

EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 2nd May 2017 AGM
in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, Egerton at 8.00pm.

Present: Peter Rawlinson (Vice Chairman), Jennifer Buchanan, Claire Foinette, Ambrose Oliver, Tim Oliver, Pat Parr, Alison Richey, Geraldine Dyer (Ward Councillor) and Heather James (Clerk).
7 members of the public were present, includes 3 PCSO

Peter invited PCSO James Goss to speak at the meeting as the village has been experiencing a number of incidents.

PCSO Angie Burden is the PCSO for Egerton and surrounding areas but was unable to attend the PC meeting. PCSO James Goss was unable to assist with specific details within Egerton but gave general advice in the event of criminal activity. There is to be a report of the incidents in the next Egerton Update magazine.

Peter then invited Jonathan Elworthy (Chairman of the Playing Fields Committee) to explain about the work the PFC wish to carry out following a spate of incidents of vehicles damaging areas of the playing fields. Jonathan showed the plans where bollards will be placed, some to be permanent and some drop bollards. He explained the PFC would fund the work. Cllrs unanimously voted in favour of the work going ahead.

- Election of Officers:** The Clerk took the chair and invited nominations for the Chairman of the Council. Tim Oliver **proposed** Richard King as Chairman, Peter Rawlinson **seconded**; There being no other nominations the vote was carried unanimously and Richard King* accepted the role of Chairman. Pat Parr **proposed** and Jennifer Buchanan **seconded** Peter Rawlinson as Vice Chairman. There being no other nominations Peter Rawlinson was elected unanimously as Vice Chairman and took the chair. The following sub-committees and representatives were agreed, **proposed:** Claire Foinette, **seconded:** Peter Rawlinson.

Committee/organisation	Representatives
Finance	Alison Richey, Richard King*, Peter Rawlinson, Tim Oliver
Local Needs Housing	Pat Parr, Ambrose Oliver, Rob Walker
Youth matters	Alison Richey, Claire Foinette, Peter Rawlinson
Highways/Traffic/Transport	Pat Parr, Rob Walker
Development projects	Richard King*, Alison Richey
Communications/Publicity	Peter Rawlinson
Maintenance	Tim Oliver, Rob Walker
Games Barn	Claire Foinette, Tim Oliver
Computer Centre	Alison Richey, Richard King*
EPFA	Tim Oliver
KALC	Peter Rawlinson
Hall Committee	Pat Parr
ABC Parish Forum	Claire Foinette
Kent Police Forum	Lois Tilden^
Egerton School Governors	Richard King*, Ambrose Oliver
Footpaths	Pat Parr
Tree Warden	Peter Rawlinson
Neighbourhood Plan	Richard King*, Peter Rawlinson
Snow/Emergency Plan	Pat Parr, Claire Foinette

*Already indicated acceptance, if proposed, in advance of the meeting

^ co-opted

1. **Apologies:** Richard King (Chairman), Rob Walker
2. **Declarations of interest:**
3. The minutes of the meeting on 4th April 2017: The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings.

Proposed: Tim Oliver; **Seconded:** Alison Richey;

4. **Matters Arising from 4th April 2017**

a) **Footpaths and stiles:**

Report No. 85 of the Egerton Footpaths Representative – May 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.
2. **PROW323726 - Rotten wood barrier at Raymond Shrubbs's footpath.** Still *Work scheduled*.
3. **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. Still *Awaiting Allocation*.
4. **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. Still *Awaiting Allocation*.
5. **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. Still *Work Scheduled*.
6. **PROW818728.** AW81. From Stone Hill along the ridge to near the end of the path at Greenhill, the wooden stile has broken. Still *Awaiting Allocation*.
7. **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. *Allocated - Awaiting Inspection*.

Activity Since April Meeting

1. **PROW236598.** (Jackie Grebby). AW93 Broken gate latch at Shepherd's Cottage making access to and from this part of the footpath impossible.
2. **PROW041997.** (Les Bidewell). AW141 (Pluckley part). Non-reinstatement of ploughed field making it difficult to walk.
3. **PROW293302. Byway at Hazeldene Farm up to Coach Road.** Overgrown byway, not resolved by KCC. Working party arranged, 8 of us went and cleared it on 22 April. Situation resolved (the only one of all the issues outstanding completed!)

b) **HIGHWAYS (outstanding from March meeting)**

1. **Report No. 251904 (Tim).** Sign at Stonebridge Green. Heather to re-define which sign we are referring to as there seems to be a misunderstanding.
2. **Report No. 251906 (Heather).** Mud in drain at Iden in Iden Lane. KCC state "*Works being programmed*".

New since April meeting:

1. **Report No. 273866 (Heather).** Parish Assembly request for road signs for Field Mill.
- c) **Neighbourhood and Parish Plans:** A letter has been received from ABC to be displayed within the village outlining the proposed boundary for the Neighbourhood Plan. The deadline to make a representation is Monday 5th June 2017. ABC have assigned an officer to assist the NHP committee going forward, Mr Ian Grundy will visit on Thursday 4th May in the Computer Centre and meet with Peter and Richard. Peter will then report to the committee at the next NHP meeting in the Pavilion on 10th May. Peter requested all present when out and about the village to take pictures of vista's available in Egerton to add to the NHP.
- d) **Emergency Planning and Resilience Workshop:** Pat has filled in the confidential plan and the open plan. Claire and Pat are setting up the telephone tree. **Action:** Pat Parr, Claire Foinette
- e) **Broadband:** The Clerk has been liaising with Tony Digweed of Openreach and residents of Harmers Way to move forward the change of telephone numbers from 840 prefix to 756. The Clerk has also been liaising with BT/Openreach about the siting and installation of the new box opposite the Barrow House ready for faster broadband. The Clerk will report at the next meeting progress. **Action:** Clerk
- f) **Rubbish:** Geraldine has contacted Tracy Butler from ABC head of environmental services and the recycling trucks can only carry so much at one time, this is why piles are left in certain areas for the next truck to collect. If bags are left for any length of time Tracy should be contacted.
- g) **Pre-school movie night:** This has been booked for Sunday 3rd September. Esther is to liaise with the film club to decide on the best film to be shown.
- h) **Entrance signs:** The Clerk has managed to find the minutes of an extraordinary meeting held on Tuesday 19th January 2010 when matters under discussion were analysis of responses to a questionnaire sent to villagers. Village gateways: 55 responses (12% of households) 34 yes 17 no 4 undecided/no comment. Although from the responses a larger majority of villagers were in favour the Council at that time voted against going ahead. Since this questionnaire another one has taken place for the Egerton Plan when again villagers were in favour of the gateways, to be installed at various entrances to the village and which will accommodate the 30MPH signs. Alison proposed and Jennifer seconded the vote was unanimous that the gateways should go ahead. Funding will be sourced.
- i) **Kent Permit:** The Clerk has received a response and will check with the Barrow House as to whether some of the hedge can be taken back to accommodate some extra hard standing. The Clerk will report at the next meeting. **Action:** Clerk

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- j) **PCSO:** March/April report from Angie Burden
15/03/2017: Theft: Stonebridge Green road. Copper piping taken from UK Power networks site
3/04/2017: - Attempt Burglary with intent to steal. Stonebridge Green Road. Attempt to break into stables. No entry gained.
27/03/2017: Theft of tractor diesel. Coach Road. Tank tampered with on private property and diesel extracted. Offenders gained entry to farm premises over fields.
12/04/2017: Theft: Elm Close. Theft of dog. (dog has been returned to owner)
12/04/2017: Elm Close. Millennium hall car park. Section 4A, (use of threatening/ abusive. Insulting words. (car smeared in unknown substance with an offensive word written)
14/04/2017: attempt burglary with intent to steal. Property on Green Hill Lane. – bottom of garage door kicked to gain entry, no entry gained.
15/04/2017: theft of motorcycle parts from land off Greenhill lane.
- k) **Queens Arms:** Lois very kindly contacted the owners and was assured that they have no intention at this time to close the pub or carry out any works.
- l) **Trains:** There is a petition on line for anyone to sign up to opposing the proposed new time table where trains would not stop at Pluckley, Headcorn and Staplehurst as frequently in future as they do now.
- m) **HugoFox web site:** Alison is assisting the Clerk with the change over from Eis to Hugofox.
- n) **Court Summons:** The Clerk had sent a letter to the court but had not heard back. Alison, with her legal experience, phoned and managed to get through and was advised that the letter from the Clerk had been received but it was still being looked into. Later in the week the Clerk received a phone call from the court that the file has not yet been transferred from the previous court.

5) Correspondence

All circulated by email in advance unless marked with a *

Action

Note

Spring/Summer Vegetation Information Letter: All 6/4

Pothole Blitz update: All 6/4

Kent and Medway sheds open day 2nd June: All 11/4

INVITATION TO SOUTH EAST WATER'S STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP, WITH LUNCH Friday 5th or Thursday 11th May: All 11/4

Neighbourhood Planning Workshop - An Afternoon Event, 19 May 2017-Booked Peter in 13/4

Spring Council Matters 2017 from Came & Co: All 18/4

Village of the Year 2017 TV: All

Damian Green MP re Egerton Parish Council - EE MOBILE SIGNAL: All 20/4 **A letter received from Damian Green that the mast has been fixed and so the signal should be improved, this apparently is not the**

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case according to a number of people. Peter is to write back again to Damian Green to keep him informed.

The Death of Municipal England Saturday May 20th: All 27/4

Tree and Pond Warden activities – May: Peter 27/4

New Road Hard Standing : All 27/4

Job vacancy ACRK: All 27/4

Sports Development Job Opportunity at Ashford Borough Council: All 27/4

Ashford Borough Council Open Spaces Strategy. Rural Stakeholders Consultation Session 2

May 10th **The Clerk will re-send email to all to check if anyone would like to attend the meeting.**

Fundraising Training: Improving Your Applications: All 2/5 **Claire would like to attend this, the Clerk will book her a place.**

PLuckley Neighbourhood Plan decision statement: All 2/5

NALC Chief Executive's Bulletin 15 - 21 April 2017: All 2/5

Battle's Over - A Nation's Tribute & WWI Beacons of Light: All 2/5 **The Clerk will check with Rob that he and others can sort the beacon ready for ceremony.**

PARISH NEWS - APRIL 2017: All 2/5

Web Items

March minutes

Annual return

Training, learning and development paper

Statement of Internal control

Asset register

Neighbourhood plan minutes of meetings

Agenda AGM

6) Accounts:

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

Proposed Claire Foinette; **Seconded:** Peter Rawlinson;

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
KALC	Pat attended event	BACS	72.00
Neighbourhood plan map	Reimburse Lois Tilden	1313	24.00
NHP map copy	Reimburse Peter Rawlinson	BACS	49.20
Mrs H James	Salary April	BACS	635.39
HMRC	April	BACS	178.92
Mrs H James	Salary May	BACS	635.39
HMRC	May	BACS	178.92
Wealden wheels	Donation	1315	500.00
Playing fields	Donation	BACS	400.00
Church clock	Donation	BACS	50.00
Village hall	Donation	1314	30.00
Computer Centre	Donation	BACS	500.00
			3,253.82

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Income			
Ben Hope	Lower rec rent	500041	130.00
			130.00

Bank Reconciliation: Balance as at 30th April 2017 = £4,844.30 less un-presented cheques as follows:

Actual balance = £4,844.30 as at 30th April 2017

Village improvement Total = £16,485.18

Pre-school move = £ 8,276.15

= £ 8,209.03

Accounts for Egerton update magazine

Expenditure		Cheque No	£

Income			
Advertising		BACS	1771.25
			1771.25

Bank Reconciliation: Balance as at 30th April 2017 = £6,058.95 Less un-presented cheques as follows:

Actual balance = £6,058.95 as at 30th April 2017

Accounts for Egerton Neighbourhood Plan

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
Peter Rawlinson	Printing as shown above		49.20
Lois Tilden	Copying map as shown above		24.00
			73.20

Income			

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- a) Total Budget and Precept 2017-2018 £32,840.00
Actual amount spent to date is £652.40

7) **Public Discussion**

Peter Rawlinson closed the meeting at 9.41pm for the public discussion, the meeting re-opened at 9.48pm.

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:

17/00635/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Orchard House, Barhams Mill Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9BL Erection of a single storey side and rear extension and a single storey side extension.
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Support

17/00608/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Barn at, Groom Farm, Newland Green Lane, Egerton, Kent Prior notification of the change of use of an existing storage building (B8) to provide a single residential dwelling (C3).
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17/00585/AS Full Planning Permission	Egerton	Weald North	Stonelea, Rock Hill Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9EB Proposed demolition of existing bungalow and new two storey detached replacement dwelling
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Support

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Awaiting decision:

17/00453/AS	Egerton, Pluckley	Weald North, Weald Central	Woodlands Farm, Newland Green Lane, Egerton, Kent New garage and with games room above and external staircase to replace existing storage &; garage outbuildings &; containers
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Decided planning applications:

15/00667/CONA/AS Permit	Egerton	Weald North	Lark Hill Barn, Link Hill Lane, Egerton, Kent Discharge of conditions 1, 3 & 4
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17/00195/AS Permit	Egerton	Weald North	Land North East of 5 Brook Gate abutting, Forstal Road, Egerton, Kent Erection of a general purpose agricultural building and associated hardstanding
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AOB

- No Parking signs-Jennifer **See report from Jonathan Elworthy.**
- Play area-Claire **Due to minor bumps Claire requested some of the lower bars on the play frame could be painted a bright colour instead of the brown they are now. The Clerk will contact Wicksteed to enquire if special paint needs to be used.**
- Tree in Elm Close/New Road **It has been bought the Councils notice that a villager has cut away some broken branches of the tree opposite the school and left the debris on the grass. Now the Council has been informed of the debris it will be cleared away. The Clerk will send a letter to the villager who under took the work.**

The meeting closed at 10.09pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 6th June 2017 at 8.00pm