

EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 6th May 2014 AGM
in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, Egerton at 8.00pm.

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

1. **Election of Officers:** Tim Oliver **proposed** Alison Richey as Chairman, Bill Smyth **seconded**; Peter Rawlinson **proposed** *Richard King as Vice Chair, Pat Parr **seconded**.

The following sub-committees were agreed, **proposed:** Bill Smyth, **seconded:** Roger Harper.

Committee/organisation	Representatives
Finance	Alison Richey, Richard King, Peter Rawlinson, Tim Oliver
Local Needs Housing	Pat Parr, Ambrose Oliver
Youth matters	Alison Richey, Pat Parr, Peter Rawlinson
Highways/Traffic/Transport	Pat Parr, Tim Oliver
Development projects	Richard King, Alison Richey
Communications/Publicity	Alison Richey, Peter Rawlinson
Maintenance	Bill Smyth, Tim Oliver, Roger Harper
Games Barn	Bill Smyth, Tim Oliver
Telecottage	Alison Richey, Richard King
EPFA	Alison Richey, Bill Smyth, Tim Oliver
KALC	Peter Rawlinson
Hall Committee	Alison Richey, Roger Harper
ABC Parish Forum	Richard Wall
Kent Police Forum	Richard Wall, Lois Tilden^
Egerton School Governors	Ambrose Oliver
Footpaths	Pat Parr
Tree Warden	Peter Rawlinson, Michael Steed^
Parish Plan	Richard King, Richard Wall, Peter Rawlinson, Alison Richey
Snow Committee	Alison Richey, Bill Smyth, Pat Parr
Emergency Plan	Pat Parr, Peter Rawlinson, Bill Smyth

*Already indicated acceptance, if proposed, in advance of the meeting

^ co-opted

2. **Apologies:** Richard King (Vice Chairman),
3. **Declarations of interest:** None
4. The minutes of the meeting on 1st April 2014: The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings.

Proposed: Tim Oliver; **Seconded:** Roger Harper

5. **Matters Arising from 1st April 2014**

a) **Footpaths and stiles:**

Pat notes that nothing is moving along and that all of the following have been reported to KCC and are still awaiting action.

All works awaiting action have been notified to KCC.

- The gate halfway along the track in Wheeler wood:
- Stile opposite Egerton House:
- A wobbly plank on the stile from New Road into the old allotment field leading to orchard.
- Finger post in orchard from Church towards Egerton House (reported by Bill).
- Fallen tree behind village hall blocking footpath. **Cleared by landowner.**
- Faulty bridge @ Hazeldene bridle way, by the new kissing gate has lifted due to excess water. **KCC has added to forward maintenance list.**
- Pat is to report a fallen tree blocking the byway at Hazeldene and that the horse latch is not working on the gate. **Action:** Pat Parr
- The footpath across the field from Stisted Way to Egerton House has not been reinstated, the Clerk is to write to the land owner requesting works be carried out. **Action: Clerk**

- b) **Highways:** Pat had reported to KCC the flooding up Greenhill Lane from Mundy Bois Cottages to Brown's Kitchen. Pat checked the status on Highways web site and the problem had been resolved. It seems this is not the case when residents were asked, Pat is to report again.

Action: Pat Parr

Pat has reported the problem with the drains near Verrall's Oak where water is not draining away properly:

Works being programmed by KCC

Pat has reported the blocked drains down Iden Lane.

Works being programmed by KCC

- c) **Emergency planning:** Pat sent a copy of the Emergency Plan to the Clerk and the Clerk is to forward to all Cllrs.

Action: Clerk

CFR: (Community First Responders) Peter is to report how KALC is responding to the necessity for more phone masts after the next meeting for KALC on 21st May. Richard Wall reported following the meeting in April I was sent a link to the mobile phone operators. I contacted both Vodaphone and EE. Vodaphone responded to say that they only looked at potential sites proposed by the land owners and forwarded me a form. I passed this to the Church for them to get a feasibility study carried out. No response was received from EE. I did not contact Lenham church as there seemed no need. In order to move things on we would need to look at alternative options for siting a mast if the church was found not to be acceptable **Action: Peter Rawlinson, Richard wall**

- d) **Culverts:** Pat is to contact Bob Seaton to get the names of land owners who will be contacted by letter to request land ditches are cleared before next winter to help with flooding issues, the Clerk will send out the letters.

Action: Clerk, Pat Parr

- e) **Finger post:** Bill has ordered the finger post top circle for Green Hill lane and will report back when it is to be delivered. **Action:** Bill Smyth
- f) **Forstal Sewerage:** Bill has had a meeting with Southern Water and the drains have been inspected with cameras, Bill is awaiting the outcome of their report.
- g) **Community Awards.** Richard King is to let the Clerk have a photo of the presentation of the award to Sheila Palmer. **Action:** Richard King
- h) **Fallen tree behind Millennium Hall:** Bill has spoken to Rob Walker who has decided the trees are too big for him to work on. Bill has contacted Treescape who are to come and carry out works on a number of trees and cut up all felled trees. There may be more trees to come down in the future. It was discussed that it may be necessary to plant some replacement trees to help retain the bank over-looking the cricket pitch.
- i) **Welcome packs:** Pat has delivered a welcome pack to Mr & Mrs Cook, 12 Harmers Way.

6. Correspondence

All circulated by email in advance unless marked with a *

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Spring Parish Matters Came Insurance: All 8/4-**Following an article in the magazine the Clerk is to make an appointment for a representative from Came & Co to come and review all facilities under insurance.**

*Wicksteed annual inspection- **Bill is to organise a date for the annual inspection**

Note

BBC one – house swap: All 10/4

*Oast to Coast magazine

*Countryside Voice magazine

*Lloyds bank letter Internet banking

*Letter Jan Burgess – St James clock –see accounts.

*ABC letter – polling places

Kent business portal: All 6/5

Kent Police & Crime commissioner Newsletter: All 6/5

Web Items

BBC one house swap: posted 10/4

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7. **Accounts:**

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

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

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
Malcolm Laws	Cancelled	1262	145.00
Malcolm Laws	Repair laptop	1265	40.00
Mrs H James	Clark salary April	1266	514.65
HMRC	April	1267	128.60
Rob Hopkins	Cleaning Oct-March	1268	459.00
Green Thumb	Lawn treatment	1269	70.00
ARCK	membership	1270	35.00
Heber Horticultural	Mowing March	1271	103.56
Clerk & Councils Direct	Subscription	1272	12.00
Telecottage	donation	1273	300.00
Wealden Wheels	donation	1274	1,000.00
Egerton – with- Pluckley	donation	1275	30.00
Playing fields committee	donation	1276	300.00
Village hall committee	donation	1277	30.00
St James church clock	donation	1278	50.00
Mrs H James	Clerk May salary	1279	514.65
HMRC	May	1280	128.60
			3,571.06

Income:

Precept	Bi-annual	bacs	9,102.00
			9,102.00

Bank Reconciliation as at 27th March 2014 (Latest statements)

Current Account latest Statement Balance as at 27th March 2014 = £18,346.05 Less un-presented cheques as follows:

Physio control UK	1st responder	1216	2,155.20
HMRC	March	1258	128.60
KALC	membership	1260	412.01
Cancelled	Wrong name	1261	
Malcolm Laws	Lap top repair	1262	145.00
EPC Telecottage	printing	1263	10.25
Mrs H James	Parish Assembly supplies	1264	71.85
			2,922.91

Actual balance = £15,423.14 as at 27th March 2014

8. Public Discussion

Alison Richey closed the meeting at 8.57pm for the public discussion, the meeting re-opened at 8.58pm.

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 planning applications:

14/00191/AS 16 Apr 2014	Egerton	Weald North	6 New Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DT Erection of a single storey front extension
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Case ref: 13/00789/AS Appeal.

14/00414/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Watersheet Farm, Bedlam Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DA Conversion of barn to ancillary residential accommodation and construction of link between barn and house.
14/00415/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Watersheet Farm, Bedlam Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DA Conversion of barn to ancillary residential accommodation, demolition of attached boiler lean-to room, internal and structural alterations and construction of link between barn and house.

Support

Decided planning applications:

14/00310/AS Permit	Egerton	Weald North	2 Goodwin House, Bedlam Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DA Proposed 2 storey side and rear extension
14/00321/AS Permit	Egerton	Weald North	White Cottage, Rock Hill Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9EB Erection of a detached garage with lean-to log store.

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

- Whilst carrying out the Spring Clean Pat noticed the sorry state of the **Basket-ball board** and ring and wondered if it could have a new ring and net . Bill has offered to raise the height of the post and backing board, repair and replace the hoop and net. **Action: Bill Smyth**
- Thank you to Bill Smyth for putting **lights on the steps** from Elm close to the Village hall car park.
- The Clerk is to write a letter of thanks to Tony France for **mowing the grass** at Stonebridge Green. **Action: Clerk**
- Ambrose noted that there have been a **number of thefts** within the village and wondered what was the Parish Councils views on reporting.
It was suggested that all crime should be reported to the police and to let Lois know for neighbourhood watch.
- Roger noted that there has been some **fly tipping** carried out near the garages along New Road.
- Pat and Geraldine attended **The Parish Forum meeting** at ABC 23rd April and Pat reported on the article **Village Confines pilot study** carried out by Challock PC , Peter Rawlinson has offered to follow up on this, the Clerk is to forward details of the Clerk at Challock. **Action: Peter Rawlinson, Clerk**
- Peter reported the **speed sign** at Stonebridge Green is on the ground, Bill Smyth has offered to go and fix the problem. **Action: Bill Smyth**

The meeting closed at 9.25

Next meeting: Tuesday 3rd June 2014 at 8.00pm