

EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 5th December 2017
in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, Egerton at 8.00pm.

Present: Richard King (Chairman), Jennifer Buchanan, Ambrose Oliver, Pat Parr, Geraldine Dyer (Ward Councillor) and Heather James (Clerk).
2 members of the public were present.

1. **Apologies:** Peter Rawlinson (vice Chairman), Claire Foinette, Tim Oliver, Alison Richey,
2. **Declarations of interest:** Pat Parr, Gift of land
3. The minutes of the meeting on 7th November 2017: The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings. **Proposed:** Ambrose Oliver; **Seconded:** Jennifer Buchanan;

Richard would like the Clerk and Jennifer to look into obtaining a speed indication device.

Action: Jennifer Buchanan, Clerk

4. Matters Arising from 7th November 2017

a) Report No. 92 of the Egerton Footpaths Representative – December 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 **WORKS NOW COMPLETE.**
2. **PROW362453.** AW72. Between Forstal Farm and Poplar Farm broken fingerpost. KCC say *Resolved*. Re-reported this issue and asked for some closure under new report **PROW470933.** Now KCC say *Allocated, awaiting inspection.* ? Have emailed KCC to ask for an explanation.

New Footpath Issues Since Last Meeting:

Kath Hilder has asked me to try to do something about the steep gradients of two footpaths:

1. **PROW946600.** AW86. The footpath at Stonebridge Green Road, coming down from the Court Lodge orchards onto the road the descent or ascent is very steep with nothing to hold onto.
2. **PROW972246.** AW84. A footpath from Court Lodge orchards veering off at the track leading towards Egerton House Road the path leads to woods with a stile and very steep descent or ascent into the woods with nothing to hold onto and leads to Egerton House Road just before the turning to Coach Road (Burscombe).

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b) **HIGHWAYS (outstanding from October meeting)**

1. **Report No. 293395.** Blocked drains at Stonebridge Green. On 26th July KCC stated *Works Completed..*
2. 31st October. **Report No. 310627. (Heather).** Request for new village hall sign for Elm Close. On 31st October KCC stated *Enquiry investigated. No further action planned.*
3. 2nd November. **Report No. 311026. (Heather).** Damaged posts and sign at Kingsland Lane. KCC passed this on to ABC on 2nd November.

New Highways Issue:

1. 18th November. **Report No. 2017/03016.** Reported flytipping to ABC at the Pivington end of Iden Lane byway. Blocking the whole track. On 26th November the report was closed, presumably it was cleared.

Pat noted that in report No. 293395 works completed, Pat will check next time we have heavy rain that the work has been carried out.

The Chairman asked Pat to report the burnt out car dumped in the wooded triangle at Field Mill Road on the right turn to Southfield and Barnfield."

Action:Pat Parr

c) **Broadband:** The Clerk has had some correspondence from George Chandler KCC on progress of faster broadband for residents at Mundy Bois.

The news is not good I'm afraid. In our current contract amendments this location has not been selected for inclusion in the work plan. This is simply because there are so many areas that need attention and insufficient resources available to do everywhere. The area remains in scope for further public investment in the future, but for now they are not included I'm afraid.

On future activity I am not able at this point to tell you anything definite – except to note that Members are keen to continue expanding broadband provision further across Kent and I do expect further initiatives to come forward. I am hopeful that there will be some clarity towards the end of the year on possible ways forward for more work following on from our current contracts (ending Dec 2018).

The Clerk will forward this to Charlie Simkins (County Councillor) and request any help he can give on this matter.

Action: Clerk

d) **Entrance signs/Village gateways:** Pat reported that things are moving along slowly. Pat has contacted Les Bidewell, who arranged for the roundel on top of the finger post at Mundy Bois to be made, to submit a quote for the 30MPH signs. Julian Swift is to contact KCC and we await the outcome.

Action: Pat Parr

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) **Notice boards:** Richard has spoken to Julian Swift who thinks it may be possible to refurbish the old notice board on the Glebe and then reposition on to the wall of the Computer Centre. If once taken down the old one is too bad a new one will be made. Once this has been achieved Richard will talk to Julian about the notice board on the wall of the Queens Arms which is in good condition but water is getting in and making posters unreadable.

Action: Richard King

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- g) **Gift of Land:** All searches have come back with nothing untoward being found. Richard has instructed Hallett & Co to go ahead with transfer from Derek to the village. **Action:** Richard King
- h) **New roof for play area house:** The Clerk will contact Tim Kent and Ed Smith to request two quotes to replace. **Action:** Clerk
- i) **Street cleaner:** The Clerk has purchased a new broom, spade, gloves and strong black plastic bags for use by Jimmy. Tim has bought the barrow up to the Millennium Hall where the Clerk has managed to have the shed emptied of items and Richard has provided a padlock. Jim Stears spent time with Jimmy on his first Saturday. Following a request by a villager the Clerk will provide a Hi Viz waistcoat for Jimmy to wear whilst doing his work. **Action:** Clerk
- j) **Christmas on the Glebe:** As a member of the Glebe Christmas Fair committee the Clerk reported that all was going well with the planning. The Clerk has visited the barn where the huts and the marquees are stored and has the bolts ready for the huts to be constructed on 9th December. The committee are most grateful for the offers of help being offered. Thank you to Scott James for erecting the tree on the Glebe. Thank you to Sabine Chapman and Mary Walker for decorating the tree.
- k) **Benches:** Jennifer has taken many pictures of the various benches in the village. The Clerk will contact Tim Kent and Ed Smith for quotes to sand down and re-varnish as they think necessary. **Action:** Jennifer Buchanan
- l) **Community Award 2018:** Councillors had a discussion when the public had left the meeting to decide who should receive the award next. Pat will fill out the necessary paperwork. **Action:** Pat Parr
- m) **Boundary Commission:** Richard sent a letter via email which the Clerk printed and sent via post, to object to Egerton being moved from Weald North ward to Mid Kent and Ticehurst constituency. The other village that this would effect is Smarden, Geraldine will try to get them involved with the objections. **Action:** Geraldine Dyer
- n) **Millennium Hall cooker:** The old gas cooker has been condemned as unfit for purpose so the hall committee have looked into a new gas cooker or changing to an electric one. The decision is to have electric this will also involve having extra electricity supply being provided. The hall committee have had a quote for a new cooker and a quote from an electrician. Some tests need to take place with existing electricity supply to determine what extra supply will be needed. The hall committee will await the outcome of these tests.
- o) **Battle's over 2018:** The Clerk has contacted Kath Hilder to ask Harold if he would like to attend the event as his birthday is on the same day. The Clerk has requested the bells be rung at the time shown on the programme. Battle's Over Guide regarding A Nation's Tribute - 11 November 2018 – 100 Years of Remembrance. "Ringing out for Peace" and you may want to approach your local Minster/Church to encourage them to take part by ringing their bells at 7.05pm on that day.
- p) **Play area:** Tim Kent has been requested to provide a quote to paint the play equipment. The Clerk will also request a quote from Ed Smith. **Action:** Clerk

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q) **Councillors dinner:** The Clerk has been in contact with Fraser’s to book a table in the New Year for the Councillors self-funded meal. The date booked is 5th January, the Clerk is awaiting a menu selection which will be sent out to Cllrs. **Action:** Clerk

5. **PCSO:** The Clerk had thought PCSO Oliver Welch would provide a report each month, this has not been the case this month. The Clerk will contact Oliver and request he either submits a report or lets the Clerk know if there has been no crime to report. **Action:** Clerk

6. **Neighbourhood Plan Update:** As Peter was absent Lois gave the PC an update. At the last Neighbourhood Plan Meeting it was agreed that I should write to Councillors on behalf of the NP Committee with a formal request. This is to seek your agreement about follow-up to certain points emerging from the recent Neighbourhood Plan workshops. Most of these points would not form part of the Neighbourhood Plan but they are concerns or wishes of members of the public that some action should be taken. Many of the concerns were catered for in the earlier Parish Plan. The list is as follows:

Subject	Comments
Shop & Post Office -retain	58
Woodland, Public Footpaths & Seats - protect	25
Broadband & Internet – improve	21
Bus Services - more needed	14
Speeding in Village –cut it down	10
No Street Lighting wanted	8
Crime – Travellers	8
More Parking	6
Queen's Arms - retain	5
Garage - to stay open	5
Games Barn - to improve with Gym	5
Playground - to enlarge & improve	4
Flytipping – prevention & cure	1
Dog Fouling	1
No Urbanisation	1
Planning for Existing Houses	1
Council Houses - more needed	1
Church -add to activities	4

Please would the Parish Council consider these issues in the context of their review of the earlier Parish Plan (as endorsed by EPC), and let the Committee know that the issues will be given attention? (Even if in some cases it will be a matter for EPC to alert or put pressure on another organisation to take some action) . This is important, since villagers will have some expectations of their concerns being addressed and would in due course need to be kept informed through “Egerton Update” and other media. Lois explained that a sub group has been set up to try and engage with the younger generation with the use of a mobile friendly web page.

7. Correspondence

All circulated by email in advance unless marked with a *

Action

KCC Volunteer Support Wardens: New prospectus and letter: All 16/11 **Pat will put an article into the Update magazine**

GDPR WORKSHOPS: All 21/11 **Richard suggested the Clerk should attend one of the workshops.**

Note

KCC Highways Parish Seminars 2017 – Presentations: All 9/11 **Pat has completed and submitted**

Leader Briefing Note for Parishes: All 9/11

Two weeks to stop Green Belt release- CPRE: All 9/11

New provider for east Kent NHS 111 and GP-led out of hours service: All 14/11

Parish Councils in Ashford Rural West Division: All 14/11

Grasstex Limited: All 14/11

KFRS - We've got some news for you: All 21/11

Notification of external auditor appointments for the 2017-18 financial year: All 21/11

Government announcement re: Lorry Park at J11 M20: all 21/11

Singleton Environment Centre Grand Xmas Fayre: All 23/11

Kent County Council - Highways Tracker survey 2017: All 28/11

*Countryside Voice

KALC Community Awards Scheme 2018: All 28/11

Cottage, Stonebridge Green: **Richard has had a complaint from a villager about noise, bad language and excessive amounts of cars parking along the road near to the cottage. Richard visited and spoke with team leader Chris Campbell who would sort out problems and would like to attend a PC meeting to explain the way operations work at the Cottage. Richard suggested a Cllr should follow up on details. Although not a Cllr Graham Howland offered his services as he has had dealings with various people with learning difficulties. Also Lois has offered her services.**

Web Items

October minutes

December agenda

Draft November minutes

Minutes Christmas on the Glebe meeting

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8) Accounts:

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

Proposed Rob Walker; **Seconded:** Ambrose Oliver;

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
Richard King	padlock		18.75
Fairbourne C/mas trees	Christmas tree + delivery	BACS	114.40
Reimburse Mrs H James	Equipment for street cleaner	BACS	53.82
Mrs H James	Clerk salary December	BACS	635.39
HMRC	December	BACS	178.92
			1001.28

Income			

Bank Reconciliation Balance as at 30th November 2017 £15,903.15 less un-presented cheques as follows:

Actual balance = £15,903.15 as at 30th November 2017

Village Projects fund

Pre-school move = £ 8,716.15

Village Hall = £ 8,214.64

Total = £16,930.79

Accounts for Egerton update magazine

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
Printbig	Printing Issue 8	BACS	1264.00
Alan Arthur	Delivering Issue 8	000008	100.00
			1364.00

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Income			

Bank Reconciliation: Balance as at 30th November 2017 £3452.95 Less un-presented cheques as follows:

Alan Arthur			100.00
			100.00

Actual balance = £3352.95 as at 30th November 2017

Accounts for Egerton Neighbourhood Plan

Expenditure		Cheque No	£

Income			

- a) Total Budget and Precept 2017-2018 £32,840
Actual amount spent to date is £12,746.68

- b) The finance committee held a meeting on 13th November to discuss the budget and precept figures for year ending March 31st 2019. Total Budget and Precept for 2018-2019 £35,650. Councillors unanimously voted in favour of the figures. The Clerk will submit the figures when ABC request them.
The Finance committee also discussed wages for the Clerk, these are determined by National Salary Award SCP (spinal column point). The Clerk has been on SCP 23 from start of job in October 2012. Councillors unanimously agreed to raise the Clerk's salary. If the Clerk leaves a new Clerk would start on SCP 23 until the Council decide to move up the scale.

- 9) **Public Discussion**
Richard King closed the meeting at 9.42pm for the public discussion, the meeting re-opened at 9.45pm.

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10) 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:

17/01760/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Mundy Bois House, Mundy Bois Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9EU Building of new freestanding greenhouse and attached cold frames in rear garden
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17/01680/AS	Egerton	Weald North	2 Glebeland, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DH Lawful development certificate - Proposed - Erection of a single storey rear extension.
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17/01007/AS Appeal Received	Egerton	Weald North	Hollis Oast, Egerton House Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9BD Change of use, conversion and extension of existing garden store to annexe accommodation in association with Hollis Oast
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17/01651/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Stonebridge Green Barn, Stonebridge Green Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9AP Replace existing rotten windows and widen 2 windows on south elevation
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Awaiting decision:

17/01459/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Héronsdales 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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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:

17/01513/AS Permit	Egerton, Pluckley	Weald Central, Weald North	The Rose and Crown, Pluckley, Ashford, Kent, TN27 0ST Proposed installation of BI folding doors &; new external bar area
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16/00129/AS Permit	Egerton	Weald North	Stone Hill, Stone Hill Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DU Installation of a new enlarged door and opening to an external store.
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16/00130/AS Grant Consent	Egerton	Weald North	Stone Hill, Stone Hill Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DU Installation of a new enlarged door and opening to an external store.
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17/01500/AS Permit	Egerton	Weald North	2 Old School Court, Rock Hill Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DW Conversion of garage to habitable accommodation and proposed single storey rear extension to form an annexe
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11) Any other business/information:

Ambrose- Primary school children had sung Carol's to Over 60's

- **Date of January meeting-9th January due to Christmas/New Year it was decided to postpone next meeting from first Tuesday to second Tuesday.**

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 8.00pm