIBUTE 11TH NOVEMBER 2018: All 24/10- **It has been suggested to ask Harold Hilder to the ceremony as his birthday is 11/11. Mike Yarrow has been asked about the bells ringing.**

Invitation to Community Transport Awayday: All 24/10

Council Matters Autumn 2017: All 24/10

Maidstone Borough Council plans for Gypsy and Traveller's sites in close proximity to Egerton and local area: All 31/10

NALC News Release: All 7/11

Annual Ashford Forum 3rd October – Presentations: All 7/11

Children's Holiday Fun Club run in Harrietsham: All 7/11 **The Clerk will respond to a request for a donation to this club. It is not possible for the PC to donate Precept money.**

Web Items

September minutes

November agenda

Draft October minutes

7) Accounts:

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

Proposed Pat Parr; **Seconded:** Peter Rawlinson;

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
Cigarette bin	Millennium hall	BACS	76.98
Stump out	Tree work	BACS	270.00
Mrs H James	Reimburse goods	BACS	110.36
Mrs H James	November salary	BACS	635.39
HMRC	November	BACS	178.92
			1,271.65

Income			
Peppercorn rent	Norman Cornwall		5p
Red Ensign Flag	Rob Walker		42.36
			42.41

Bank Reconciliation Balance as at 30th October 2017 £17,056.86 less un-presented cheques as follows:

Actual balance = £17,056.86 as at 30th October 2017

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Village Projects fund

Pre-school move **= £ 8,716.15**

Village Hall **= £ 8,213.92**

Total = £16,930.07

Accounts for Egerton update magazine

Expenditure		Cheque No	£

Income			
Advertising			21.25
			21.25

Bank Reconciliation: Balance as at 30th October 2017 £4595.70 Less un-presented cheques as follows:

Actual balance = £4595.70 as at 30th October 2017

Accounts for Egerton Neighbourhood Plan

Expenditure		Cheque No	£

Income			

- a)** Total Budget and Precept 2017-2018 £32,840.00
Actual amount spent to date is £11,552.01

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8) **Public Discussion**

Richard King closed the meeting at 9.45pm for the public discussion, the meeting re-opened at 9.58pm.

9) **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:

17/01459/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Heronsdale Farm, Wanden Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DB Prior approval for the change of use from agricultural building to two residential dwellings (C3) and associated development.
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Due to changes at ABC computer system some planning applications were missed on daily alerts and were only sent as paper applications

[17/01500/AS](#) **2 Old School Court TN27 9DW.** Conversion of garage to habitable accommodation and proposed single storey rear extension to form an annexe.

Support

Awaiting decision:

17/01315/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Land north of Wanden Mead, Wanden Lane, Egerton, Kent Change of use of land for the stationing of 3 static mobile home holiday lets.
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Decided planning applications:

17/01355/AS Prior Approval Not Required	Egerton	Weald North	Agricultural Building north west of Amherst Court, Amherst Farm, Bedlam Lane, Egerton, Kent Prior notification for the change of use of agricultural building and land within its curtilage to a dwellinghouse and associated operational development (revision to the design and layout of Barn A previously approved under 16/01490/AS)
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17/00247/TP	Egerton	Weald North	Grange Court, The Street, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DJ Chestnut Tree: Remove branch overhanging 19 Stisted Way (dead and dangerous)
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17/00247/TP Grant Consent	Egerton	Weald North	Grange Court, The Street, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DJ Chestnut Tree: Remove branch overhanging 19 Stisted Way (dead and dangerous)
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10) Any other business/information:

- Painting play area- **The Clerk will contact Tim Kent for a quote.**
- Cllrs dinner- **The Clerk is to contact Frasers.**
- New Head teacher at Primary school- Ambrose. **Julia Walker with Laura Burton as assistant head.**
- Watersheet Farm tree felling-Peter **Mr Ian Cox has requested to fell some trees which are not listed.**
- Welcome pack request- **Pat will deliver a pack to new residents at Oak Farm, Greenhill Lane.**

The meeting closed at 10.09pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 5th December 2017 at 8.00pm