

EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 1st July 2014
in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, Egerton at 8.00pm.

1. **Present:** Alison Richey (Chairman), Richard King (Vice Chairman), Ambrose Oliver, Tim Oliver, Pat Parr, Peter Rawlinson, Richard Wall, Geraldine Dyer (Ward Councillor) and Heather James (Clerk).
2 members of the public were also present.
2. **Apologies:** Bill Smyth, Roger Harper not present, no apology
3. **Declarations of interest:** None

The minutes of the meeting on 3rd June 2014 : The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings.

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

4. Matters Arising from 3rd June 2014

a) **Footpaths and stiles:**

All works awaiting action have been notified to KCC.

- The gate halfway along the track in Wheeler wood: **Pat still awaiting action.**
- Stile opposite Egerton House: **Pat still awaiting action.**
- A wobbly plank on the stile from New Road into the old allotment field leading to orchard. **Pat still awaiting action.**
- Faulty bridge @ Hazeldene bridle way, by the new kissing gate has lifted due to excess water. **KCC has added to forward maintenance list.**
- Fallen tree blocking the byway at Hazeldene and that the horse latch is not working on the gate.

Following the many reports made by Pat on many issues there seems to be no further action by KCC so Pat contacted them again. A reply was forthcoming from Andrew Hutchinson that no time frame will be set for new works and previous works that had been reported would be dealt with as the jobs moved up the list with priority being given to most urgent if there were any dangers.

It was suggested that the Parish Council might be able to bypass the KCC with minor outstanding issues. Pat is to contact land owners with requests, the Clerk is to contact landowner at Hazeldene farm regarding the bridle way. **Action:** Pat Parr, Clerk

- ##### b) **Highways:**
- Richard King reports that the drains at Stonebridge Green are blocked and water is running down the road and across the road from Willow farm to Brook House. **Works completed**
Drains along Iden Lane are overgrown and blocked, and need to be cleared. **Works completed**
Field Mill Road from Charing Heath to Egerton water is running down the hill at Horseshoe Cottage. Pat has reported as it may be a burst pipe not a spring. It was decided following discussions that Horseshoe Cottage is outside the Egerton boundary, the Clerk is to report to the Clerk at Charing. **Action:** Clerk

A working party is to be formed to map where drains are situated within the village and then the Highways drain team will visit so that they will know where drains are so they can be kept clear to avoid

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flooding during bad weather. Cllrs are to have areas to visit to map potholes and the bad state of the roads in that area, highways will then be contacted to hopefully rectify problems.

Action: All Councillors, Clerk

- c) **CFR: (Community First Responders)** : Richard had nothing new to report as there has been no further progress. Richard had heard nothing back from the church about the possible siting of a new mast. Richard is to check if Linde Ovington has completed and sent in all relevant forms to Vodafone. It was suggested Richard try to contact either, Sheila Cox, Jan Burgess, John Lumley or Jenny Oliver all who are PCC. **Action** Richard Wall
- d) **Culverts:** Tim has provided a list of land owners in and around Forge lane. It was decided that Tim, Alison and the Clerk would contact these landowners personally to discuss the possibility of drains being kept clean to prevent excess flooding. **Action:** Tim Oliver, Alison Richey, Clerk
- e) **Finger post:** Bill has heard that the casting for the sign will be done this week and delivered next week. Richard King suggested that the sign be painted before it is erected onto the post at Green Hill lane. **Action:** Bill Smyth, Richard King
- f) **Community Awards.** Richard has provided a picture to Sheila but was not sure it was good enough to send to KALC for their newsletter. Richard is to send a copy to Peter to try and make brighter on his computer before sending through to KALC **Action:** Richard King, Peter Rawlinson
- g) **Welcome packs.** Pat has delivered a pack to the new occupants at Rose Cottage. There are new occupants at 11 Elm Close and at 2 New Road who will be receiving a pack. **Action:** Pat Parr
- h) **Insurance.** Came & Co representative has visited and had a meeting with Alison, Bill and the Clerk, the representative was very impressed with Egerton Parish Council at the excellent way everything is covered.
- i) **Play equipment inspection:** The Clerk has received a date from Wicksteed when the annual inspection of the play equipment will take place. Bill and the Clerk will accompany the inspector **Action:** Bill Smyth, Clerk
- j) **Basket ball area:** Bill has received the newly repaired ring and will purchase a new net and raise the back board and make the area safe. **Action:** Bill Smyth
- k) **Village confines:** Peter is carrying out a study and has taken many photos and will report back. He is to contact Stephanie Viney at the Planning department ABC to request maps produced previously of the Egerton Confines. **Action:** Peter Rawlinson

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- l) **Road sign:** Bill has cleared the vegetation from in front of the road sign at Forstal road but was unable to straighten it up. The Clerk is to contact Richard Hopkins to ask if he could use his machine to straighten the sign and also the finger post sign in the same area. **Action:** Clerk
- m) **Audit:** All forms requested by Auditor have been posted onto web pages under a page **Statutory Documents.**
- n) **Trees Stonebridge Green Barn:** There has been a planning application from the owner to fell poplar trees, the Clerk is to write to Mr John Lumley and request that if planning permission is agreed whether if it would be possible to also cut back all trees/vegetation that is overhanging the highway. **Action:** Clerk
- o) **Highways drains:** The Clerk has contacted Mr Adam Murdin from highways who is happy to pay a site visit and view maps once Cllrs have completed to show all drains within Egerton.
- p) **Works carried out within village:** The Clerk contacted John Rivers, Chairman of KALC, to request help in defining payments to workers within the village, as yet there has been no response. The Clerk will contact again. **Action:** Clerk
- q) **Ofsted report:** Ambrose was pleased to report that the Ofsted report received by the school was good. The Headteacher, staff and parents are very happy. The Councillors requested that a letter be sent on behalf of the Parish with congratulations. **Action:** Clerk
- r) **Strong box:** This will be purchased once the Chairman and clerk are able to access the archive in the hall during the school holidays. **Action:** Alison Richey, Clerk
- s) **Trees Woodland Trust:** Peter still to follow up

5. Correspondence

All circulated by email in advance unless marked with a *

Action

Oast to Coast magazine- KCC Capital Grant Scheme for Community Halls: All 1/7 **Send to Heather Gould.**

Action: Clerk

KCC Highways – Public notice: All 24/6 **Write letter of support.**

Action: Clerk

*KCC Public Rights of Way maps. **Enquire the price of another set for Pat Parr.**

Action: Clerk

Note

NALC consultation on underground drilling: All 5/6

Police contact points: All 5/6

Kent Care Directory: All + Sheila Palmer 12/6

Latest from ABC J10a M20: All 19/6

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Empowering Parish Councils to sell electricity: All 24/6 **Peter to follow up with KALC at their next meeting.**

Refresh of Kent wide Health and Wellbeing: All 24/6

WW1 Centenary Events: All 24/6

ABC Annual review: All 24/6

NALC-Eric Pickles- Press: All 24/6

Next Parish Forum: Richard Wall 24/6

Geraldine- enquiry to Roger Harper re: landlords 24/6

KALC Phil Carey: Peter 24/6

Parish Views Rural housing: Alison, Bill, Pat, Ambrose 24/6

2014 Honours list: all 26/6

ABC Play Space audit: Alison and Richard Wall 1/7

KALC Event- Police & Crime Commissioner and SECAMB: All 1/7

Web Items

6. **Accounts:**

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

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

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
VAT reclaim	Games Barn	Transfer	200.84
VAT reclaim	Telecottage	Transfer	187.95
Donation coffee morning	Village hall Improvement	Transfer	245.00
Heber Horticultural	mowing	Transfer	503.64
Mrs H James	Ink/postage	Transfer	157.61
Mrs H James	Clerk salary July	Transfer	514.45
HMRC	July	Transfer	128.80
Heber Horticultural	mowing	Transfer	458.04
			2,238.72

Note: New internet banking started so no cheques raised.

Income			
Egerton CFR	donation	50008	22.83
HMRC	VAT reclaimed	BACS	2,308.12
Egerton Friends	Donation Village Hall Imp	50009	60.00
			2,390.95

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Bank Reconciliation as at 28th May 2014 (Latest statements)

Current Account latest Statement Balance as at 28th May 2014 = £27,964.16 Less un-presented cheques as follows:

Egerton – with- Pluckley	donation	1275	30.00
St James church clock	donation	1278	50.00
Mrs H James	Clerk May salary	1279	514.65
HMRC	May	1280	128.60
Heber Horticultural	April mowing	1281	419.64
CPRE	membership	1282	36.00
Treescaping	Tree felling	1283	350.00
Egerton CFR	Transfer funds	1284	5750.23
David Buckett	audit	1285	466.20
Mrs H James	New telephones	1286	31.00
Egerton CFR	donation	1287	22.83
Mrs H James	Clerk salary June	1288	514.65
HMRC	June	1289	128.60
Mrs P Harper	Plants for pots on Glebe	1290	79.50
			8,521.90

Actual balance = £19,442.16 as at 28th May 2014

7. Public Discussion

Alison Richey closed the meeting at 9.20pm for the public discussion, the meeting re-opened at 9.28pm.

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 planning applications:

14/00004/OLE/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Overhead line between Munday Bois Road and Hope Cottage, Kingsland Lane, Egerton, Kent Upgrade of pole mounted transformer and change the existing overhead line to ABC between poles 877486 to 877493
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No Comment

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14/00618/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Appleby Oast, Green Hill Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9EY Conversion of existing outbuilding to annexe
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Support

14/00136/TC	Egerton	Weald North	Stonebridge Barn, Stonebridge Green Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9AN Fell 8 x poplars that overhang the road
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Support. Comment to ABC if permission granted clear trees/vegetation over hanging highway. Letter to John Lumley with above comment.

Decided planning applications:

Newlyn, Newland Green Lane: Following a discussion on the progress of works it was decided that Alison and the Clerk would visit the site just to look at work being completed against plans. **Action:** Alison Richey, Clerk

9. AOB

- Tim mentioned **Speeding in car park** by parents and others. The sign has been damaged and needs re-erecting. The Clerk is to write to the school and the pre-school to request that parents not to use the car park as a run through. Also to arrange to have the sign re-erected. **Action:** Clerk
- Richard Wall has been checking on progress of **Broadband** phase one has been installed into Headcorn and the BT listing states Egerton will be connected in the future.
- Alison followed up a message from the Came & Co representative about the need to be careful if sending emails **reply all** especially if there are a number of links to make sure all is relevant.

The meeting closed at 9.45

Next meeting: Tuesday 5th August 2014 at 8.00pm