

**EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**5<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

The meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, Egerton at 8.00pm.

**Present:** Richard King (Chairman), Peter Rawlinson (Vice Chairman), Jennifer Buchanan, Claire Foinette, Graham Howland, Ambrose Oliver, Tim Oliver, Pat Parr, Rob Walker, Geraldine Dyer (Ward Councillor) and Heather James (Clerk).

4 members of the public were present.

1. **Apologies:** Lois Tilden planning advisor.
2. **Declarations of interest:** Pat Parr- Gift of land
3. The minutes of the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019: The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings. **Proposed:** Claire Foinette; **Seconded:** Tim Oliver;

4. **Matters Arising from 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**Report No. 107 of the Egerton Footpaths Representative – March 2019**

a) **Outstanding Footpath Issues:**

1. **PROW981700 and 599699.** (John Bunyard). Reported 14<sup>th</sup> August. AW64 Opposite Egerton House, right hand side of large field. *“Inspected – Landowner Action”*
2. **PROW297375.** (Denise Smith). Reported 27/01/19. AW95 down Bedlam Lane, footpath at “Badgers” on the right before Goodwin Cottages (Sue Palmer) two consecutive stiles are in awful condition, see photos. *“Awaiting Allocation”*



**New Footpath Issues:**

1. **PROW469187.** (Shirley Missing). Reported 14/02/19. AW83. Fingerpost fallen/knocked down (hedging?) on New Road past Greenhill Lane on right, footpath leads down to Breeches Field Oast and Greenhill Farm. *“Work Added to Forward Maintenance Plan”*
2. **ABC3269963.** Flytipping. Reported to ABC on 17/02/19. AW164 end of the Byway from Iden Lane onto Pivington Lane completely blocking the byway. Partly burnt out domestic and commercial junk, including

a fridge and other metalwork. Sent a photo to ABC and emailed Geraldine to ask if she could see if ABC might provide CCTV at this point as it happens a lot there. *ABC have cleared the flytipping but Pat needs to enquire further with ABC on the question of the possibility of having CCTV at this point as it happens quite a lot here*



b) **HIGHWAYS**

**Outstanding Highways Issues:**

1. **411169.** (Ruth Haggie). One of the five drains reported by Ruth remains blocked under this new issue number. *"Enquiry Under Investigation"*
2. **David Hopkins** asked for reversion of the name plate sign back to Nos. 1 and 2 New Road leading to Elm Close. ABC agreed to this and are making up a new sign. *"No Progress Yet"*
3. **403901 (10/1/19).** (Jonathan Elworthy). Bad reinstatement of road at the corner of his property and Iden Lane after utility works. *Not Highways. Passed to Others"*
4. **407207.** (Heather). 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Complaint from Connie Lawrence about the bad condition of the footpath down Crockenhill Road from Egerton adjacent to the Crockenhill houses on the left. *"Enquiry Investigated and No Further Action Planned"*
5. **407208.** (Heather). 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Complaint from Connie Lawrence about the bad condition of the road down Crockenhill Road adjacent to the Crockenhill houses. *"Does Not Meet Intervention Criteria"*

**New Highways Issues:**

1. **414010.** (Heather). 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Complaint by residents of Newland Green Lane of multiple potholes down the entire length of the lane.

- c) **Entrance signs/Village gateways:** Pat has not been able to contact Julian Swift but had spoken to Darren Hickman-KCC who had suggested the new gates could be installed in front of the existing signs. When more funding is available new gates could be installed. Then Darren visited the site and has now stated the new gates will need to be free standing with onerous stipulations costing £1500. Sadly Pat has had to admit defeat on this project as there is insufficient funding. Peter will follow up this item in the next Egerton Update. Thank you Pat for all your hard work trying to succeed with this project.

**Action:** Peter Rawlinson

- d) **Mobile phone signal:** Peter is still awaiting a response from Telefonica.

**Action:** Peter Rawlinson

- e) **Notice boards:** It seems Julian is unwell so Richard suggested that the PC should look into the cost of buying a new notice board. The Clerk will source prices from some suppliers. Pat wondered if the money that Charlie was to donate for the entrance gates could be put towards the new notice board. Pat will ask

Charlie if this will be possible.

**Action:** Pat Parr

- f) **Older people's accommodation:** Moving along slowly. Richard, Peter, Gary Reeve-Wing, Elaine Graham and the Clerk had a meeting to discuss progress. Sadly there has not been much progress. Richard has had a request from solicitors Hallett & Co for a follow up meeting to discuss Heads of Terms, Richard will contact the solicitors and let other committee members know when the meeting has been arranged.  
**Action:** Richard King
- g) **Village sign opposite Barrow House:** Graham and the Clerk have successfully lowered the sign, which had a rotten post holding it up, without damage and it has been collected by Julian Mills. It was suggested a new steel post be erected on a concrete base with a plate bolted to the base then a hinged sign fixed to base. Richard suggested that the old sign be refurbished rather than going to the time and expense of sourcing a new sign. The original sign was painted by Julia Bourne's father it was suggested in the first instance to contact Julia. The Clerk will carry out this task.  
**Action:** Clerk
- h) **Extension to Games Barn:** Hatch Engineering have submitted a quote for plans and works, they require a 25% deposit before we can proceed with the order. The committee, Richard King, Tim Oliver, Bill Smyth, Graham Howland and the Clerk, will look into funding. Fred Gilbert of X build is to come for a site visit on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March to quote for digging out soil and putting in a concrete base for the new building. It is hoped that the excavated soil can be put behind the village hall near to the fence on boundary to Barlings, or some could be put onto the bank down to the cricket ground.  
**Action:** Richard King, Tim Oliver, Bill Smyth, Graham Howland, Clerk
- i) **Saplings:** Due to the weather having been very warm it might be too late to plant and grow new saplings. Graham suggested waiting until next year, if saplings are made available then the PC should act to secure some at an earlier date.  
**Action:** Graham Howland, Clerk
- j) **Wanden Lane:** A letter has been sent to ABC detailing problems with traffic and planning consents, the PC are awaiting a response.
- k) **Lost Words book:** Julia Smith has inscribed the books from PC to Primary School. Richard and Ambrose, as governors will present the books at an assembly at the school.  
**Action:** Richard King, Ambrose Oliver
- L) **Parish Assembly:** Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm in the Millennium hall. Thank you Peter for your hard work in producing posters and notices for boards to be placed around the village.
- M) **WI Centenary:** The PC have received a request that the WI plant some daffodil bulbs into the bank next to the carpark where disabled parking signs are situated, this will take place once the 100 flowers made from recycled materials have been removed. All agreed to this, Richard will go back and inform the WI.  
**Action:** Richard King
5. **PCSO:** The following report was submitted  
I would firstly like to apologise that I am unable to attend this evening due to other commitments. Below I have detailed the main crime for the area. Please see [police.co.uk](http://police.co.uk) for crime statistics.  
**Crime Reports**  
I have taken a look at the crime reports from the past month.  
Crime remains low within Egerton and there is nothing to report this month.  
*Please be aware:*

Across rural Ashford I have seen a rise in burglary in households, outbuildings and sheds so please be aware of this and take all appropriate steps to secure your property. Steps to securing your property are outlined below.

Also, a number of distraction burglaries across Ashford have been reported of late so please be aware of this. The report concluded with some general information and advice.

**6. Neighbourhood Plan Update:** Jane Carr and Lois Tilden were unable to attend the meeting but Jane had forwarded a report for Richard to read out. Progress Report on the Neighbourhood Plan

**1. Housing Needs Survey.**

The final report has now been received and can be accessed on the Neighbourhood Plan web site at [egertonnp.co.uk](http://egertonnp.co.uk).

The survey indicates a need for a minimum of four additional dwellings, in addition to the maximum number of dwellings proposed for the New Road and Sunpatch sites. The Steering Group propose to 'future proof' the requirement through to 2040 by considering a maximum of 12 new dwellings, predominantly affordable and for local residents.

**2. Key views and green spaces**

Photographs and maps of the key views and green spaces so far proposed for protection by village residents have now been added to the NP web site. Everyone in the village is invited to check and make further suggestions.

**3. Heritage assets**

A list of village heritage assets has now been drafted and will be added to the web site shortly. Everyone in the village is invited to comment and add their suggestions.

**4. 10 Year Review of compliance with the Parish Design Statement**

A comprehensive assessment has been completed to establish the extent to which the design statement principles and practice have been observed. The results are mixed, but have made clear that a more proactive approach is needed to encourage use of the Design Statement by all residents, architects, planners and builders whether for new build or extensions and conversions. The intention is to include policies to encourage use of the Design Statement in the Plan, and the full Statement as an Appendix.

**5. Site Assessment Criteria**

The site assessment criteria have been revised and developed into a matrix which is currently being reviewed by Ashford Borough Council and will ultimately be used as the basis for objective assessment of potential sites.

The next NHP meeting will be held on Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup>.

**7. Sale of shop:** A notice had been placed that the shop would close on 4<sup>th</sup> March with the Post Office carrying on. Due to the delay in the purchase going ahead Colin decided to keep the shop open. The prospective new owner is to undergo training for the Post Office even though he already runs another Post Office. Once contracts are signed the shop will close for refurbishment and re-stocking. When the new owner has the shop up and running the Community Benefit Society will have a follow up meeting to discuss the use of grants and funding.

8. **Village web site:** The Computer Centre committee held a meeting on Monday February 25<sup>th</sup> when the annual figures showed the centre was running at a loss and was being funded by the Film Club. Previously the Computer Centre (Telecottages) funded the village web site at a cost of £150 per annum. The PC had received a request that the running costs should be paid by the village. Tim proposed and Pat seconded that this should go ahead. All agreed. The Clerk will contact the Computer Centre to request an invoice showing costs which will be put forward to PC costs from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 when the new financial year starts.  
**Action:** Clerk
9. **Dog Fouling on PC land:** The Clerk has checked with Came & Co Insurance that the PC are covered in the event of a claim if a person contracts a disease from dog mess. The Clerk will contact the dog warden to request extra bins to be placed at entrances to recreation ground.
10. **Wanden Lane:** The Environment Agency's response was that the farmer was not in breach of rules for storing manure. The Clerk will contact residents on progress.  
**Action:** Clerk
11. **Broadband Mundy Bois:** Chris Hollands, Les Bidewell residents of Mundy Bois reported that George Chandler KCC thought some news would be forthcoming at the end of April. Chris thought this item need not be put onto the agenda for a while until more information was forthcoming.

12. **Correspondence**

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

**Action**

PCSO Meeting Friday 22nd March @7pm: All 26/2 **Sadly no one within the PC would be available to attend due to other commitments. The Clerk will contact PCSO.**

**Note**

Message from Kent Police- uk Protect National Bulletin: All 7/2

NALC elections campaign: All 12/2

Invitation to Local PCSO Meeting on Friday 22nd March 2019

Leader's Briefing – Emerging Ideas for Former Mecca Site: All 12/2

Paul Libreri Nomination Papers: All 14/2

Letter from Rachel Jones on the outcome of the Stroke Joint Committee of Clinical Commissioning Groups.

CPRE Winter raffle: All 19/2

AGM for CPRE 06/03/19: All 19/2

KALC Planning conference, Friday 15 March: All + Lois 26/2

Upcoming Factual Paranormal Series: All 28/2

Leaders Briefing Year of the Environment: All 5/3

Adoption of Ashford Local Plan 2030: All 5/3

**Web Items**

January minutes

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**13. Accounts**

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

**Proposed** Peter Rawlinson **Seconded:** Graham Howland;

| Expenditure           |                    | Cheque No | £               |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Jimmy Boyle           | Street cleaning    | BACS      | 348.50          |
| Reimburse Mrs H James | goods              | BACS      | 35.02           |
| SDNPA                 | Neighbourhood Plan | BACS      | 1350.00         |
| Mrs H James           | March salary       | BACS      | 685.94          |
| HMRC                  | March              | BACS      | 198.94          |
|                       |                    |           | <b>2,618.40</b> |

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| <b>Income</b> |  |  |  |
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**Bank Reconciliation:** Balance as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 £8,407.12 less un-presented cheques as follows:

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**Actual balance = £8,407.12 as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**Accounts for Egerton update magazine**

| Expenditure |                   | Cheque No | £             |
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| Alan Arthur | Delivery Issue 13 | 0013      | 100.00        |
|             |                   |           | <b>100.00</b> |

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| <b>Income</b> |  |  |                |
| Advertising   |  |  | 1800.00        |
|               |  |  | <b>1800.00</b> |

**Bank Reconciliation:** Balance as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 £4,539.95 Less un-presented cheques as follows:

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| Alan Arthur | Delivery Issue 13 | 0013 | 100.00        |
|             |                   |      | <b>100.00</b> |

**Actual balance = £4,539.95 as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

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**Accounts for Village projects**

| Expenditure |  | Cheque No | £ |
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| Income   |  |      |             |
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| Interest |  | BACS | 0.89        |
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**Bank Reconciliation** Balance as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 £19,640.40 Less un-presented cheques as follows:

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**Actual balance = £19,640.40 as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**Village Projects fund**

**Pre-school move** = £10,675.65

**Village Hall** = £ 8,964.75

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**Total = £19,640.40**

**Accounts for Neighbourhood Plan**

| Expenditure |          | Cheque No | £              |
|-------------|----------|-----------|----------------|
| SDNPA       | As above |           | 1350.00        |
|             |          |           | <b>1350.00</b> |

| Income |  |  |  |
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- a) Total Budget and Precept 2018-2019 £35,670  
Actual amount spent to date is £26,993.12

**14. Public Discussion**

Richard King closed the meeting at 9.40pm for the public discussion, the meeting re-opened at 9.50pm.

**15. 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/](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:**

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| <a href="#">19/00148/AS</a> | Egerton | Weald North | <b>Barn west of Amherst Court, Bedlam Lane, Egerton, Kent</b><br>Proposed demolition of existing barn and erection of two detached residential dwellings and change of use of land to residential use, with associated landscape enhancements |
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**No comment**

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| <a href="#">19/00083/AS</a> | Egerton | Weald North | <b>Agricultural Building, Wanden Farm, Wanden Lane, Egerton, Kent</b><br>Prior notification application for the conversion of an agricultural building and land within their curtilage into 2no residential dwelling houses. |
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**No comment**

**Awaiting decision:**

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| <a href="#">19/00073/AS</a> | Egerton | Weald North | <b>Oaks Farm, Green Hill Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9EY</b><br>Erection of two storey rear extension with balcony, single storey side extension, proposed dormer & porch to front elevation and proposed 3 bay garage (revision to two storey element and garage as per planning permission 18/00615/AS and 18/00615/AMND/AS) |
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**Decided planning applications:**

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| <a href="#">19/00038/AS</a><br>Permit | Egerton | Weald North | <b>Stour Cottage, Burnt Mill Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9AX</b><br>Erection of a cart shed |
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| <a href="#"><u>18/01833/AS</u></a><br>Permit | Egerton | Weald North | <b>Lark Hill Cottage, Link Hill Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9BG</b><br>Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of new single storey side extension and new first floor balcony and extension to existing dormers and new rooflight (revision to the design of the conservatory on planning permission 18/01160/AS) |
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| <a href="#"><u>18/01696/AS</u></a><br>Prior Approval Is Given | Egerton | Weald North | <b>The Farriers, Mundy Bois Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9ER</b><br>Prior Approval for a change of use of an agricultural building including land within its curtilage into a single residential dwelling and associated operational development |
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**16. Any other business/information:**

- Commonwealth Day Monday March 11<sup>th</sup>- **Rob will ask Martin Chapman to raise the flag on church tower.**
- Crocken Hill: **A resident has requested that the grass verge from the highway to the footpath be kept tidy. Cllrs will make enquiries of other residents nearby if the work could be carried out.**
- Phone box Stonebridge Green-Pat **Steve Parr has offered to paint the red phone box at Stonebridge Green again. All agreed this would be carried out. Thank you to Mr Parr. Richard and Peter will undertake the job of changing the light bulb which is not working at this time.**

The meeting closed at 10.10pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April