

EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 4th February 2014 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, Geraldine Dyer (Ward Councillor) and Heather James (Clerk). 2 members of the public were also present.

1. **Apologies:** Richard King (Vice Chairman), Richard Wall
2. **Declarations of interest:** Tim Oliver
3. **The minutes of the meeting on 7th January 2014:** The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings. **Proposed:** Bill Smyth; **Seconded:** Pat Parr
4. **Matters Arising from 7th January 2014**

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

- A finger post which had fallen over at Field Mill (reported by Ambrose).
- A wobbly plank on the stile from New Road into the old allotment field leading to orchard.
- Although not an actual public footpath a fallen conifer tree on the edge of the road and on the pavement on Crockenhill.

Bill has noticed the footpath sign at the back of the church through to the orchard has fallen over. Pat is to report to KCC. **Action: Pat Parr**

b) **Highways:** New Road the hedging has been cut back and neatly cleared by the landowner. Wanden road is in a very bad state of repair and is dangerous to use, Pat is to report to KHS.

Action: Pat Parr

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.

There are now eight Community First Responders (CFR) trained and ready to be on call.

d) **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 that area 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. **Action: Peter Rawlinson**

e) **Molly's steps:** As Richard King was not present at the PC meeting it was proposed to wait until the following meeting to hear his response from a meeting with Lee Selby (Head teacher, Egerton Primary School) about whether there was anything that could be done to make the steps safer.

f) **Finger post:** Costs have been received from Julian Mills to repair the circle name plate on top of the sign at the end of Green Hill Lane to match the sign at Newlands Green Road. The estimated cost was £1400-£1800 which the PC thought too expensive. Les Bidewell a resident in Green Hill Lane (who originally raised the issue and offered to pay for any works) has provided some costs from Croft Castings and Bill is to try and secure some other prices from a company he has used in the past. The Clerk is still awaiting a price from Hatch Engineering. **Action: Clerk, Bill Smyth**

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g) Precept: The budget/precept figures have been submitted to Ashford Borough Council as approved by Councillors at January meeting.

Council tax support grant claimed	£610
Total amount to be charged to local taxpayers precepted by Parish	£16,484
Sub Total (The cash precept for the Council)	£17,094
Concurrent functions grant claimed	£1,110
Total payment expected from ABC	£18,204

h) Newsletter: Peter has prepared the newsletter and will contact Councillors for any other pieces that need to be added. Peter and Alison will meet to finalise and it is hoped to get the newsletter delivered by the end of February. **Action: Peter Rawlinson, Alison Richey**

5. Correspondence

All circulated by email in advance unless marked with a *

Action

KALC training programmes 20th February 'The Dynamic councillor' : All 9/1

KALC Consultation- road casualty reduction strategy for Kent: All 21/1

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South East Ambulance Service-John Rivers: All 9/1

Code of Conduct training 11/2/2014: All 16/1

Ann Barnes- Draft refresh Police & crime plan: All 21/1

What next for localism-Wed 26th March : all 21/1

Parish News 374: All 23/1:All 23/1

Safe and sensible street lighting : All 23/1

Information Ambulance service events: All 28/1

Ann Barnes meet the commissioner- Wed 26th Feb: All 28/1

Road safety toolkit-safety cameras Free seminars 11th/12th Feb: All 4/2

Community awards by Friday 28th Feb: All 4/2 Pat is to fill out forms and send off.

What next for localism: All 4/2

Kent men of trees: All 4/2

CPRE 'new green scheme for farmers': All 4/2

Kent Police & Crime commissioner Newsletter January: All 4/2

Local plan site submission from ABC planning towards 2030: All 4/2

Letter from M Iles about sewage backing up in Forge lane: All 4/2

*Kent Minerals & Waste

Web Items

No news on web this month.

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6. Accounts:

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

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

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
Mrs H James	Clerk January salary	1246	514.65
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
			1771.36

Income			£
Warstock			2.66
			2.66

Bank Reconciliation as at 31st December 2013 (Latest statements)

Current Account latest statement balance as at 31/12/13 = £26,404.85

Less un-presented cheques as follows:

		Cheque No	£
Physio control UK	1st responder	1216	2155.20
HMRC	December	1243	128.60
			2,283.80

Actual balance = £24,121.05 as at 31st December 2013

7. Public Discussion

Alison Richey closed the meeting at 8.48pm for the public discussion, the meeting re-opened at 8.54pm.

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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:

14/00022/AS	Egerton	Weald North	1 Hillside Villas, Rock Hill Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DR Erection of a two storey extension
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Decision: Support with Comments suggesting that materials used are sympathetic to materials that are existing and within the Village plan.

Planning applications for non-material amendment (No comments asked for from Parish Council):

07/00784/AM01/AS	Egerton	Weald North	The Old Byre, Stonebridge Green Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9AN Application for non-material amendment - Change to approved rear hipped roof, to full gable
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Decided planning applications:

07/00784/AM01/AS Amended Plans Approved	Egerton	Weald North	The Old Byre, Stonebridge Green Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9AN Application for non-material amendment - Change to approved rear hipped roof, to full gable
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13/01378/AS Permit	Egerton	Weald North	Netherfields, Chapel Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9BX Erection of a single storey side extension and loft conversion with the insertion of a dormer window to rear elevation
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The Parish Council were concerned about the development at The Old Byre because this site has planning restrictions for no 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.

Action: Geraldine Dyer

9. AOB

- i. A member of the public approached the clerk regarding the siting of a **new salt/grit bin on or near the Glebe**. As there is a grit bin by the school and another by the church it was decided another one for the Glebe would not be necessary. The clerk would report back to the member of the public. **Action: Clerk**
- ii. Ambrose raised the issue of accessing the **KALC newsletter on line** which he had difficulty with due to requiring log-in details. It was agreed that anyone wishing to view the Newsletter would contact the clerk for the password.
- iii. Pat is organising the **Annual Spring clean** which will be held on Saturday 5th April at 10am. All volunteers would be welcome and anyone wishing to help should meet at the Millennium Hall.

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The Clerk is to advise Jackie at the Parish magazine, Denise to put on the on-line village diary, Lois for neighbourhood watch. She would put posters on both notice boards, and post onto web. She would also contact ABC to have essential items sent to Pat.

Action: Clerk

- iv. Regarding the **letter from Mr Iles about sewage** backing up in Forge lane. Bill was involved previously in the meetings with Southern Water in 2010 and has elected to continue this role. He has recent experience of dealing with Southern Water having sorted out an issue at the Good Intent cottages and will use this new contact to explore this matter further. He will keep Mr Iles and Mr Gravett informed.

Action: Bill Smyth

- v. **Code of Conduct training.** The Clerk would attend this on behalf of the Council and report back.

Action: Clerk

- vi. **Community Awards.** A response was required by 28 February for any nominations. Pat offered to fill out forms and send off.

Action: Pat Parr

The meeting closed at 9.37

Next meeting: Tuesday 4th March 2014 at 8.00pm