

EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 3rd October 2017
in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, Egerton at 8.00pm.

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

1. **Apologies:** Jennifer Buchanan, Alison Richey, Rob Walker
2. **Declarations of interest:** Richard King planning, Pat Parr, Gift of land
3. The minutes of the meeting on 5th September 2017: The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings. **Proposed:** Tim Oliver; **Seconded:** Pat Parr;
4. Jennifer is trying to get people to volunteer for Speedwatch. Jennifer will be asked for an update at the November meeting.
The Clerk has received information that the new PCSO is Oliver Welch. The Clerk has responded to an email from Oliver and invited him to attend a PC meeting in the future if he is available.
Richard and Peter would like to thank Alison for chairing the meeting in September as they were both absent. **Action:** Jennifer Buchanan

Richard invited Jan Burgess to update the council on the lighting up of the church.
The PC have agreed to pay £100 for the first quarter towards the cost of lighting up the church. Rob had asked if LED lighting could be used as it may be cheaper. Jan contacted Lance Russell of Power Point who urged the church not to go down the route of commercial LED lighting as the technology is not as good. The existing lighting is ok for now and is on from 9-11pm during the summer and approx. 5 hours in winter but still off at 11.00pm. The cost of lighting will be discussed by the finance committee at the budget meeting in November.

5. **Matters Arising from 5th September 2017**

a) **Footpaths and stiles:**

Report No. 90 of the Egerton Footpaths Representative – October 2017

Outstanding Footpath Issues:

1. **AW92 - New Road to Orchard and Tumulus etc.** Pedestrian gate. No progress.
2. **PROW237696.** AW68 the stile there had rotten wooden struts which made the plank very unstable and dangerous. KCC supplied a new wooden stile. *JOB COMPLETED.*
3. **PROW597453.** AW68 further along is a fence-type structure almost impossible to climb over, plus there is a metal sheep gate attached with string. KCC supplied a new wooden stile. *JOB COMPLETED.*
4. **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.* Will check this when the cattle are not in there!
5. **PROW306422.** Fallen wooden fingerpost along the Iden Lane byway towards the Pluckley end. KCC *Inspected. Work Scheduled.*
6. **PROW362453.** AW72. Between Forstal Farm and Poplar Farm broken fingerpost. KCC *Inspected. Work Scheduled.* Claire to be asked if it has been done?

New Footpath Issues Since Last Meeting:

1. 17th September. Reported to Ashford Borough Council flytipping at the end of Iden Lane Byway. **Report Number 2017/02446.**
2. 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.
3. 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.

Since distributing report Pat has heard from Mr Harmer that the gate that was to be placed as 1. On report will no longer be necessary as the new people have left the old gate unlocked.

Item 5. This has been carried out.

HIGHWAYS (outstanding from August meeting)

- b) **Report No. 293395.** Blocked drains at Stonebridge Green. KCC state "*under investigation*".
- c) **Neighbourhood and Parish Plans:** The three workshops have been held for public consultation, there was good support for each workshop. Contributions from villagers about their hopes and fears for the village will be collated. The next meeting for the NHP committee has yet to be organised. In due course a questionnaire will be sent out to all households in the village. Congratulations to Peter and Mel for organising and setting out the presentation, well done to the Committee for all their hard work. There was criticism from a villager that the NHP committee are not attracting younger people to the meetings. It was thought that maybe a different way of communicating with younger people might help.

Action: Peter Rawlinson

- d) **Broadband:** There are still problems within the village and residents with prefix 840 numbers are still waiting to be changed to 756 prefix numbers. The Clerk will chase up BT Openreach contacts.

Action: Clerk

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- e) **Entrance signs/Village gateways:** Julian Swift has offered to do the design and donate materials. When the design has been done it will be submitted to KCC to let PC know the cost of installing gates.
Action: Pat Parr
- f) **Mobile phone signal:** Peter will write to Damian Green to update him on recent news. This will be discussed at the November meeting.
Action: Peter Rawlinson
- g) **Trees:** The Clerk has not heard from Aaron since accepting the quote, the Clerk will follow up.
Action: Clerk
- h) **Notice boards:** Julian Swift has discussed with Richard about renovating the Glebe notice board and putting up in new position on the wall of the Computer centre. Julian will also renovate or re-new notice board on wall of Queens Arms pub. The Clerk has received a quote from Egerton Builders to re-furbish the notice board on the wall of the Queens. The Clerk will contact Egerton Builders once Richard has had a meeting with Julian.
Action: Richard King, Clerk
- i) **Gift of Land:** Derek's solicitors, Thorneloe of Lenham and PC solicitors Hallett & Co have been in contact. Hallett & Co recommend a full search of services etc to be done, this will cost approx. £600. Richard has checked if this will be necessary and it is so Halletts have been instructed to go ahead. Lois will draft a letter to be sent to Halletts re: covenant on land for future use and protection. Access onto New road is being looked into ready for when the properties are built.
Action: Richard King
- j) **New roof for play area house:** Richard will ask Julian Swift if this is something he could replace.
Action: Richard King
- k) **Church lighting:** See start of minutes.
- l) **Sign for Millennium hall:** There is a sign pointing to the Millennium hall at the start of New Road/Elm Close opposite the Barrow House but it can only be seen if coming along New Road. A request has been made to have a sign that can be seen if coming from the Street. The Clerk will look into this.
Action: Clerk
- m) **Rightsofway survey:** Pat has done this, thank you Pat.
- n) **Access Road repair:** This has all been carried out.
- o) **Jim Stears:** At this time a replacement has not come forward to replace Jim. Tim and his daughter Emma are emptying some bins, Pat is emptying the bin opposite the shop. Richard will approach Jim to see if he will reconsider and start the job again.
Action: Richard King
- p) **Christmas on the Glebe:** As a member of the Glebe committee the Clerk requested that the PC paid for the Christmas tree for the fair which will be held on 9th December. The PC agreed to fund the tree, the Clerk will organise buying, collection and erecting tree on Glebe.
Action: Clerk

6) Correspondence

All circulated by email in advance unless marked with a *

Action

*Egerton Builders quote for notice board. 5h

Event Announcement: Effective Communication and Improved Performance for Local Councils, 16 October 2017: All 26/9

*Egerton PC domain name to be purchased-Alison **Due to some confusion when the PC moved from Eis to Hugofox the new web site was not showing on Egerton-kent web site so villagers have not been able to view items. Malcom Laws has resolved this for now but Alison suggests the PC buy a domain name for the PC www.egerton parishcouncil.co.uk is available for £20 for 2 years. The PC agreed this would be a good idea. The Clerk will contact Alison and ask her to follow up.**

Note

Have your say: self-care using medicines in the home without needing a prescription: All 7/9

One month left to share your councils views on broadband universal service obligation: All 7/9

Sheds Kent & Medway: All 12/9

Support your local rural businesses: 12/9

Kent Highways Parish Seminar 2017 (AS/SH/SW): All 14/9

KALC WEBSITE SURVEY: All 19/9

Annual Meeting of Action with Communities in Rural Kent: All 19/9

Road Markings: All 19/9

New PCSO Oli Welch: All, Lois 19/9 **See start of minutes**

DCLG Consultation - Planning for the right homes in the right places 9/11: All 26/9 **Richard is to look into new government planning law.**

Transportation Board Tuesday 12 September 2017: All 26/9

Halloween Quiz on Friday 27th October in aid of the Kent MS Therapy Centre: All 26/9

Village Gateways - JACS (UK) Ltd: Pat 26/9

UK Power Networks: Roadshows: All 26/9

Gypsy and Traveller Issues and Options-Conference 3/10: All 28/9

Business Rates consultation: All 28/9

Nominate now in the 'Rural Oscars' 2017-vote by 13/11: All 28/9

Young Achievers Awards – update: All 3/10

Your latest news from the PSMA: Alison, Peter 3/10

Web Items

August Minutes

October agenda

Annual Return 31.3.2017 all

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7) **Accounts:**

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

Proposed Claire Foinette; **Seconded:** Peter Rawlinson;

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
PKF Littlejohn	External auditors	BACS	360.00
Alan Arthur	Delivering invites for NHP	1319	100.00
Film & Computer centre	Printing Welcome packs	BACS	1.50
St James	Lighting of church	1320	100.00
Reimburse Mrs H James	goods	BACS	13.51
Mrs H James	September salary	BACS	635.19
HMRC	September	BACS	179.12
			1,389.32

Income			
Peppercorn rent	Millennium Hall		5p
ABC	Bi-annual precept	BACS	9700.50
			9700.55

Bank Reconciliation Balance as at 30th September 2017 = £18,521.66 less un-presented cheques as follows:

Actual balance = £18,521.66 as at 30th September 2017

Village Projects fund	
Pre-school move	= £ 8,716.15
Village Hall	= £ 8,213.27

Total =	£16,929.42

Accounts for Egerton update magazine

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
Alan Arthur	Delivery issue 7	7	100.00
			100.00

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Income			
Advertising			422.50
			422.50

Bank Reconciliation: Balance as at 30th September 2017 = £4,574.45 Less un-presented cheques as follows:

Actual balance = £4,574.45 as at 30th September 2017

Accounts for Egerton Neighbourhood Plan

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
Alan Arthur	As above		

Income			

- a) Total Budget and Precept 2017-2018 £32,840.00
Actual amount spent to date is £10,085.71

8) Public Discussion

Richard King closed the meeting at 9.25pm for the public discussion, the meeting re-opened at 9.27pm.

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:

17/01315/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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Object- Lois to draft response

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17/01355/AS	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
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Awaiting decision:

Decided planning applications:

17/01181/AS Prior Approval Not Required	Egerton	Weald North	Agricultural Building known as Tyler Barn, Old Harrow Farm, Link Hill Lane, Egerton, Kent Prior approval for change of use from agricultural barn and land within its curtilage to one dwelling house
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17/01257/AS Permit	Egerton	Weald North	West View, Stone Hill Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DU Proposed agricultural building
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10) Any other business/information:

- Jazz/picnic on the rec 29th June 2018-**Restrictions on doors/windows to be closed while music is being played. It is a matter for the hall committee to decide if restrictions should be reviewed.**
- Finance meeting: **Monday 13th November at Rock Cottage at 7.00pm**
- Parish Forum-Claire: **A report was read out.**
- Clerk day out request: **19th October agreed to by Council**
- Sanctuary housing: **Geraldine, Richard, ABC and sanctuary had a meeting which seems to be working out as the PC had more say in which residents were offered local needs housing.**
- Legal procedure-Ambrose:- **All residents are welcome to join the PC at the monthly meeting. A resident enquired if the previous months minutes could be put onto the Egerton web site before they were approved. The Clerk will check with KALC the legal procedure.**
- Welcome pack-Pat: **A pack has been delivered to new residents Ian and Mary James at 2 Glebeland.**
- Trees in lower rec-Peter: **A villager has mentioned that the height of the trees is beginning to block views, the Clerk will add to list for Finance Committee to discuss to add cost of works to budget. Richard suggested that no more trees should be planted within the area.**
- Benches on rec: **A resident has mentioned having the benches rubbed down and re-varnished. The Clerk will contact Anthony Hicks for a quote.**

The meeting closed at 10.20pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 7th November 2017 at 8.00pm