

EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 4th August 2015
in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, Egerton at 8.00pm.

Present: : Richard King (Chairman), Peter Rawlinson (Vice Chairman), Jennifer Buchanan, Claire Foinette, Ambrose Oliver, Tim Oliver, Pat Parr, Geraldine Dyer (Ward Councillor) and Heather James (Clerk).
6 members of the public were also present.

1. **Apologies:** Alison Richey, Rob Walker
2. **Declarations of interest:** Richard King, Ambrose Oliver governors of Egerton Primary school.
3. The minutes of the meeting on 7th July: The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings.

Proposed: Tim Oliver, **Seconded:** Pat Parr

4. Matters Arising from 7th July 2015

a) **Footpaths and stiles:**

Report for month given to Councillors.

Richard has not yet followed up on Green Wickets with KCC.

Appleberry Farm, if the gate is locked the footpath is blocked, there is no signage for the footpath, Pat is to report.

Action: Pat Parr, Richard King

b) **Highways:**

Charlie Simkins is to fund the cost of the survey to be carried out by KCC highways and the installation of chevrons at Brook Gate, Bedlam Lane from his KCC members fund. Bill Ronan KCC has contacted Clerk that the process to carry out the survey has begun.

- c) **Village confines:** Peter has produced a map to show the village confines. He will distribute to all Cllrs for comment.

Action: Peter Rawlinson

- d) **Parish Plan:** Peter has received some quotes for the design and lay-out of the Parish plan booklet, these come in at £960 for 40 pages and £1260 for 52 pages on A4 size.

Richard is to enquire about funding from ACRK. Jane Carr has suggested a meeting to check proofs of draft before printing

Action: Richard King

- e) **Community Governance:** The paperwork has been submitted to ABC showing preferred boundary change, the Clerk will report when the outcome is known.

Action: Clerk

- f) **Local Government Boundary Commission:** Richard has submitted the views of Egerton to the board.

- g) **Hall Notice Board:** Following a Village hall committee meeting , it has been decided that if a notice board is to be erected it will have to be a stand-alone one not fixed to the hall wall. The Parish has two notice boards plus the village shop puts up notices so it has been decided by EPC that it will not be necessary to have another notice board. The Clerk will contact the Village hall committee to report the decision of the Parish Council.

Action: Clerk

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- h) **Community Assets:** Richard has completed the forms for The George and has given to the Clerk for signing and then to be sent into ABC. **Action:** Clerk
- i) **Affordable housing:** The Government is proposing that residents of affordable housing will be able to buy their house. If Egerton is encompassed in this act it would leave Egerton with a lack of affordable housing. KALC feel there should be a rural exemption to this act. Egerton Parish Council are to contact Damian Green MP and KALC . **Action:** Richard King, Clerk
- j) **Mobile phone signal:** Rural roll out programmes, five villages are to be put forward to potentially participate in this. Egerton is one of the villages. The cost for installing the equipment would be funded by EE but the electricity costs to run the boxes would need to be met by the village. Egerton is to request that a survey be carried out to ascertain if the village is suitable for the roll out. Pat Parr proposed Egerton goes ahead, seconded Claire Foinette. The Clerk will officially respond to EE that Egerton wish to go ahead with the survey. **Action:** Matt Smith, Clerk
- k) **Insurance Renewal:** The finance committee discussed the costs of the policy renewal from Came & Co and a new policy from Zurich. The costs from Zurich were considerably cheaper than Came & CO, the Clerk was requested to contact Came & Co who the Parish have used for many years and to request they look at their prices. The revised renewal cost came back cheaper than Zurich, the Finance committee asked the Clerk to accept the revised quote and a payment has been made of £668.41 per annum for a period of three years. **Action:** Clerk
- l) **Green Thumb:** The Clerk has received a response from Green Thumb about costs. Previously Egerton paid £70 each time a treatment was put down on the Glebe. This was to rise to £86.50 per treatment, the Clerk queried this large rise and Green Thumb then put forward a cost of £84 per treatment. Alison suggested in an email that the Parish Council could save this money for now and see how the grass fared without treatment for a while. We could ask for a treatment later on if required. The Clerk is to contact Green Thumb with the outcome. **Action:** Clerk

5. Correspondence

Green Thumb-new price: 14/7

KALC Finance conference October 22nd at Kings Hill at 9.30am: All 28/7

Note

Parliament week 16-22 Nov: All 9/7

Parish Forum 22/7: Jennifer 14/7

Smaller authorities transparency fund: All 14/7 **Questionnaire filled in and returned**

Broadband grants: All 14/7

Came & Co renewal policy revised cost: Finance committee 21/7 **See 4k**

Briefing notes-right to buy: All 21/7

Leader briefing notes-signals at Ashford International: All 21/7

Leader briefing notes-Elwick Place development: All 23/7

Victims of crime survey: All 30/7

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Web Items

6. **Accounts:**

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

Proposed : Peter Rawlinson; **Seconded**: Tim Oliver;

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
Came & Co Insurance	Policy renewal	BACS	668.41
Donation	Village hall improvement	BACS	83.00
Transfer from EPC to	VHI for pre-school move	BACS	9212.00
Transfer from EPC to	VHI for Parish Plan	BACS	1120.08
Mrs H James	Reimburse Dell ink	BACS	95.38
Mrs H James	Clerk salary August	BACS	623.50
HMRC	August	BACS	174.75
			11,977.12

Income			
Donation	Village hall improvement	500026	83.00
			83.00

Bank Reconciliation as at Balance as at 30th June 2015 = £29,076.69 Less un-presented cheques as follows:

Mrs P Harper	Plants on Glebe	1302	82.50
Jim Steers	cleaning	1302	231.70
			314.20

Actual balance = £28,762.49 as at 30th June 2015

7. **Public Discussion**

Richard King closed the meeting at 8.52pm for the 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.

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New:

15/00991/AS	Egerton	Weald North	<p>Hollis Oast, Egerton House Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9BD</p> <p>Formation of new bi-folding door opening to side elevation, formation of new glazed screen to first floor front elevation and reconfiguration of ground floor bedroom and adjacent en-suite</p>
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No objection

15/00919/AS	Egerton	Weald North	<p>Groom Farm, Newland Green Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9EP</p> <p>Repair to external timber frame to include repair to fractured top wall plate, insertion of oak timber below North-Western dormer window to replace missing wall plate, insertion of section of new ground sill and oak post to North-western elevation at ground floor level and replace all cement panels with lime render.</p>
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No objection

15/00204/AS	Egerton	Weald North	<p>Land East of Orchard Nurseries, Stonebridge Green Road, Egerton, Kent</p> <p>Roof extension and single storey side extension to agricultural office and change of use to 2 bed holiday let</p>
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Thank you Geraldine and Lois for your hard work at the Planning Committee.

Awaiting decision:

15/00860/AS	Egerton	Weald North	<p>Land north of Wanden Mead, Wanden Lane, Egerton, Kent</p> <p>Change of Use of Land for the Stationing of a Mobile Home for use as a Staff Mess/Staff Welfare Unit by Agricultural Staff (Revised scheme to planning approval 15/00474/AS).</p>
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15/00832/AS	Egerton	Weald North	<p>Egerton Church of England Primary School, Stisted Way, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DR</p> <p>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.</p>
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15/00771/AS	Egerton	Weald North	<p>Newlands Green, Mundy Bois Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9ER</p> <p>Change of use of converted outhouse to holiday let</p>
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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.

15/00304/AS	Egerton	Weald North	<p>The Barn at, Box Farm, Bedlam Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9BY</p> <p>Removal of conditions 2,3,4 on planning permission 02/00126/AS to remove rental restrictions on time periods and restriction to holiday let</p>
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14/01378/AS	Egerton	Weald North	<p>1 Woodlands Farm, Newland Green Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9EP</p> <p>Repairs to structural timber frame; replacement of ground floor; replacement of windows with new; installation of 1no. new window opening to South elevation; replacement of window to West elevation with French doors; installation of rooflight to catslide; reinstatement of plinth &; weatherboarding; re-erection of internal partition walls.</p>
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Decided planning applications:

14/00415/CONA/AS Permit	Egerton	Weald North	<p>Watersheet Farm, Bedlam Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DA</p> <p>Discharge of conditions 2 &; 3 (all parts).</p>
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15/00817/AS Permit	Egerton	Weald North	<p>11 Stevens Close, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DZ</p> <p>Erection of a two storey side extension including a conservatory to rear; dormer window to front</p>
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- Speeding cars within the village- Ambrose **Jennifer agrees, Peter thought that many of the 30MPH signs have either been removed or covered over with foliage.**
- Planning application for house at Jesse's Farm-Alison- **Lois will follow up with ABC about the house that has been built, previously it had an agricultural condition.**
- Raising money for the village after the fete-Alison
- Notice board on Glebe-**The Clerk is to check if any work needs to be carried out.**
- Skate board park and play area-**The Clerk is to get quotes for works to be carried out following the Wicksteed inspection.**
- Broadband speeds. BT infinity-Jennifer-**Richard King will follow up, he is to check with Richard Wall if he has any news.**
- South East Water treatment plant: **Bill Smyth, Jonathan Elworthy and the Clerk will attend a meeting on 19th August.**
- Stisted Way parking- **Alison suggested contacting KCC highways to request a TRO (traffic restriction order). Richard King proposed, seconded Peter Rawlinson.**
- Elm Close- **The Clerk has had a request that some of the trees behind 18 Elm close be cut back, Cllr Rob Walker is to carry out the work.**
- PCSO Paul Moorey has visited properties on Rock Hill after problems with thefts from outbuildings. **The Clerk will write to thank him for his good work.**
- Millennium hall weeds- **Roger Harper has cleared the brambles and undergrowth behind the hall as they were blocking the fire exits, an invoice will be sent to EPC. The Clerk is to get a quote to have areas within the car park etc sprayed with weed killer.**
- Egerton-with-Pluckley Parish magazine, Jackie Grebby is to stand down as editor at Christmas. **Peter will ask Melanie Rawlinson if she would take on the role.**
- Grass cutting along the verges on Rock Hill road, Tim reported these had not be done very well and looked very unkempt. **The Clerk will contact KCC highways to complain.**

The meeting closed at 10.05pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 1st September 2015 at 8.00pm