

EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 5th August 2014
in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, Egerton at 8.00pm.

1. **Present:** Alison Richey (Chairman), Richard King (Vice Chairman), Ambrose Oliver, Tim Oliver, Pat Parr, Bill Smyth, Geraldine Dyer (Ward Councillor) and Heather James (Clerk).
2 members of the public were also present.
2. **Apologies:** Roger Harper, Peter Rawlinson, Richard Wall
3. **Declarations of interest:** None

The minutes of the meeting on 1st July 2014 : The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings.

Proposed: Richard King; **Seconded:** Ambrose Oliver

4. Matters Arising from 1st July 2014

a) **Footpaths and stiles:**

Outstanding issues to be resolved by Cllrs: The obstruction to the footpath by a locked/blocked gate halfway along the track in Wheeler Wood has been cleared by Pat and Don Parr.

Stile too high and wobbly opposite Egerton House, needs an extra step at bottom and post to be strutted. Clerk is to ask R James & Sons fencing to carry out work. **Action:** Clerk

Wobbly broken plank on a too high stile down New road in the sheep field on the stile which leads into the orchard. Pat to ask land owner to repair. **Action:** Pat Parr

Damaged horselatch through Hazeldene farm bridle way the Clerk is to ask landowner. **Action:** Clerk

b) **Highways:**

The Clerk is to re-send the maps, kindly created by Alison, to all Cllrs then each Cllr will mark on maps in their area where run off drains are situated also make a note of potholes and other road issues which can then be reported to highways. Cllr Bill Smyth is to check with Highways if there is a certain measurement between each run off drain to make it easier to locate.

Action: Bill Smyth, Clerk

- c) **CFR: (Community First Responders)** : Richard had nothing new to report. Alison has checked with Linde Ovington-Lee about the application to have a phone mast on the church. The application was refused and when Alison checked as to why the response was that there was no money left in the budget this year. New funding will be in place in January when the application will be assessed. Alison has reported that the reason for the application being sent in was because the CFR (Community First Responders) do not get a mobile phone signal which is causing problems when it is a matter of life or death when trying to contact the emergency services. The application has been re-sent ready for the next round of funding. Thank you Alison.

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- d) **Culverts:** The Clerk is to visit landowners on the list provided by Tim Oliver to request that drains are cleared before winter in the hope it will help stop flooding. **Action:** Clerk
- e) **Finger post:** The new top sign has been delivered and the Clerk is to ask R James & Sons fencing to fit to finger post and also to grind down jagged edge on Pluckley finger sign. Thank you to the Villager who provided the funding for the new top sign.
- f) **Welcome packs.** Pat has delivered a pack to the new occupants of 11 Elm Close and 2 New Road. Thank you Pat.
- g) **Play equipment inspection:** The Clerk has received a date from Wicksteed when the annual inspection of the play equipment will take place. Bill and the Clerk will accompany the inspector. The seating around the play area needs replacing, the cost will be put forward in the next budget. **Action:** Bill Smyth, Clerk, Finance committee
- h) **Basket-ball area:** Bill has repaired the basket-ball area, he has put up a new back board and painted, also he has re-instated the hoop with a new net. The Clerk is to write a note of Thanks to Julian Mills who provided the new hoop. Thank you Bill for all your hard work. **Action :** Clerk
- i) **Village confines:** Peter is not at this meeting so will await his report next month. **Action:** Peter Rawlinson
- j) **Road sign:** Richard Hopkins has been contacted to request that he straightens the sign at Forstal road and also the finger post sign in the same area when he is passing in his machine.
- k) **Trees Stonebridge Green Barn:** The trees overhanging the highway at Stonebridge Green barn have been cut back.
- l) **Strong box:** This will be purchased once the Chairman and Clerk are able to access the archive in the hall during the school holidays. **Action:** Alison Richey, Clerk
- m) **Trees Woodland Trust:** Peter still to follow up
- n) **KCC Maps:** The Parish Council have received some maps which show Public Rights of way, Pat has requested copies which the Clerk will purchase. **Action:** Clerk
- o) **Newlyn planning:** Alison has been and checked on the progress of building works at Newlyn, Newland Green Road. Following some discussions the Clerk is to request that ABC planning department check on the work and also that it would seem the residents of Newlyn are residing in the adjacent barn. The Clerk will report the response from ABC at the next meeting. **Action:** Clerk

Speeding cars in car park. The Clerk has sent letters to the Primary school and the Pre-school to request drivers slow down in the car park. The speed sign which has been knocked down is to be re-instated by Bill and Tim. **Action:** Bill Smyth, Tim Oliver

5. Correspondence

All circulated by email in advance unless marked with a *

Action

Letter on Speeding in Village and new dog bin **The Clerk is to reply to the letter received from a villager.** **Action:** Clerk

Affordable housing enquiry **The Clerk and Alison are to reply to the request for the need of more affordable housing not being needed at this time.** **Action:** Alison Richey, Clerk

Note

*Discover your countryside CPRE days out membership card.

KALC events September: All 8/7

Influencing the future of care event: All 8/7

New lottery funding: All 8/7

Streetlife: All 10/7

Feel Good Photo Competition: All 10/7

Kent Minerals & Waste local plan: Richard King 15/7

Stour View + KSCP Annual review: All 15/7

*Ashford Kent- People serving people report.

ABC Playground audit: Alison, Bill 22/7

The source summer SE Water: All 22/7

New local policing model KALC: All 22/7

Recycling banks: All 24/7

KALC Events September-October: 24/7 **The Clerk is to book a place for Ambrose Oliver to attend on 12th September.** **Action:** Clerk

A picture of health NHS Ashford: All 29/7 With artist Competition Cathy Hill

Ann Barnes Dealing with offenders questionnaire: All 5/8

Web Items

Ashford Remembers WW1

Alive and Well British Red Cross event.

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6. **Accounts:**

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

Proposed : Tim Oliver; **Seconded:** Ambrose Oliver

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
KALC	Local Councils book	Transfer	43.18
Came & Co Ins	renewal	Transfer	1,192.88
British Telecom	Telecottage telephone	Transfer	59.48
Treescapes	Tree work	1291	360.00
Bill Smyth	Birthday card Ferrari	Transfer	6.94
Mrs H James	Clerk salary August	Transfer	514.65
HMRC	August	Transfer	128.60
			2,305.73

Income			
Warstock	Bi-annual	BACS	2.66
Egerton Friends	Donation Village Hall Imp	500010	104.00
Donation	Village Hall improvement	500011	50.00
			156.66

Bank Reconciliation as at 30th June 2014 (Latest statements)

Current Account latest Statement Balance as at 30th June 2014 = £22,044.47 Less un-presented cheques as follows:

Egerton – with- Pluckley	donation	1275	30.00
St James church clock	donation	1278	50.00
HMRC	May	1280	128.60
			208.60

Actual balance = £21,835.87 as at 30th June 2014

7. **Public Discussion**

Alison Richey closed the meeting at 9.34pm for the public discussion, the meeting re-opened at 9.36pm.

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:

14/00813/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Barn at Bedewell Farm, Link Hill Lane, Egerton, Kent Prior approval for a proposed conversion of existing agricultural barn to residential dwelling.
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Support

14/00152/TC	Egerton	Weald North	4 Glebeland, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DH 1 x Prunus Serrulata (Kwanzan) - prune and reduce tree by 50% in front garden
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Checked with tree warden- support

14/00925/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Mill House, The Street, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9AL Erection of a ancillary annexe
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Support

Decided planning applications:

14/00004/OLE/AS Raise no objection.	Egerton	Weald North	Overhead line between Munday Bois Road and Hope Cottage, Kingsland Lane, Egerton, Kent Upgrade of pole mounted transformer and change the existing overhead line to ABC between poles 877486 to 877493
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14/00141/TC Raise No Objection	Egerton	Weald North	Brook House, Stonebridge Green Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9AP Remove 1 x Leylandii to rear of property
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14/00618/AS Permit	Egerton	Weald North	Appleby Oast, Green Hill Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9EY Conversion of existing outbuilding to annexe
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9. **AOB**

- Ambrose- Recycling. Bill has been in contact with Aylesford print about **recycling newspaper** when the bins are taken away by ABC. He is also enquiring about glass recycling. Villagers are requested to use the paper recycling bins at the Games barn instead of the green wheelie bins at home so that the village will benefit from the money generated and not Biffa.
- Kath retiring-newspaper article. The Clerk is to take on **reporting Egerton news** to the Kentish Express.
- Clerk holiday. If there is a problem while the Clerk **is away on holiday** Alison Richey or Bill Smyth can be contacted.
- Bill and the Clerk have had a birthday card made using the montage designed by Aaron Parr, the card is for **Arnold Ferrari who will be 100 years old in August**. The card is to be taken to various clubs within the village for people to sign.
- Bill noticed a villager had **cut back a tree on the Glebe and had left the cuttings on the Glebe**, the Clerk has been requested to send a letter to the villager. **Action:** Clerk
- The Clerk reported that one of **the blue chairs from the committee room** had been broken and left outside. Bill has kindly mended Thank you Bill. The Clerk is to contact Heather Gould (secretary) to report damage. **Action:** Clerk
- The Clerk is to contact Highways to request **white markings be put along the edge of the kerb at Elm Close** to help with visibility. **Action:** Clerk

The meeting closed at 9.50

Next meeting: Tuesday 2nd September 2014 at 8.00pm