



**Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
7.30pm Committee Room, Millennium Hall, Egerton**

## **Present**

**Richard King (Chairman), Peter Rawlinson (Vice Chairman) Cllrs Tim Oliver, Jeff Hopkins, John Lawton, Lois Tilden, Pat Parr, Claire Foinette, Richard Wall, Sonia Young (Clerk)**

One member of the public present

## **1) Apologies**

County Councillor Charlie Simkins  
Borough Councillor Ken Mullholland

## **2) Declarations of Interest**

**Chairman Richard King:** declared no financial or business interest in any matters on this agenda

**Cllr Tim Oliver:** a relation of his owns Gale Field which has been put forward for potential development.

**Cllr John Lawton:** declared no financial or business interest in any matters on this agenda

**Cllr Lois Tilden:** declared no financial or business interest in any matters on this agenda

**Cllr Pat Parr:** neighbour to site proposed for the Older People's Accommodation at Orchard Nurseries.

## **3) Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

### **The minutes of the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings subject to one amendment.

**Proposed:** Chairman Richard King **Seconded:** Cllr Claire Foinette. **All agreed. Abstained:** Vice-chairman Peter Rawlinson was not present at the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 meeting.

Item 5 moved on the meeting agenda at the discretion of the Chairman.

## **5) Chairman closed the meeting for public discussion**

Closed: 19.32pm

Opened: 19.48pm

## **4) Matters Arising from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

### **a) Sale of the Shop**

No information available

### **b) Post Office**

Cllr Richard Wall reported that Open Reach repaired BT's dedicated line. PO operating normally.

### **c) Heathlands Garden Settlement**

Vice-chairman Peter Rawlinson reported a good turnout but a poor representation from Maidstone Borough Councillors spearheading the development. MBC partner Homes England was challenged on the scant content and detail contained in its presentation by attendees. MBC will now submit its proposals to the independent planning inspector.

Vice-chairman Peter Rawlinson proposed EPC write to MP Damian Green in regard to EPC concerns about MBC's proposed development and copy it to the ABC chief executive Gerry Clarkson.

**Proposed:** Vice chairman Peter Rawlinson. **Seconded:** Cllr John Lawton. **All in agreement.**

**Action:** Vice Chairman Peter Rawlinson to draft the letter

### **d) South-East Water replacement mains water works**

Work expected to complete on time in July 2022



**e) Village websites**

A second meeting will be held 15<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**f) Village noticeboards**

Re-siting of the Forstal noticeboard was discussed but no solution immediately presented itself.

**Action:** Cllr Lois Tilden to follow up with the Land Registry

**Action:** Cllr Lois Tilden

**g) Games Barn replacement roof and installation of solar panelling**

The solar panels are now generating energy. The warranties have been received and filed.

**h) Planting of trees for The Queen's Canopy**

No additional trees required. Permanent sites for the existing trees proposed for Elm Close, and outside the Games Barn.

**Action:** Clerk to follow up with Aspire to ensure proposed sites would not inhibit mowing.

**i) Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Pat Parr will look to source grants so that the Neighbourhood Plan can be printed and distributed to each residence.

**Action:** Cllr Pat Parr

**j) The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

A leaflet will be distributed to all households with information about the events being organised.

**K) ABC Land Mapping Consultation**

Cllr Lois Tilden confirmed that she had submitted comment on behalf of EPC

**l) Spring Litter Pick**

Cllr Richard Ward said the litter pick was not well attended but that villagers had got in touch to say that they routinely picked up litter on walks to keep the village tidy. Cllr Pat Parr asked EPC to provide gloves and bin rings to assist the next litter pick.

**Action:** Clerk to look into costs.

**j) 5G Masts**

EPC Cllrs have been invited to attend the Smarden Parish Council meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> April to hear from an expert organised by Borough Councillor Ken Mullholland. Vice Chairman Peter Rawlinson and Cllr Pat Parr confirmed that they will attend and report back to the next EPC meeting.

**l) Rear access Old School Court**

Residents have been advised by letter of the decision of EPC.

**6) Footpaths report No144** (see Appendix i)

**7) Highways report No 33** (see Appendix ii)

**8) Planning**

Planning applications submitted to Ashford Borough Council this month for Egerton Parish Council to consider, details of which may be accessed on line at: [http://www.ashford.gov.uk/online\\_planning/](http://www.ashford.gov.uk/online_planning/)

Individuals may also register with ABC to receive regular alerts of applications and decisions.

22/00327/AS	Egerton	<b>The Olde Carriage House, Rock Hill Road, TN27 9DP</b> Removal of existing unlisted timber outbuilding and construction of new single storey extension to rear elevation of listed building
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<b>22/00352/AS</b>	Egerton	<b>The Olde Carriage House, Rock Hill Road, TN27 9DP</b> Proposed removal of existing unlisted timber outbuilding and greenhouse and construction of new single storey extension to rear elevation of listed building including doorway in outer wall to make access to proposed new extension.
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**EPC view:** design needs to reflect the Parish Design Statement.

**Proposed:** Comment only

**Proposed:** Cllr Lois Tilden. **Seconded:** Chairman Richard King. **All in agreement.**

<b>22/00366/AS</b>	Egerton	<b>Grain Store Burscombe Farm, Coach Road, TN27 9BB</b> Installation of solar panels, steel hydrogen storage tanks and other associated equipment to facilitate a green hydrogen system that will power the building all year round, so that the building approved under application 19/00767/AS can become 'off-grid'. A black stained timber clad building will hold associated equipment.
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**EPC view:** comment that the screening needs to remain and that the design needs to meet the Parish Design Statement

**Proposed:** Comment only

**Proposed:** Cllr Lois Tilden. **Seconded:** Vice chairman Peter Rawlinson. **All in agreement.**

#### **ABC Planning Committee 16<sup>th</sup> April Application: 21/00627: Land Rear of Harmers Way, Egerton**

EPC made a written submission citing a number of reasons why the Planning Committee should refuse the application:

- This is not an allocated site in the Local Plan
- ABC 2019 Local Plan conflicts with the Neighbourhood Plan which is the most up to date plan and this site is outside of the Neighbourhood Plan Policies, which had assessed and rejected this site.
- HOU5 should not apply due to the change in the circumstances of Egerton since the 2019 Local Plan was made, but even so several of the criteria in HOU 5 (a, b, c, d and f specifically) are not met.
- This is not an exception site for local needs housing
- The addition of a further 13 homes to the 35 already planned is excessive for this small and isolated village
- Issues raised in ABC's pre-application advice have been ignored in the plans for this proposal
- The overall presumption against development in rural communities.
- To disregard the Egerton Neighbourhood Plan will fundamentally undermine the Neighbourhood Planning process as a whole and damage the reputation of Ashford Borough Council.

EPC sent letters to each member of the Planning Committee.

The ABC Planning Officer proposed the development should be approved. However, the Planning Committee agreed with EPC's objection and refused the application: 10 voted against; one in favour; one abstention.

### **9) Orchard Nurseries**

Chairman Richard King said that the update was commercially sensitive and proposed to move discussion to closed session.

**Proposed:** Chairman Richard King. **Seconded:** Cllr John Lawton. **All in agreement.**



## **10) Replacement playground equipment**

A grant for 25k has been secured from the Geoff Wickens Trust. This will allow phase 1 of the playground renewal to go ahead.

Cllr Claire Foinette proposed, based on survey feedback, that the first items should be a high slide and an accessible roundabout plus allied necessary groundwork. Additional funding via grants will be pursued to allow further equipment to be added.

**Proposed:** Cllr Claire Foinette. **Seconded:** Chairman Richard King. **All in agreement.**

**Action:** Cllr Foinette to confirm with the supplier and agree timelines.

## **11) The Parish Assembly**

A comprehensive proposal suggested by the Clerk to meet the purpose and effective delivery of The Parish Assembly was circulated in advance of the meeting.

The plan was accepted. **Proposed:** Chairman Richard King. **Seconded:** Cllr Pat Parr. **All in agreement.** The council agreed that to deliver the Assembly and create best outcomes the date proposed in May should be reviewed and potentially deferred.

**Proposed:** Chairman Richard King. **Seconded:** Cllr Lois Tilden. **All in agreement.**

**Action:** Clerk to explore new dates and circulate them in advance of the next meeting.

## **12) KCC Consultation – proposal to axe Egerton bus service**

Chairman Richard King and The Clerk will write to the KCC Leader and transport executives and submit comment on the KCC consultation portal. A letter will also be sent to County Councillor Charlie Simkins. In addition, a letter will be sent to Stagecoach to protest against plans to axe the 124 bus service.

**Action:** all Cllrs to comment individually on the KCC portal. Chairman and Clerk to draft and send letters and comment as agreed.

## **13) Banking**

EPC Internal auditor David Buckett advised that EPC should add additional banking signatories.

**Proposed additional signatories:** Cllrs Richard Wall and Pat Parr. **All in agreement.**

## **14) Local Needs Housing**

Vice Chairman Peter Rawlinson said the discussion was commercially sensitive and proposed to move discussion to closed session.

**Proposed:** Vice Chairman Peter Rawlinson. **Seconded:** Cllr Tim Oliver. **All in agreement.**

## **15) 2023 Local Council Elections**

Chairman Richard King proposed that discussion be moved to closed session as the discussion was personally sensitive.

**Proposed:** Chairman Richard King. **Seconded:** Jeff Hopkins. **All in agreement.**

## **16 Correspondence**

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

ABC Terry Mortimer response letter to KALC re ABC planning portal. RK/LT/JC. 3/03

ABC recycling achievement. All. 03/03

Rural bulletin – New Govt fund to support local bus routes. All. 08/03

KALC bulletin – new rules in the Highway Code. All. 08/03

ABC/LGA free webinar – personal safety for councillors. All. 08/03

KALC link to KCC consultation to end bus funding. All. 08/03

NALC bulletin. All. 08/03

ABC: jubilee grants/ expansion of electric charging/ all change for Ashford. All plus Jubilee celebrations working group members. 09/03



KALC Ashford area March meeting minutes. All. 9/03  
 ABC management of £150 energy rebate for A-D council tax payees. All. 09/03  
 ABC budget briefing. All. 09/03  
 Woodland Trust – volunteer warden needed for Dering Woods. All. 15/03  
 Age UK Ashford – KCC funding for services. All. 15/03  
 Communities in Rural Kent workshop April 6<sup>th</sup>. All. 15/03/2022  
 Community Plastics Recycling. All. 15/03  
 ABC Tree Trail – looking for community groups to help decorate the trees. All plus KK, Egerton Pre-School. 15/03  
 KCC Streetworks notification of extension to the closure of Green Hill Lane until 15 June. All. 17/03  
 ABC – Volunteering in Kent pilot. All. 22/03  
 ABC's Gerry Clarkson urges everyone to act re KCCs proposed bus service cuts. All. 22/03  
 ABC's Local Council Forum date is 13 April via Zoom. Focus is Anti-Social Behaviour. All. 22/03  
 KCC Environmental briefing. All. 24/03  
 NALC newsletter. All. 24/03  
 Action with Communities in Rural Kent – survey. All. 31/03  
 Forestry Commission felling licence approval subject to conditions. All. 30/03  
 The Forestry Commission conditions for felling were approved.

**Proposed:** Cllr Lois Tilden. **Seconded:** Cllr John Lawton. **All in agreement.**

Chairman Richard King proposed that discussion of the Impact of KCC removal of grant funding to Age UK Ashford be deferred and listed as a main agenda item at the 3<sup>rd</sup> May meeting. **All in agreement.**

#### Website

February minutes

April agenda

## **17) Accounts**

### Accounts

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
Litter and leaf clearance	Jimmy Boyle	BACS	35.42
Printer paper	Reimburse S Young	BACS	16.50
Envelopes and stamps	Reimburse S Young	BACS	12.19
Petrol Glebe lawnmower	Reimburse Graham Howland	BACS	18.00
Registered post to HMRC	Reimburse S Young	BACS	6.85
Salary	S Young April @ 21 hrs	BACS	1335.01
HMRC	NI and tax	BACS	TBC in new financial year from 6 <sup>th</sup> April – deductions will come from the total salary above, so the total below is correct
<b>Total</b>			<b>£1423.97</b>

Income			
Ground rent lower rec	B Hope	BACS	£130



<b>Total</b>			<b>£130</b>
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**Bank Reconciliation Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 £364.25 less un-presented cheques as follows:**

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**Actual balance = £364.25 at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

EPC to approve the transfer of the £1,209.87 from EPC Trustee deposit account into the EPC Trustee current account to meet expenses for March. A refund from HMRC of £2, 327.00 is pending. The clerk to contact them again.

**Accounts for Egerton update magazine**

		Cheque No	£
<b>Total</b>			

Advertising			1295.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>1295.00</b>

**Bank Reconciliation Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 £5,600.70 Less un-presented cheques as follows:**

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**Actual balance = £5,600.75 at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

**Accounts for Village Projects**

		Cheque No	£

Interest			0.16
<b>Total</b>			<b>£0.16</b>

**Bank Reconciliation Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 £20,906.73 Less un-presented cheques as follows:**

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**Actual balance = £20,906.73 at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

**Village Projects fund**

	£11,288.65
Village Hall	£ 9,618.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>£20,906.73</b>



The accounts were approved.

**Proposed:** Vice chairman Peter Rawlinson. **Seconded:** Cllr Jeff Hopkins. **All in agreement.**

The council approved the transfer of funds from the EPC Trustee deposit account into the EPC Trustee current account.

**Proposed:** Vice chairman Peter Rawlinson. **Seconded:** Cllr Claire Foinette. **All in agreement.**

## **18) AOB**

Cllr Pat Parr delivered one EPC Welcome Pack in March.

Cllr Lois Tilden to deliver a Welcome Pack to the new residents of Franden and Sheilings at Egerton Forstal.

## **19) Closed session items**

The Clerk read the confidential minute of the 1<sup>st</sup> March closed session that related to an update from the Working Group for Older People's Accommodation.

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings.

**Proposed:** Chairman Richard King. **Seconded:** Cllr Richard Wall **All in agreement.** Vice Chairman Peter Rawlinson abstained as not present at the 1<sup>st</sup> March meeting.

Confidential minutes were taken on this closed session, for approval in due course.

Cllr Pat Parr left the meeting before the Closed Session.

**Meeting closed at 11.05pm**

**Next meeting: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022.**

## **Appendix (i)**

### **Report no. 144 of the Egerton footpaths representative**

5 *Outstanding Issues remain from the March 2022 report.*

0 *Closed Issues*

1 *New Issue*

*The outstanding issues below are listed with the KCC Reference, the date reported, the footpath number, the location, the difficulty experienced and the status of action.*

1. **PROW 210554009.** 24/05/21. AW76 opposite Kingsland Lane, Mundy Bois Road. Broken stile. Status: Still Awaiting Allocation
2. **PROW 210561834.** 24/05/21. AW79 Mundy Bois Road to Rockhill Road (opposite The Laurels). Broken stile (bottom plank flicks up when you step on it as both ends have come loose from the supporting posts). Status: Still Awaiting Allocation.
3. **PROW 210959063.** 10/09/21. AW75 at Heronsdale, Wanden Lane. Egerton resident complaint of overgrowth (brambles) and fence panel leaning towards the footpath. Status: Still Awaiting Allocation.
4. **PROW211126930.** 09/11/21. Part of AW87 to the west of the church behind the Glebeland houses where the path is quite narrow. Badgers have again been active and collapsed the side of the path about halfway along. Status: Still Work Scheduled but it is accessible with rubber matting in place until a more permanent solution is found.



5. **PROW211117086.** 21/11/21. AW64 Footpath opposite Egerton House on Greensand Way in a small wooded area towards the byway up to Coach Road. Two planks missing/broken on the bridge over a small stream. Status: Work Added to Forward Maintenance Plan.

**NEW ISSUE:**

1. 09/03/22. AW88 Greensand Way from Elm Close to Stone Hill. Charlie Simkins reported a fallen tree from his property at Barlings onto the footpath. He has reported this himself.

**Appendix (ii)**

**Report no. 33 of the Egerton Highways Representative – April 2022**

**Summary**

<b>Closed Items</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Open Items</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>New Items</b>	<b>1</b>

**Closed Issues**

Reference	Description & Status
619117	Multiple Potholes - Hazeldene Farm Road from junction with Egerton House Road
Logged	February 2022
Status	Works completed
619114	Multiple Potholes – Barhams Mill Road
Logged	February 2022
Status	Works completed
619115	Dip/Depression in carriageway – Barhams Mill Road
Logged	February 2022
Status	Works completed
624425	Pothole – Mundy Bois Road
Logged	February 2022
Status	Works completed

**Outstanding Issues**

Reference	Description & Status
42003307	Rock Hill Road – Retaining Wall vegetation damage to grouting
Logged	May 2021
Status	Enquiry under investigation





Update	Site meeting held in November and issues explained. Engineer needs to attend to determine works required. No further developments since.
589193	Stonebridge Green Road - Blocked drain/gully
Logged	July 2021
Status	Enquiry under investigation
Update	No change
619446	Repair of Blue 'Unsuitable for HGV and Long vehicles signs at the junctions of Green Hill Lane and replacement at junction of New Road and Green Hill Lane and Mundy Bois Road
Logged	February 2022
Status	Works being programmed – 90-day order

## New Issues

Reference	Description & Status
629131	Potholes – Mundy Bois Road
<b>Logged</b>	<b>March 2022</b>
<b>Status</b>	<b>Works being programmed</b>