

EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 1st August 2017
in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, Egerton at 8.00pm.

Present: Richard King (Chairman), Claire Foinette, Ambrose Oliver, Tim Oliver, Pat Parr, Alison Richey and Heather James (Clerk).

3 members of the public were present

1. **Apologies:** Peter Rawlinson (Vice Chairman), Jennifer Buchanan, Rob Walker, Geraldine Dyer(Ward Councillor)
2. **Declarations of interest:**
3. The minutes of the meeting on 4th July 2017: The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings.

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

As two members of the public were attending the meeting for planning reasons Richard brought forward planning.

17/01058/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Barn at, Groom Farm, Newland Green Lane, Egerton, Kent External changes to facilitate conversion of building to dwelling granted under prior approval 17/00608/AS and change of use of land to residential
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Support the new amended plans

17/01007/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Hollis Oast, Egerton House Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9BD Change of use, conversion and extension of existing garden store to annexe accommodation in association with Hollis Oast
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Support

17/01008/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Hollis Oast, Egerton House Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9BD Conversion and extension of existing garden store to annexe accommodation in association with Hollis Oast
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The Chairman said he had been approached about the way in which the council responded to planning applications that it supported. He had circulated a note about this in which he pointed out that unless there is an important 'material planning consideration' which needed to be brought to the attention of the Planning Authority, the general rule the Council adopted some years ago was that the Council, when supporting a planning application, simply register its 'support', and only make further comment if it was valid and relevant in planning terms. Following a discussion, members agreed they should continue responding in this way and always maintain a detached and objective stance when supporting an application".

Lois showed Cllrs some paperwork as a planning aid, Material Planning Considerations. The Clerk will copy this and attach to end of minutes.

Action: Clerk

4. Matters Arising from 4th July 2017

PCSO. On Wednesday 12th July Richard, Peter and the Clerk had a meeting with PCSO Angie Burden in the Computer Centre. It was a constructive and informative meeting until Angie mentioned that she would be moving on in September. PCSO Paul Moorey who would be returning from sick leave was also moving on in September. Angie suggested that the Clerk contact Sgt Jasmine Bloomfield and invite her to the October PC meeting when she could let EPC know who would be taking over. Sgt Bloomfield declined the invitation and would not commit to who might be the next PCSO.

a) Footpaths and stiles:

Report No. 88 of the Egerton Footpaths Representative – August 2017

Outstanding Footpath Issues:

1. **AW92 - New Road to Orchard and Tumulus etc.** Spoke to Jonathon Harmer at the Parish Assembly. He is going to arrange for a pedestrian gate to be put in soon. *Still nothing yet.*
 2. **PROW237696.** AW68 from Rockhill Road before Tim's house straight across adjacent to Rockdale Farm the stile there has rotten wooden struts which makes the plank very unstable and dangerous. *Inspected. Landowner Action.*
 3. **PROW597453.** AW68 further along from above, marked as a stile but is a fence-type structure almost impossible to climb over, plus there is a metal sheep gate attached with string to that which you have to push forward to get it out of the way before you can attempt to climb over this structure. *Inspected. Landowner Action.*
 4. **PROW276419.** AW91 the footpath to the side of Bedewell up the steps and straight ahead along field to point of woods at Egerton House. Fingerpost has fallen down. *Inspected. Work Scheduled.*
 5. **PROW818728.** AW81. From Stone Hill along the ridge to near the end of the path at Greenhill, the wooden stile has broken. *Inspected. Landowner Action.*
 6. **PROW306422.** A villager reported a fallen wooden fingerpost along the Iden Lane byway towards the Pluckley end. Looks like rotten wood caused it to fall. *Inspected. Work Scheduled.*
 7. **PROW362453.** AW72. Claire reported that between Forstal Farm and Poplar Farm the fingerpost is broken. Reported in February but mistakenly omitted from these reports. Status as of this report is *Inspected. Work Scheduled.*
1. Richard will speak to Jonathan Harmer.

b) HIGHWAYS (outstanding from July meeting)

1. **Report No. 273866.** Parish Assembly request for road signs for Field Mill. KCC state *"Enquiry Resolved with Customer"*. Heather is looking into this.
2. **Report No. 290064.** Fallen tree across Egerton House Road near "The Coppice". *"Works Completed"*
3. **Report No. 293395.** Jonathan Elworthy reported the fact that 11 of the 15 drains down Stonebridge Green Road are blocked after the recent heavy rain we had. He submitted a drawing of them which has been passed to KCC for their attention on 26th July.

c) Neighbourhood and Parish Plans: A meeting was held on the 11th July and the plan is moving forward. The next meeting will be Tuesday 8th August.

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- d) **Emergency Planning and Resilience Workshop:** All done. A bound copy will be held on file by the Clerk. Thank you and well done Pat and her team.
- e) **Broadband:** Work is being carried out on the many green boxes around the village. Many villagers have been having problems with Internet connections. George Chandler KCC who is overseeing the changes with BT has been informed that residents at Mundy Bois are not happy that they are not part of the upgrade to the faster broadband speeds. Changes for residents on prefix 840 numbers to 756 numbers is moving along. The Clerk has had to get signed letters from residents in part of Harmers Way and most of Stevens Close. This has now been completed so the Clerk will arrange a meeting with Tony Digweed BT and George Chandler.
Action: Clerk
- f) **Sale of barn:** The storage area offered by Lois has been taken up by the players to store all their equipment. Richard had asked John Harper if he had any room but he didn't have enough space for all his equipment. He suggested Mark Bruce-Lockhart who Richard approached and now has the offer of a barn. John Fuller, the new owner of Groom Farm barn has offered to transport all items stored in his barn to the new location. Danny Oliver had offered some storage space which will now not be needed, Thank you Danny. Richard will need to have a working party at some point to sort through items to be stored in new barn location. The Clerk will write to Mark Bruce-Lockhart and John Fuller to thank them for their help.
Action: Richard King, Clerk
- g) **Entrance signs/Village gateways:** Pat has at last had a response and has requested a site visit to discuss options and costs.
Action: Pat Parr, Alison Richey.
- h) **Kent Permit/ Bus stop:** The Clerk has been in discussions with Lisa Willoughby KCC. Highways have carried out a site visit and advised the hard standing bus stop adjacent to the Barrow House could not be extended in length as the road is too narrow. The only way to extend the area would be for the Barrow House to cut down their hedge. Councillors thought this was not a viable option and have agreed not to pursue extending the area.
- i) **Mobile phone signal:** Peter will write to Damian Green to update him on recent news. This will be discussed at the September meeting.
Action: Peter Rawlinson
- j) **Play area:** The Wicksteed inspection has been booked for Tuesday 22nd August at 10.00am. Jennifer will accompany the Clerk and the inspector. The Clerk will contact Julian before the inspection to ask him to finalise all work.
Action: Clerk, Jennifer Buchanan
- k) **Trees:** The Clerk has received a quote from Aaron Pack of Stump Out to crown clean a tree in Elm Close and also prune back the tree next to the basket-ball hoop. The cost will be £270 which has been approved by Cllrs. The Clerk will contact Aaron to accept the quote.
Action: Clerk
- l) **Notice boards:** The Clerk is awaiting a quote from Egerton Builders for the repairs to the notice board on the wall of the Queens Arms. The Clerk has received permission from the Millennium hall committee that it would be acceptable to put a notice board on the wall of the Computer room. The notice board on the Glebe will be moved to the new position either when it has been refurbished or a new notice board has been purchased. A new notice board could cost between £1000 -£1400. Richard will have a discussion with Tim Kent as to the cost of refurbishing the old notice board.
Action: Richard King, Clerk

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- m) **Fly The Red Ensign:** Pat has started with the work of obtaining the flag. The Clerk has sent off postal details to the company. Claire has checked with the PCC and there is to be a service held on the Glebe on 3rd September after the church service. The Clerk will check with Martin Chapman to see if he can raise the flag. The Clerk will liaise with Claire to find out timing of service and will put up notices. **Action:** Clerk
- n) **Mower:** Bill Smyth has been offered the old mower for which he wishes to thank the Council. The Clerk has made a note to budget for a new mower next year.
- o) **Millennium hall bin:** The bin for cigarette butts, requested by Jim Stears, is to be purchased by EPC. The Clerk will find out the cost. **Action:** Clerk.
- p) **Letter re: Shadoxhurst planning:** The Clerk informed Michelle Byrne ABC that EPC agreed to sign the letter to the Minister of State. EPC would like a copy of which other villages agreed to sign. The Clerk will contact Michelle. **Action:** Clerk
- q) **Speeding in Egerton:** Jennifer has arranged for Alan Watson, Speedwatch co-ordinator to attend the next PC meeting on 5th September.
- r) **Village road sign:** Following a request from a villager to have a road name along Field Mill Road the Clerk contacted highways KCC who then advised the Clerk to contact ABC. The Clerk has not been able to move forward with this at the moment so it was suggested to report to KCC on the usual reporting page that the sign is missing. **Action:** Clerk
- s) **Gift of Land:** Richard has written to Derek Marks to thank him for his offer and that EPC accept. The Clerk has written to Hallett & Co to inform them that the process has started. Derek has moved to a new solicitors and EPC are waiting to hear from both teams.
- t) **Garden:** The WI keep the garden by the Millennium hall and have advised EPC that they have the funds in place to have the garden refurbished. When the work takes place some sort of border will be placed along the path way by the Committee room to stop the mud being washed from the garden into the drain gully. When this is in place the drain gully will be cleaned out to stop flooding over the winter.

5) Correspondence

All circulated by email in advance unless marked with a *

Action

Barn storage: All 25/7

Note

Kent's New Rural Housing Protocol: Pat, Ambrose, Rob 6/7

Joint Parishes' Lobbying Letter to the Minister-Local housing: All 6/7

Protect and Connect campaign - Kent Police: All 11/7

Leader's Heritage and History Briefing No. 3: All 11/7

Ashford Heritage Strategy - Consultation Open July 7th-31st August: All 11/7

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HAVE YOUR SAY: Kent Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Policing Survey: All 25/7
 Jasmine Bloomfield PS 46009179: All 25/7
 KALC Events Autumn 2017: All 25/7
 Local Plan and the Landscape Protection Policy: All 27/7
 Dementia Ask the Experts Day - 8th September: All 1/8
 Various events for Kent MS charity: All 1/8

Web Items

Standing Orders adopted July 2017
 Minutes June
 Agenda August

6) Accounts:

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

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
Graham Howland	Petrol for mower		6.97
Mrs H James	Salary August	BACS	635.39
HMRC	August	BACS	178.92
			821.28

Income			

Bank Reconciliation Balance as at 30th July 2017 = £11,437.30 less un-presented cheques as follows:

Actual balance = £11,437.30 as at 30th July 2017

Village Projects fund

Pre-school move = £ 8,489.15

Village Hall = £ 8,211.82

Total = £16,700.97

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Accounts for Egerton update magazine

Expenditure		Cheque No	£

Income			

Bank Reconciliation: Balance as at 30th July 2017 = £5,515.95 Less un-presented cheques as follows:

Actual balance = £5,515.95 as at 30th July 2017

Accounts for Egerton Neighbourhood Plan

Expenditure		Cheque No	£

Income			

- a) Total Budget and Precept 2017-2018 £32,840.00
Actual amount spent to date is £7,404.58

- 7) Public Discussion
Richard King closed the meeting at 9.32pm for the public discussion, the meeting re-opened at 9.45pm.

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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:

See beginning of minutes

Lois has looked into the revision to ABC 2030 plan. All suggestions have been added to plan. Richard and Lois will produce a reply to the plan before 30th August. Thank you Lois for all your hard work.

Awaiting decision:

17/00940/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Rockhill House, Rock Hill Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DP Erection of a potting shed with bin and log store and adjacent greenhouse with new rear access, rebuilding of garden wall in Kentish ragstone and wall fronting highway all previously consented under application 15/00092/AS and construction of timber gazebo in northernmost part of garden.
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17/00941/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Rockhill House, Rock Hill Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DP Construction of new paving and terraces to NW of House with gated access to kitchen garden. Rebuilding of existing garden wall. Consolidating works to house to create breakfast and kitchen areas within existing building including previously consented new opening in NW wall of proposed breakfast room and fitting of glazed doors and fixed side screens, enlargement of existing SW facing window in new kitchen, conversion of existing kitchen to form boot room with WC, window seat and cloaks area
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Case Reference CO/17/00119 - The Old Byre, Willow Farm, Stonebridge Green Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9AN

Decided planning applications:

17/00897/AS Permit	Egerton	Weald North	Kia Ora, The Street, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9AL Proposed rear extension and rear porch
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15/01087/CONC/AS Grant Consent	Egerton	Weald North	Brook House, Stonebridge Green Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9AP
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			Discharge of Condition 5
17/00788/AS Permit	Egerton	Weald North	Willow Cottage, Stonebridge Green Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9AN Installation of four skylights

9) Any other business/information:

- Jennifer
1. Speedwatch article in the next Egerton Update
 2. Alan Watson, Speedwatch Co-Ordinator has agreed to speak at EPC meeting on 5 September at 8pm, this date has been included in Egerton Update for any villagers who may wish to attend
 3. Outstanding works to the skatepark and play park need to be completed before the scheduled inspection by Wicksteed on 22 August @10.00
 - Pat has delivered a Welcome pack to The Old Dairy, Stonebridge Green. The new residents are John King and Janet Poplett.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 5th September 2017 at 8.00pm