

EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL

**The meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 2 April 2013
in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, Egerton at 8.00pm.**

Present: Alison Richey (Chairman), Richard King (vice Chairman), Roger Harper, Ambrose Oliver, Tim Oliver, Pat Parr, Bill Smyth, Richard Wall and Heather James (Clerk). 2 members of the public were also present.

- **Apologies:** Peter Rawlinson, Geraldine Dyer (ward councillor)
- **Declarations of interest:** Yes Richard King
- **The minutes of the meeting on 5 March 2013:** The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings. **Proposed: Bill Smyth; seconded: Roger Harper**
- **Matters Arising from 5 March 2013**
 - a. **Playground and Skatepark:** The wet pour kits and seats await installation when the weather improves. Bill has been carrying out weekly risk assessment checks and filling in the forms for the Clerk to keep on file.
Thank you Bill. Bill has looked into installing seats at the skatepark and has decided it will be best to replicate the ones by the playpark. He is to ask R James & Sons for a quote. **Action: Bill Smyth**
 - b. **Older Person's Housing:** Discussions are continuing a meeting was held on 26 March where there were developers from The Prince's Trust. There is to be another meeting and a report given at the May meeting.
Action Alison Richey, Richard King
 - c. **Footpaths and stiles:** Following the report from Pat regarding the state of the footpath behind the houses on the Glebe, as yet no action has taken place. Pat has requested that the footpath be closed off for safety reasons. Bill noted that a footpath sign in the orchard behind the church has fallen over.
 - d. **Highways:** The road collapse on the corner of Crockenhill and Forstal road has been reported. The road is still in a state of collapse Pat is to report again. **Action: Pat Parr**
 - e. **Cricket pitch drainage:** Richard Hopkins and Malcolm Iles have been installing the new French drain and works should be completed this week.
 - f. **Fields in Trust:** Richard King has read through the paperwork and has proposed it be signed and sent to the proper authorities. **Action: Alison Richey, Roger Harper, Clerk**
 - g. **Emergency planning:** A number of replies have been received following the mail shot. David Frederick has explained the concept of the emergency Plan and the letters to the Over 60's club.
The Emergency planning committee will hold another meeting in the near future. **Action Pat Parr, Bill Smyth, Peter Rawlinson**
 - h. **Community Responders:** South East Coast Ambulance Service are holding interviews to find responders.
 - j. **Parish Forum:** Sam Robinson from ABC has contacted The Clerk about what will happen to the rubbish collected by Rob Hopkins after carrying out his street cleaning duties and the wheelie bins come into force. It is something she will be looking into and will report back.
 - i. **Police Forum:** The Clerk contacted various people involved with the police. It would seem there is interest within other Parishes, so hopefully the meetings will be reinstated.

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m. Plan it Ashford: During the recent Parish Plan Forum which 150 residents attended out of 833 people on the electoral role, ABC planning department attended. It is anticipated that another newsletter can be sent out following the Parish Plan Forum.

To clarify the Parish Plan is a sub-committee of the Parish Council, and the Parish Plan is to do with the wishes of the Village as a whole not just planning issues.

A Neighbourhood Plan is more to do with Planning in the Village and surrounding areas.

Localism, which the Government is trying to promote, Egerton as a Village is doing very well.

n. Spring Clean: 6 April at 10.00 AM at the Millennium Hall car park, all equipment will be provided. All welcome but children must be accompanied by an adult. Alison Richey apologised to Pat (organiser) that she would be unable to attend.

Correspondence - All circulated by email in advance unless marked with an *

Action:

Parish Assembly-ideas: Following a great deal of discussion it was agreed by majority vote to change the format of the Parish Assembly. Previously all clubs/societies were invited to come and give a talk about each individual club/society for approx. 2/3 minutes. It was felt that a more interactive way of informing Villagers about all that goes on in the Village would be better. It has been proposed to have a short introductory speech from the Chairman to welcome all and explain the Parish Assembly. Alison Sollis from Biffa is to be invited to give a talk on the new recycling scheme. All other clubs/societies will have an area to display information about their club/society and have Q and A sessions. If any club/society has news/information to give the whole Village time will be set aside for this. There will be refreshments available.

NHS-Kent and Medway; How to let all of village know. It is hoped that in the near future details of news/information for the Village can be displayed not only on the notice boards but on the web site as well. If any Villager wishes to view any items from the minutes The Clerk is usually available at the Telecottage on Tuesday and Thursday 9.00 to 3.00. There is also to be a diary on the web site which will help keep the whole Village informed as to the various activities taking place. Matt and Denise Smith have very kindly volunteered to keep this up to date, if you have any activities to report please email egertonkent@gmail.com

Standing Orders-vote. Following the meeting the Chairman and Councillors went through the draft copy of The Standing Orders.

Alison Sollis- recycling– Parish Assembly

KALC community awards scheme. Pat will follow up.

Note:

Sam Robinson ABC: Looking into what will happen about rubbish collected by Rob-wheelie bins

Ashford local housing review

Early planning consultation. Richard Wall to follow up

JTB report

NHS Ashford.

DCLG response

Oast to Coast*

Chilmington Green DVD*

Broadband news. Peter Rawlinson to put on Newsletter.

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Accounts:

Approval of the accounts for the month, for cheques to be signed: Proposed : Pat Parr

Seconded: Roger Harper

Expenditure	Cheque No	£
Clerks & Councils Direct- subs	1167	12.00
Pat Parr-envelopes Emergency planning	1168	1.70
Telecottage-photocopying	1169	5.25
Rob Hopkins-Street cleaning	1170	450.50
		469.45

Income:

Bank Reconciliation as at 28 February 2013 (Latest statements)

Current Account latest Statement Balance as at 28 February 2013 = 5,495.81 Less unpresented cheques as follows:

Hire Sports pavilion – Parish plan	1157	10.00
Photocopying – welcome packs	1158	6.20
Clerk salary Feb	1159	509.09
HMRC Feb	1160	129.61
ACRK membership	1161	35.00
MD Printers invites to Forum	1162	92.40
R James & Sons fencing-Post box	1163	23.94
Stamps/postage	1164	13.80
Clerk salary-March	1165	509.29
HMRC March	1166	129.31
		1,458.64

Actual balance = 4,037.17 as at 30 February 2013.

There is no salary for the Clerk or payment to HMRC for April as new ways of paying to HMRC came into force and need updating. April and May payments will be shown on May accounts.

• **Public Discussion**

Alison Richey closed the meeting at 9.25 pm for the public discussion, The meeting re-opened at 9.35 pm.

• **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.

13/00036/TC Raise No Objection	Egerton	Weald North	11 Glebeland, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DH T1 Sycamore - Trim back tree and remove overhanging branch
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- **AOB**
- W I cake and plant sale 1 May 2013 at 7.00pm. This is open to all.
- Inconsiderate driving/speeding along Mundy Bois road. This was discussed in detail and it was felt that the existing signage and restrictions were sufficient. By raising the issue Richard hoped that it would bring the matter to the attention of the parishioners and that all might pay more attention to their speed and give more consideration for other road users especially pedestrians and horse riders.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.to public 11.15pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 14 May 2013 8.00pm AGM .

Due to circumstances the date has been changed to Tuesday 7 May 2013 8.00pm