The meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015 in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, Egerton at 8.00pm.

Present: Richard King (Chairman), Peter Rawlinson (Vice Chairman), Claire Foinette, Ambrose Oliver,

1. Tim Oliver, Pat Parr, Alison Richey, Rob Walker, Geraldine Dyer (Ward Councillor)and Heather James (Clerk).

3 members of the public were also present.

- 2. Apologies: Jennifer Buchanan, Lois Tilden (planning representative)
- 3. Declarations of interest: Peter Rawlinson- planning Rock Cottage

The minutes of the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> November: The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings.

Proposed: Alison Richey, Seconded: Peter Rawlinson

4. Southern Water Treatment plant: Richard King began by asking Jonathan Elworthy (Chairman of the playing fields committee) to outline the proposed works to be carried out and detail to what extent it would affect the area. Previously it had been decided to remove the cricket nets for the Southern Water plant to be sited ready for work to commence. It has now been decided it would be better if the skate park area is dismantled and stored then re-instated on completion of works. Tim Oliver proposed and Peter Rawlinson seconded to delegate Jonathan Elworthy to follow up on all on behalf of the Parish Council.

### 5. <u>Matters Arising from 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015</u>

a) Footpaths and stiles: Pat has spent the donation given by the Fete committee on tools ready for a working party to do clearing of foliage as necessary. A tree has fallen blocking the footpath along from Molly's steps. Rob will check and if possible will clear, or he will liaise with Pat if she needs to contact KCC Public rights of way. An unofficial footpath along New road has been blocked off, the proper footpath starts at New Road opposite Stone hill and goes through the old allotments into the orchard. The two stiles are very difficult for walkers and a request has been made for KCC to be asked if they will replace these stiles with kissing gates. Also once into the orchard from this footpath it is very difficult to establish where the correct route is and Pat agreed to go and waymark the route more clearly. Peter has a footpath on his property, KCC have requested that the stile in position should be removed and staggered posts be erected instead. Peter will follow up and report outcome.

Action Pat Parr, Rob Walker, Peter Rawlinson

b) Highways: Some hedges have been cut back but some are still overgrown along New road, Richard will contact the land owner. The chevrons at Brook gate, Bedlam lane have been installed. The drain at Stonebridge Green road is blocked, Pat will report again. Alison and Pat have completed the KCC highways survey. On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December there is to be a site meeting with Darren Anderson KCC highways. Richard, Pat and Heather will attend.

Action: Richard King, Pat Parr, Clerk

c) **Parish Plan:** Peter has had plans delivered, there will be a meeting of the Parish Plan Committee to view and then Plans will be delivered to every property in the village.

- d) **Community Assets:** The George pub court case will take place on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December when it is hoped John Hills, owner, will be able to regain the lease and move forward with his plans for the pub. Richard is to complete paperwork to make the shop a community asset, then the Clerk will sign and send off. **Action:** Richard King, Clerk
- e) **Mobile phone signal:** Alison gave a report. Matt Smith had a meeting with EE to decide whether roll out would go ahead. Following discussions EE have said they will now pay for electricity to all boxes around the village.
- f) **Broadband speeds:** New cables are being laid around the village and BT have many vans around the junction box at the Forstal. There is a report within the latest newsletter which is being delivered around the village this week.
- g) Weeds: The Clerk will ask Jim Steers to strim long weed areas within the car park then to weed kill in the Spring.
  Action: Clerk
- h) Parish Magazine: The last Parish magazine has been sent out and a new magazine will be discussed during item on budget/precept. The Clerk is to write to Jackie Grebby (editor) and Jan Burgess (advertising) to thank them for all their hard work, and to pass on thanks to all helpers.

Action: Clerk

- i) Welcome packs: Pat and Claire have done an update on the Welcome pack. Pat has a number of packs to deliver. Rosendale, 5 Chantlers Meadow, May Cottage and Edgley. Also when ABC let us know the result of the boundary change proposal for Egerton (if it is positive) a copy will be delivered to the three new properties, Horseshoe Cottage, High Banks and Woodside. Peter suggested when a Welcome pack is delivered to new residents that a copy of the Parish Plan and the Village design statement should be delivered as well.
- j) **Drainage:** The estimate received from Aaron Frater to remedy the problem with the drain near to the committee room is to be accepted. The costs for the works will be £950 including VAT. Alison proposed and Peter seconded. The Clerk will contact Aaron and discuss when the work will commence.

Action: Clerk

- I) Land East of Orchard nurseries: Lois has no further news
- m) Parish Forum: Claire is to take over as representative at Parish Forum meetings. Claire requested to EPC if she can mention if holiday rented properties could be sold or rented all year round, to find out the criteria.
  Action: Claire Foinette

#### 6. <u>Correspondence</u>

All circulated by email in advance unless marked with a \*

#### <u>Action</u>

#### <u>Note</u>

Kent Business crime event 19/11: All 5/11 KALC KFRS update: All 10/11 George Pub Darren McBride ABC: All 12/11 Parish Visits highways: All 12/11 **4b** Service Devolution: All 12/11 Pensions & Auto enrolment: All 13/11 KALC Chief Constable, Police & Crime event on 2/12: All 17/11 Highways tracker survey: All 17/11 **4b** PSMA Newsletter for OS: Alison, Peter: 1/12 Local Plan template + map: All 1/12

#### Web Items

#### 7. Accounts:

Approval of the accounts for the month, for cheques to be signed and Internet transfers to take place. **Proposed** : Alison Richey; **Seconded**: Rob Walker;

Expenditure		Cheque	£
		No	
KALC	Attendance	BACS	72.00
Transfer from EPC to	VHI pre-school	BACS	52.00
Telecottage	Welcome packs	BACS	6.20
Mrs H James -Clerk	New printer + cartridges	BACS	125.27
Mrs H James	Christmas tree for Glebe	BACS	59.99
Mrs H James	December salary	BACS	623.50
HMRC	December	BACS	174.75
Telecottage	Welcome packs	BACS	10.80
Printbig	Newsletter	BACS	285.00
			1409.51

Income			
Donation	Pre-school	500030	52.00
Donation Fete to	Footpaths and stiles	500031	225.00
			277.00

**Bank Reconciliation** Balance as at  $30^{\text{th}}$  October 2015 = £23,714.76 Less un-presented cheques as follows:

Actual balance = £23,714.76 as at 3	30 <sup>th</sup> October 2015	

Village hall improvement	Total = £18,826.50
Pre-school move	= £ 9,509.00
Chairs	= £ 1,000.00
Parish plan	= £ 1,120.00
	=£ 7197.50

Ambrose thanked Alison for showing % on spend to date record.

The finance committee have had a meeting to set out the budget and precept for 2016/17, Richard went through the figures. Pat proposed, Rob seconded that the budget figures were approved and the precept figures put forward. The Precept figures will mean a rise of 1.47% on the previous year. A sum of £2000 has been budgeted for the new newsletter/parish magazine which will be produced for Egerton by Peter and Alison. It is hoped business' will advertise as previously and this will then make the magazine self-funding in the future.

#### 8. <u>Public Discussion</u>

Richard King closed the meeting at 9.25pm for the public discussion, the meeting re-opened at 9.45pm.

### 9. <u>Planning</u>

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: <u>http://www.ashford.gov.uk/online\_planning/</u> Individuals may also register via the website with ABC to receive regular alerts of new applications and decisions.

#### New:

<u>15/01529/AS</u> Eg	-	Rock Cottage, Rock Hill Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9ED
		Erection of a two storey side and rear extension, replacement conservatory and front porch

#### Support

<u>15/01502/AS</u>	Egerton	Weald North	Mistletoe Cottage, Forstal Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9EL
			Proposed single storey side/rear extension to replace garage/conservatory

#### Support

15/01507/AS Egerto	n Weald North	Appleby Oast, Green Hill Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9EY
		Erection of a single storey extension to annexe

#### Support

<u>15/01194/AS</u>	Egerton	Weald North	Land rear of Nos 1 to 9, Crocken Hill Road, Egerton, Kent
			Erection of a cantilever pole barn

**Object:** The Parish Council does not object to a barn being sited but their objection is to the height and size; it is too high and large and will have a detrimental impact on the area. Also the materials proposed, the Parish Council object to a metal roof that is being proposed.

### Awaiting decision:

<u>15/01358/AS</u>	Egerton	Weald	Little Mundy Farm, Green Hill Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent,
		North	TN27 9EY
			Prior approval for change of use of agricultural barn to a dwelling
			and associated operational development

### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

Use of the land for stationing of caravan and erection of summerhouse in field Land south of junction with Bedlam Lane and, Wanden Lane, Egerton, Kent I acknowledge receipt of your recent communication concerning the above. Your enquiry has been passed to the Planning Compliance Team who will look into the matter and contact you in due course.

#### **Decided planning applications:**

<u>15/01024/AS</u> Permit	Egerton	Weald North	Rockhill House, Rock Hill Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DP Revision to permission granted for Extension (13/00284/AS) and Potting Shed with attached brick wall and gate (15/00092/AS)
<u>15/01025/AS</u> Grant Consent	Egerton	Weald North	Rockhill House, Rock Hill Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DP Revisions to listed building consents 13/00284/AS for single storey rear extension and 14/00972/AS for replacement first floor window to south west elevation

<u>15/00832/AS</u> Raise No	Egerton	Weald North	Egerton Church of England Primary School, Stisted Way, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DR
Objection			New pathway and front pedestrian access to school to meet up with the existing road crossing. Construction of a pre-school building to
			front of school.

<u>15/01319/AS</u>	Egerton	Weald North	Stormgard, Chapel Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9BX
Permit			Proposed installation of 16no. ground mounted solar panels

15/01299/AS	Egerton	Weald	Court View, Stonebridge Green Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent,
Permit		North	TN27 9AN
			Single storey hipped roof front extension to existing detached double garage

#### 10. <u>AOB</u>

- Welcome packs-Pat 4i
- Cllrs Christmas meal: The Clerk will arrange and liaise with Cllrs.
- Trees-Rob: Land owned by John Lumley, residents of Willow farm are worried if trees fall down in high winds. It will be mentioned to Darren Anderson during the highways visit.
- Bags at Stonebridge Green- Pat is to report that recycling bags are being piled up ready for collection and sometimes not removed for a few days, becoming an eyesore.
- Cars on lower rec-Rob: More vehicles have been driving on the lower rec and churning up the ground.
- Mayors dinner/dance-Alison- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at London Beach, Burns night £35 pp.
- Shortlisted sites-Geraldine: Richard will write to explain EPC thoughts on new housing within the village for Geraldine to present at a meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.40pm Next meeting: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 8.00pm