

EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 4th March 2014
in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, Egerton at 8.00pm.

1. **Present:** Alison Richey (Chairman), Richard King (Vice Chairman), Roger Harper, Ambrose Oliver, Tim Oliver, Pat Parr, Bill Smyth, Geraldine Dyer (Ward Councillor) and Heather James (Clerk).
4 members of the public were also present.

2. **Apologies:** Peter Rawlinson, Richard Wall

3. **Declarations of interest:** Roger Harper- planning

The minutes of the meeting on 4th February 2014: The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings.

Proposed: Roger Harper; **Seconded:** Bill Smyth

4. Matters Arising from 4th February 2014

a) **Footpaths and stiles:** Pat has reported the following to KCC:

- The gate halfway along the track in Wheeler wood: **Pat still awaiting action.**
- Stile opposite Egerton House: **Pat still awaiting action.**
- A finger post which had fallen over at Field Mill (reported by Ambrose). **Works have been carried out.**
- A wobbly plank on the stile from New Road into the old allotment field leading to orchard. **Pat still awaiting action.**
- Although not an actual public footpath a fallen conifer tree on the edge of the road and on the pavement on Crockenhill. **Works have been carried out and the path cleared.**

New reports submitted:

- Finger post in orchard from Church towards Egerton House (reported by Bill).
- Fallen tree behind village hall blocking footpath.
- Faulty bridge @ Hazeldene bridal way, by the new kissing gate has lifted due to excess water.

Action: Pat Parr

b) **Highways:** Pat has reported to KCC that Wanden Lane is in a very bad state of repair and is dangerous to use. Bill is to report the large potholes in the middle of the road at Swan Lane Little Chart, between Surrenden Road and The Swan pub.

Action: Bill Smyth

c) **Emergency planning:** There is nothing further to report. The sub-committee are still awaiting the new emergency plan template following Pat attending a KALC/KCC training seminar which EPC will then be able to tailor to meet their requirements.

d) **CFR:** Stratton has reported that the CFR's are having real difficulty with communications due to the lack of mobile phone signals. SEC Amb provide mobile phones for the CFR's to keep in touch following a 999 call to an ambulance.

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Following a long discussion it was decided a sub-committee would look into whether it was feasible to have a new mast provided within the village. The sub-committee will be Richard King, Richard Wall and a request to villager Martin Chapman to help.

Action: Richard King

- e) **Culverts:** A letter has been received from Kevin Gore, Drainage Engineer for KCC, following his site visit stating that KCC will arrange for the reported parts of the drainage in The Forstal to be inspected to discover what work needs to be carried out. No times and dates had been given. A copy has been sent to Bob Seaton. We await the outcome as to what if any work will be carried out by KCC. Peter is to keep everyone involved informed.
- Richard Hopkins has been clearing the ditches alongside the road at the bottom of Crocken Hill road and this has help disperse the water following heavy rain. Bob Seaton has mentioned that this has helped with the roads. Pat suggested that perhaps the Parish Council could contact landowners and request ditches within the fields could also be cleared before next winter. The Council agreed that the Clerk should draft a letter to this effect. In the meantime Pat would liaise with Bob as to who the letter should go to. He had confirmed that he thought it was a good idea and would help identify landowners.

Action: Clerk, Pat Parr

- f) **Molly's steps:** Richard King said that Ambrose Oliver had spoken to Lee Selby who had said that no action would be taken at this time. This was confirmed by Ambrose who apologised for any misunderstandings which may have arisen over this matter. Bill and Tim have offered to keep the steps cleared of leaves for safety.

Action Bill Smyth, Tim Oliver

- g) **Finger post:** Bill has been to Green Hill lane and taken some measurements of the finger post and has pictures of this post and the complete one at Newlands Green lane. He is to visit a firm in Canterbury to secure some prices and will then liaise with Les Bidewell who has some costings and who put in the request that the sign be repaired.

- h) **Newsletter:** The proof was made available to Cllrs to add amendments before approval, the newsletter will be printed this week and it is hoped to deliver it to all at the weekend.

- i) **Planning:** The Parish Council were concerned about the development at The Old Byre because this site has planning restrictions for no permitted development. The alterations were put through as a 'non-material amendment' which don't follow the normal planning application procedure. Consequently the decision to permit this had already been taken by ABC before the meeting. Geraldine Dyer was asked to follow this matter up with Ashford Borough Council and the reply she received from Stephanie Andrews brought up more questions. Geraldine is to write again noting: When the piggeries were originally converted it was stated there should be no other development, this has not been kept to by some.

Action: Geraldine Dyer

- j) **Forstal Sewerage:** Mr M Iles sewage letter: Bill has contacted Southern Water and has received maps of main sewers. There is to be a meeting held with Bill, Mr Iles and senior engineers from

Southern water. Although there is progress of sorts being made it is somewhat slow due to the extra pressure on Southern water due to the unprecedented rain fall. Mr Iles has informed Bill he is to write to the environment agency and will let Bill know the outcome.

- k) **Code of conduct training:** The Clerk attended this on behalf of the Council and reported that new legislation will be brought in following the elections in 2015 stating that Councillors 'Disclosable Pecuniary Interests' will have to be declared to Ashford Borough Council and not to do so will be a criminal offence. Furthermore the Parish Council will have to display them all on their own website. The current situation is that they have been declared to ABC but are not currently displayed. This was discussed amongst Councillors and it was decided things would stay as they are until the next election.
- l) **Community Awards.** Pat has filled in and sent off the paperwork to KALC. The Clerk has been in contact with KALC and is to arrange for the Chairman of KALC to attend the Parish Assembly on 19th March to present the award to the nominated person.

Action: Clerk

5. Correspondence

All circulated by email in advance unless marked with a *

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*KCC Public Consultation- Minerals & Waste **Not to be followed up within Egerton**

Note

KALC Council tax referendum principles: Finance committee 6/2

RSN funding available: All 6/2

Code of conduct meeting notes: 13/2

Concerned about planning: 13/2

Pluckley solar farm: All 19/2: **Alison apologised that she thought this had been refused at an earlier meeting. This has now been refused.**

Interactive speed signs: Peter 13/2

Sustainable Communities Act: All 13/2

Revelation @ St Mary's: All 13/2 **Posters with dates to be handed to Music club.**

Power networks critical friends panel: All 13/2

S & SE in bloom

KALC event Planning 23/3: All 18/2

CPRE letter re: new roads: All 18/2

Sevington Warehouse development March 5th : All

Flood recovery info Alison and Pat

Police & Crime commissioner February newsletter: All 4/3

Web Items

South East in bloom

Rural News 134

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6. **Accounts:**

Approval of the accounts for the month, for cheques to be signed.

Proposed : Richard King **Seconded**: Pat Parr

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
SECAmb Charity Fund	CFR	1254	5513.16
Mrs H James	Reimburse for stationery	1255	75.38
Printbig	newsletter	1256	285.00
Mrs H James	Clerk salary March	1257	514.65
HMRC	March	1258	128.60
MD Printers	Parish plan	1259	548.40
			7,065.29

Income			£

Bank Reconciliation as at 31st January 2014 (Latest statements)

Current Account latest Statement Balance as at 31st January 2014 = £25,761.60 Less un-presented cheques as follows:

Physio control UK	1st responder	1216	2155.20
HMRC	January	1247	128.60
Andrew Hopkins	Hedge cutting	1248	84.00
AK Paving	Repair to car park	1249	cancelled
Mrs H James	Stationery/ink cartridges	1250	50.86
Mrs H James	Clerk February salary	1251	514.65
HMRC	February	1252	128.60
Adam Kenneally	Repair to car park	1253	350.00
			3,411.61

Actual balance = £22,349.99 as at 31st January 2014

7. Public Discussion

Alison Richey closed the meeting at 8.58pm for the public discussion, the meeting re-opened at 8.59pm.

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:

14/00191/AS	Egerton	Weald North	6 New Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DT Erection of a single storey front extension
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Support.

Decided planning applications:

14/00022/AS Permit	Egerton	Weald North	1 Hillside Villas, Rock Hill Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DR Erection of a two storey extension
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13/01416/AS Permit	Egerton	Weald North	Newlyn, Newland Green Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9EP Part two storey part single storey side extensions to include veranda to master bedroom, front extension and new front porch (Resubmission to application 13/01003/AS)
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13/01442/AS Permit	Egerton	Weald North	1 Stevens Close, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DZ Erection of a second storey extension over garage
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9. AOB

- i. Pat mentioned that the **Christmas tree on the Glebe** was looking a bit passed its best. Bill reported he had already arranged for it to be taken down and disposed of.
Action: Bill Smyth
- ii. A villager has mentioned that during the bad weather **Green Hill lane had been flooding** quite badly, Pat is to report to KHS and hopefully get the ditches cleared.
Action: Pat Parr
- iii. Richard King mentioned that the **fire hydrant sign at Stonebridge Green** has been knocked over and damaged. The Clerk is to report to Chris Wheel from KFRS.
Action: Clerk
- iv. The **fallen tree behind the Millennium Hall** Tim has offered to cut and clear away with help from another villager.
Action: Tim Oliver

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The meeting closed at 9.25

Next meeting: Tuesday 2nd April 2014 at 8.00pm