

EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL

**The meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 2 October 2012
in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, Egerton at 8.00pm.**

Present: Alison Richey (Chairman), Richard King (Vice Chair), Roger Harper, Ambrose Oliver Tim Oliver, Pat Parr, Peter Rawlinson, Bill Smyth, Richard Wall and Claire Finley (Clerk). 6 members of the public were also present.

- 1. Apologies:** Geraldine Dyer
- 2. Declarations of interest:** None
- 3. The minutes of the meeting on 4 September 2012:** The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings. ***Proposed: Bill Smyth; seconded: Roger Harper***

4. Matters Arising from 4 September 2012

a. Playground and Skatepark: A quote for the post and rail fencing to match existing has been received for £606 + VAT, it was agreed to go ahead and Bill will order. The clerk is to order the wet pour kit and seats.

Action: Clerk, Bill Smyth

b. Older Person's Housing: Richard King will arrange a meeting with the relevant KCC cabinet members
Alison Richey and Pat Parr would attend.

Action: Richard King

c. Footpaths and stiles: KCC have not cleared the byway from Hazeldene to Burscombe but riders have made it passable, Pat Parr noted that she has marked the route.

d. Rural Fires: Kent Fire & Rescue (KFR) had requested a report from the water company which had not yet been received by the clerk, so this will be chased up.

Action: Clerk

e. Cricket pitch drainage: Bill Smyth met a Southern water representative who thought the problem should be dealt by KHS (water) and that there was a problem with pipe work. Bill will be in contact with KHS.

Action: Bill Smyth

f. Fields in Trust: Roger Harper is to send the £8 cheque which is to cover the validation of the deeds.

g. Emergency planning: It was agreed that a newsletter article would feature emergency planning and would ask for volunteers to gather information around the village.

Action: Pat Parr, Peter Rawlinson, Bill Smyth

h. Newsletter: It was decided to send out a newsletter to include articles on the new clerk, the proposed weight restriction signs and possible other news points.

Action Alison Richey, Peter Rawlinson

i. Village Hall Extension Fund bank account: The clerk is still to arrange this.

Action: Clerk

j. Tree surgery: It was agreed that Bill Smyth would ask for several more quotes. He has received a quote to reduce the height of the ash tree at a cost of £440 and for the leylandii near the football pitch at £640. In addition the sycamore at the kissing gate needs to be cut back.

Action Bill Smyth

k. Back to Church Sunday: Alison Richey and Ambrose Oliver attended, two of the hymns sung were chosen by Egerton parish council

l. Parish Forum: Richard King confirmed that "village envelopes" were still used to show confines of building in parishes.

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m. Lower Rec steps: Thanks were given to Bill Smyth for painting the steps.

n. Rural housing workshop: Alison Richey and Richard Wall had attended.

o. Mowing Elm Close: ABC will do the last mow of the year; Heber will add this area next year at a cost of £22.80 plus VAT. The clerk will inform ABC and Bill Smyth will inform Heber to go ahead. **Action Clerk, Bill Smyth**

p. New clerk: EPC received in excess of ten applications for the vacancy; these were shortlisted to 4 on the basis of their links to Egerton. Heather James was the successful applicant and has accepted and will start the handover on Tuesday 9 October.

q. Weight restrictions: It was agreed that Richard King would ask for the “least signage” option, ie, a sign at the junction of New Road and Rock Hill Road. This would go before the joint transportation board on the 8th December.

5. Correspondence (previously circulated unless marked *)

Action:

*Audit Commission letter dated 26/9

*Temporary closure of Ashford Household Waste Centre dated 5/9

26/9 KALC/KCC Budget consultation deadline 1 November – it was agreed that EPC were content with KALC’s response Highway Tracker Survey – Tim Oliver would fill in

ABC Local plan dated 28/9: **Richard King to look into this**

Note:

KFR invitation to Maidstone Fire Station emailed 30/9

ABC Mowing changes - Julie Thomas received 30/9

KALC Draft response on social care emailed 26/9

Agenda for Rural Housing Event on 26/9 emailed to Alison Richey only 24/9

*Oast to Coast ACRK magazine Autumn issue

*ACRK Annual Summary

Parish Seminar (Highways) emailed to Pat Parr and Tim Oliver only 19/9: **Richard Wall kindly offered to attend**

6. Accounts

Approval of the accounts for the month, for cheques to be signed: *Proposed: Richard King;*

Seconded: Peter Rawlinson

Cheques for approval:

Expenditure	Cheque No	£
Clerk salary September	1120	318.41
Heber	1121	345.76
Telecottage photocopying	1122	8.05
Clerk salary October	1123	318.41
Fields in Trust	1124	8.00
Total expenditure		998.63

Income:

VAT reclaimed	2,528.55 (to be split out to GB and TC)
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Bank Reconciliation as at 31 August 2012 (Latest statements)

Current Account latest Statement Balance as at 31 August 2012 = 8,546.84. Less unrepresented cheques as follows:

August Clerk Salary	1117	633.89
HMRC August	1118	4.71
Total expenditure		638.60

Actual balance = 7,908.24

7. Public Discussion

Alison Richey closed the meeting at 9.00pm for public discussion. The meeting re-opened at 9.05pm.

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:

12/01043/AS	Fridd Farm, Forge Lane, TN27 9EJ New single storey dwelling	Support
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Other:

11/00877/CONA/AS Permit	Court Lodge Farm, Stonebridge Green Road, Discharge of conditions 2, 5 & 7
12/00262/AS Appeal Received	Frith Wood to the South of, Newland Green Lane Erection of a single story structure to facilitate forestry and educational work in the woodland. (retrospective application)

9. AOB

- **Hedges:** It was agreed that the clerk would get in touch with KHS regarding the untrimmed hedges around the village. **Action: Clerk**

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday 6 November