



Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 4th April 2023
7.30pm Committee Room, Millennium Hall, Egerton

Present

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

Nineteen members of the public were present.

1) Apologies

County Cllr Charlie Simkins. Borough Councillor Ken Mulholland

2) Declarations of Interest

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

Chair Richard King: neighbour to planning application **PA/2023/0439**

3) Minutes of the Previous Meeting – 7th March 2023

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

Proposed: Cllr Claire Foinette **Seconded:** Cllr Lois Tilden. **All in agreement.** Cllr John Lawton abstained as not present at the March meeting.

Chair Richard King resolved to move Item 8 Planning forward on the agenda and to bring forward item 5, Public Discussion.

5) Chair to close the meeting for public discussion

The Chairman Richard King then closed the meeting for public discussion at 7.55pm to allow members of the public to comment on planning **Item 8) PA/2023/0519**

8) Planning

Planning applications submitted to Ashford Borough Council this month for Egerton Parish Council to consider, details of which may be accessed online at: http://www.ashford.gov.uk/online_planning/
Individuals may also register with ABC to receive regular alerts of applications and decisions.

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| Case Reference: | PA/2023/0519 |
| Location | Lark Hill Farm, Link Hill Lane, Egerton TN27 9BG |
| Proposal | Change of use of land from general grazing to equestrian grazing and exercise, installation of new horse-riding arena and erection of associated stables.: |
| Deadline | 20/04/232 |

EPC view:

1. This application is the cause of considerable local concern based on material planning considerations, most particularly because the proposal is on the Greensand Ridge escarpment, a sensitive and prominent part of the landscape, on the outskirts of rural Egerton and as such protected by the Egerton Neighbourhood Plan.
2. Manèges can have an intensive impact on the surrounding area because they have to be constructed with hard materials and they eliminate green pasture. A harsh effect. The applicant states this is for private use and there will be no additional traffic on this very rural lane.
3. The proposed stables have a gross external floor area of 87m² and measure 7.3m x 20.5m. This consists of 4 stables, 1 tack room and a corner hay store. The external hardstanding associated with the stables has an area of 67m². The arena is proposed at 20 x 40m with a total area of 800m². The area of the development including hardstanding is 960m². EPC believes this is a

substantially large manège and stabling for just one or two horses. In this location it could be very harmful to the appearance of the immediate and surrounding rural landscape.

4. It would have an impact on the views and vista in and to this designated Special Landscape Area including the Grade II Listed Lark Hill farm house itself and would not meet Neighbourhood Plan policies 1, 4 and 5. Despite the description of proposals to create new wildlife habitat with native tree and hedge planting, it must be noted that radical changes to the landscape may not be in keeping with its agricultural history.
5. The remaining land would be divided into several paddocks which is to be grazed on by the horses (not clear how many) owned by the family. The proposals only refer to personal, not commercial, use but on the face of it, they look more suited for a business and the single-track road alongside the proposal would not be suitable for regular horsebox traffic.
6. The existing water and electricity supply to this location is also fragile and could be compromised if there is additional usage for non-domestic purposes.
7. **Egerton Parish Council notes that there is a particularly useful ABC planning guide about keeping horses which should be followed by the planning officer in deciding on this case. Some key points in it are:**
 - *The siting, scale and design of proposals must not have an adverse effect on the quality of the landscape and in particular must not have a detrimental visual impact on the setting of Listed Buildings, Conservation Areas, and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.*
 - In this particular case, Neighbourhood Plan policies include reference to the sensitivity of the Greensand Ridge and the need to protect the views and vistas to and from it.
 - *In open countryside, the change to an otherwise undeveloped and unspoiled landscape can be dramatic and potentially very harmful. An example is large fields subdivided into numerous small paddocks where these are uncharacteristic of the landscape.*
 - In this case, the proposal is to sub-divide the field in to numerous paddocks. This would alter the landscape that has not changed for many years, probably centuries. A 1940s aerial photograph shows the site location and all around it with the same field pattern as it is today. A gateway 7 metres wide has already been made by cutting down the native hedgerow,
 - *There are some risks of pollution associated with keeping horses and extra care should be taken if, for example, the development would be close to a borehole used to supply drinking water. In water sensitive areas and/or when larger enterprises are planned, the Council will need to be satisfied that the design of a proposed stable yard takes account of managing the liquid waste arising from activities such as hay soaking, stable washing, washing horses and from liquid soaking through manure heaps.*
 - In this case, there are springs nearby feeding into ditches and watercourses; there is also a well - and the application refers to draining the arena into a pond. This is potentially very harmful to the environment – wildlife habitat could be made toxic. It is an unacceptable and inappropriate proposal. It is understood that the Kent Wildlife Trust would expect there to be a feasibility study on environmental issues for such a proposal.

- *Proposals must not cause a nuisance to adjoining or neighbouring occupiers through smell, noise or disturbance. Appropriate planning conditions will be attached to any grant of planning permission, where they can be used to protect a sensitive landscape and/or the amenities of neighbouring properties and may be used to regulate issues such as fencing, vehicle parking areas, lighting and siting of the manure heap.*
- In this case there is no mention of lighting but if intended it must be restricted. Lighting can disturb nocturnal wildlife in this sensitive environment as well as be a nuisance factor to humans and reduce the darkness of the night sky, as covered in Policy P6 of the Egerton Neighbourhood Plan. The siting of the manure heap is also a concern a) because of seepage and gravity flow downhill which would pollute the pasture and natural water courses and ditches, and b) the adverse effect it would give if visible and smelly near the road or footpaths.
- *An artificially surfaced riding area, an arena, manège can appear alien and intrusive in the natural landscape and care with siting and design must be applied so that they do not cause a harmful impact on the character of the landscape or on the amenity enjoyed by neighbouring occupiers.*
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- In this case, the proposal extends opposite another property on Link Hill Lane and will be visible nearby and from a considerable distance looking up from the Low Weald and from nearby public footpaths. The soil will need digging out to a very deep level to flatten the ground for the stables. The plan drawings and wording are confusing in this respect as they state the site slopes and yet the arena will follow the line of the slope - but the drawing shows it as flat. A flat surface is essential for an arena and even for grazing since horses may suffer harm to their bone structure if training on a sloping site. It is worth noting that In an application for an extension on a house in Link Hill Lane, ABC noted that "The site is within an area of archaeological potential." This is another concern in view of the digging out and levelling of so much ground on this escarpment to accommodate an arena and stables on flat surface. The volume to be dug out would alter the geological strata. And there is no mention of where the spoil would be taken once dug out. Another major concern as is potential slippage from damage to the strata.
- *The siting of arenas should be as inconspicuous as possible. Where there is a neighbouring dwelling close by, care will be required to ensure that the equestrian activity does not result in noise and disturbance. Neighbours are unlikely to appreciate hearing instruction being given to a rider receiving a lesson or having sand blowing from an arena surface into their home or garden.*
- The applicants in this case note that the proposed development would add to 5 existing such arenas, with similar finishes, within a 1500m radius of the application site. However, the existing ones are on flatter/lower ground, less obvious and not as conspicuous. In any case, a sixth such development could be one too many in one single parish.
- *Arenas should not be located in areas susceptible to flood risk. Apart from the risk of the surface material being washed away, the volume of the arena which is raised above the surrounding ground level can displace flood water and cause problems elsewhere.*

- Although this is not in a designated flood zone, on such a sloping site there could be an impact as the run-off from an arena would be significant. The adjacent road and others adjoining it, all single-track, frequently suffer localised flooding and watery mud already flows down these hilly roads when there is heavy rain. The fields here are waterlogged in winter and spring. There is also risk of soil slippage from large scale digging out to create a flat arena, with a detrimental alteration to the landform and its drainage.
- *External lighting, in particular high-level floodlights on columns, can be a prominent and incongruous feature in the countryside especially when in use. It can also result in “light pollution” which spoils other people’s appreciation of the night sky, may cause nuisance to neighbouring properties, confusion to motorists and disturbance to wildlife. External lighting (apart from inconspicuous safety and security lighting) will therefore normally be unacceptable.*
- In this case there is no mention of lighting but if intended it must be restricted.

8. Egerton Parish Council therefore objects for a host of reasons, most of which are based on ABC’s own guidance as well as the policies in the Egerton Neighbourhood Plan and ABC’s Local Plan. If permission were to be granted, conditions should be included to ensure protection of all trees and hedging as specified in the application; enhanced habitat measures for wildlife must also be put in place; that there should be a restriction on vehicle movements along this quiet single-track lane; that there should be no external lighting unless it is time-limited for momentary safety or security use to avoid light pollution; that there should be specified conditions for handling and disposing of the spoil dug out on the site; and that if there is to be a business use, its hours of operation should be restricted so as to minimise disturbance to neighbouring households.

Propose: Object due to the sensitivities of the site on the Greensand Ridge in terms of visual impact, effect on land strata, potential land slip, environmental impact, risks to wildlife and natural drainage systems .

Proposed: Cllr Lois Tilden. **Seconded:** Chair Richard King. 7 Cllrs in agreement. **Abstain:** Cllrs Pat Parr and Richard Wall.

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| Case Reference: | PA/2023/0439 |
| Location | South Broadham, Rock Hill Road, Egerton TN27 9EB |
| Proposal | Lawful development certificate – existing- erection of domestic garden shed |
| Deadline | in field. 16/04/232 |

EPC view:

This is a second application for a lawful development certificate. The first application was refused because the applicant had not said the shed had been in domestic use for more than 10 years. The applicant has now made a declaration, witnessed under oath, to state that the shed has been in domestic use for over 10 years despite being in an agricultural field.

Whilst it is not appropriate for domestic buildings such as garden sheds and garages etc to be placed in agricultural fields and planning permission would not normally be granted, it is possible for a lawful development certificate to be granted if there is evidence to support a building having been there after 10 years of domestic use associated with the dwelling.

Propose: No objection, no comment.

Proposed: Cllr Lois Tilden. **Seconded:** Cllr Claire Foinette. **All in agreement.**

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| Case Reference: | PA/2023/0439 |
| Location | Iden Barn, Iden Lane, Egerton TN27 9AR |
| Proposal | Proposed detached garden outbuilding. |

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| Deadline | 10/04/232 |
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EPC view: This is for a modern garden room about 16’ x 20’ with stairs outside it leading to a flat roof with a glazing balustrade to form a balcony. It is not in keeping with the Parish Design statement as it is a very modern structure next to a more rustic barn conversion, but the converted barn is not a Listed building. If this had been next to the boundary with another property this might have led to concerns for privacy, but it is on the far side of its neighbour. In any case Iden Barn itself is L shaped, with one of its arms alongside the adjoining boundary with its neighbour, so the garden and therefore this proposal is enclosed on two sides and would be unnoticed.

Propose: No objection no comment.

Proposed: Cllr Lois Tilden. **Seconded:** Cllr Pat Parr **8 in agreement.** Chair Richard King did not vote due to a conflict of interest.

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| Case Reference: | PA/2023/0417 |
| Location | Spring Villa, Field Mill Road, Egerton TN27 9AU |
| Proposal | Two storey rear extension with balcony, external rendering, and replacement |
| Deadline | front porch 10/04/232 |

EPC view:

This proposal is for a very large extension to the existing (non-Listed) house – it would double in size and make it L- shaped. To accommodate this, the garage would be demolished and there will simply be car parking at the front. The site and the house are hardly visible from the road. The materials for walls and roof would meet the principles of the Egerton Parish Design Statement with render and Kentish ragstone. However, the windows of the existing part of the house would be changed to “Dering” style windows which are a feature of buildings in Pluckley and Little Chart rather than Egerton. The new extension would have a higher proportion of glass, with modern glazing bars to make a distinctive difference.

There would be no adverse impact on any of the policies in the Egerton Neighbourhood Plan, but the scale of the extension compared with the existing house means that the rear garden is significantly reduced, and greater reliance will be on the front garden, which is screened from the road by hedging.

It is right near the edge of the parish boundary towards Charing and is in a very rural location. A previous application in 2003 for a smaller extension in a different configuration was refused by ABC. It is difficult to say if this case would make a material difference although the applicants’ consultant seems to believe the new plans overcome past concerns about the potential adverse effect on the views for passers-by and on the countryside.

Propose: No objection but request that points above are considered.

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

8a) Planning appeals

Cllr Lois Tilden advised that the Planning Inspector has allowed, on Appeal by the applicants, the development of housing on the land known as North Field. The Inspector’s Report made little mention of the Egerton Neighbourhood Plan or to Ashford Borough Council’s or Egerton Parish Council’s comments objecting to the development. EPC agreed that this was hugely disheartening as it undervalued the Neighbourhood Plan endorsed by the majority voters in the village.

It was agreed that a letter should be sent in the strongest terms to MP Damian Green concerning the Inspector’s lack of consideration of the Neighbourhood Plan and why Ministers promoted community decision-making on one hand and dismissed it on the other.

Action: Cllr Lois Tilden to draft a letter for the Clerk

It was proposed that EPC contact its planning consultants urgently for help in assessing and taking steps to uphold the Neighbourhood Plan.

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

Action: Cllr. Lois Tilden

8 b) 5G monopole installation Rock Hill Road

Cllr Lois Tilden confirmed that the land on which the monopole infrastructure had already been installed was not actually owned by KCC Highways but that the Title Register revealed that it is held in private hands by a company called RM Brookes based in Sevenoaks, Kent, and as such, permission from them for the monopole had not been sought by Hutchison Networks - or agreed.

However, Cllr Lois Tilden advised that legislation from 2017 did provide network companies with more rights to develop land than it gave private landowners rights to resist development by statutory undertakers and telecoms companies. Injunctions could be granted by the Courts in favour of infrastructure development. She added that the situation was fast moving, and the protest camp established at the foot of the proposed monopole had sought – and secured - permission from the landowner to camp and protest the siting adjacent to the school.

The protest has been covered on BBC SouthEast News.

Cllr Pat Parr proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Lois Tilden for all the work undertaken to research this topic, including searching the Land Registry to confirm ownership of the land, liaison with BBC South East News and the various protest groups, and issuing messages, articles and letters on behalf of EPC.

Proposed: Cllr Pat Parr. **Seconded:** Chair Richard King. All agreed.

4) Matters Arising from 7th March 2023

a) Southern Water - damages to verges at the entry to the access road to the Rock Hill treatment works.

The Clerk has sent yet another complaint. A representative had called and said that they could not identify the contractors who caused the damage. The Clerk replied in the strongest terms that this was not acceptable and asked for the department to phone. No phone call received.

Action: The Clerk will continue to pursue this.

b) Letter to Southern Water re capacity at the treatment works and pumping station.

It was agreed that the reply from Southern Water was wholly inadequate and did not answer any of the questions asked regarding capacity or improvements works. A follow-up letter will be sent.

Action: Cllr Lois Tilden/ The Clerk.

c) Cricket steps – repair or replacement

No quotes secured. The matter will be added as an agenda item when quotes are secured.

d) Noticeboard at The Forstal

The noticeboard is in place as arranged by Cllrs Lois Tilden and Claire Foinette and is in use. A note has been posted in the noticeboard advising villagers to leave their fliers with the Clerk as the new noticeboard is opened via a special key.

e) The George public house

It has a new menu and is relaunching on the weekend of 14/15 April.

5) Chair to close the meeting for public discussion

Chair closed the meeting for public discussion for a second time.

Meeting closed 21.45pm

Meeting re-opened 21.55pm

6) Footpaths report No 156 (see Appendix i)

7) Highways report Number 43 (see Appendix ii)

9) Older People's Accommodation

Cllr Lois Tilden said that surveys have been undertaken by the developer regarding drainage, potential site pollution, trees and wildlife habitat. It was agreed that the work of the Working Group for Older People's Accommodation should continue as presently constituted to ensure momentum on the development and allied matters is maintained.

10) Affordable Housing

Cllr Tilden advised that ABC had requested English Rural Housing to carry out additional site surveys This was another delay that ABC could have avoided as soon as the plans were first submitted.

11) Review and approval of EPC Asset Register 2023-24

The EPC Policy was circulated to all Cllrs prior to the meeting.

The Register was approved.

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

Action: Clerk to send for upload to the EPC website.

12) Cricket Steps – discussion on repair or replacement

Item postponed until the 16 May meeting.

13) 123 Bus replacement service - update

A meeting was held between the Parishes impacted and which undertook the User Survey: Smarden, Pluckley, Egerton.

It was agreed that the issue of getting schoolchildren to school in Ashford had been resolved for Egerton by the introduction of a new Stagecoach service 10E.

Those who remained impacted were adults who needed to travel into Ashford outside of school travel times.

All parishes resolved to better promote the services of the Kent Karrier Dial a Ride service which already picks up Egerton residents from outside their homes on Mondays and Fridays and takes them into Ashford.

There is an ongoing issue with village children getting to Homewood School in Tenterden. Cllr Jeff Hopkins will attend the meeting being held on 5th April in Smarden to discuss this issue.

14) Correspondence

Accounts and Correspondence for 4th April 2023

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

Kent Tree Plan. All. 09/03/2023

ABC increases sustainability as a consideration in new build planning applications. All. 10/09

ABC budget savings and Civic Centre. All. 10/09

KALC March news. All. 10/09

KALC/ABC final report on the Task Group review of the planning system. All. 10/09

KALC/KCC Updated information on adult social care services. All. 10/09

Copy email from County Cllr Charlie Simkins to a concerned resident re the monopole planning issue. All. 14/03

The Countryside Charity – campaign to MPs to protect dark skies and inhibit light pollution. All. 14/03

KALC invitation to submit questions to the Police and Crime Commissioner ahead of 11 May meeting. All. 14.03

ABC Parish Council Nomination Papers/briefing/guidance. All. 10/03

ABC notice of intention to republish the Electoral Register 3rd April. All. 10/3

KALC Ashford meeting minutes. All. 14.03.2023

ABC match funding IT equipment for charities/ schools. All. 14.03

ABC Notice of Parish and Borough elections. All. 23/03

ABC Big Help Out Kent – All. 28/03

Southern Water – reply to letter from EPC re capacity of its treatment works and pumping station. All. 30/03

ABC to launch new housing association register for users. All. 30/03

Comments re planning application PA/2023/0519 received from: M Laws, S Laws, E Hudson, G Hudson, J Smith, A Smith, S Dann & G Dann, M & C Teevan. All. 2-4 April

Website

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EPC Asset Register 2023-2024

15) Accounts

| Expenditure | | Cheque No | £ |
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| Annual inspection playground and skatepark | Safeplay | BACS | 330.00 |
| Inspection see-saw installation | Safeplay | BACS | 180.00 |
| Annual contribution | Wealden Wheels | BACS | 500.00 |
| Magnets for new noticeboard @ The Forstal | Reimburse S Young | BACS | 9.15 |
| Stationery, refreshments Parish Assembly | Reimburse S Young | BACS | 54.49 |
| Annual mowing/weeding | Aspire | BACS | 4089.98 |
| April salary | S Young | BACS | 1120.46 |
| Tax | HMRC | BACS | 33.97 |
| Total | | | £6,318.05 |

| Income | | | |
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| Grant towards new seesaw | ABC | BACS | 5000.00 |
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| Total | | | £5,000 |

Bank Reconciliation Balance at 31st March 2023 = £12,295.17 less un-presented cheques as follows

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Actual balance = £12,295.17 as at 31st March 2023

Note above balance includes RESERVES as listed:

Grant K Mulholland/ ABC towards the printing of the Neighbourhood Plan: £1,000

Legacy Ernie Mexter: £5,000.

Accounts for Egerton update magazine

| Expenditure | | | £ |
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| Total | | | £0.00 |

| Income | | | |
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| Advertising | | | 1575.00 |
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| Total | | | £1,575.00 |

Bank Reconciliation Balance at 31st March 2023 £4,421.30 Less un-presented cheques as follows:

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Actual balance = £4,421.30 as at 31st March 2023

Accounts for Village Projects

| Expenditure | | Cheque No | £ |
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| Income | | | |
| Interest | | BACS | 14.76 |
| Total | | | £14.76 |

Bank Reconciliation Balance at 31st March 2023= £31, 328.65 Less un-presented cheques as follows:

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Actual balance = £31, 328.65 at 31st March 2023

Village Projects fund

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| Pre-school move | | 11,478.65 |
| Esme Slater woodland | | 10,000.00 |
| Village Hall | | 9,850.00 |

Proposed to accept: Cllr Richard Wall. **Seconded:** Cllr Tim Oliver. **All in agreement.**

16) Additional items

- **Egerton Parish Assembly** – report and actions.

See Appendix iii The Clerk was thanked for planning and organising such an excellent Parish Assembly, which Cllrs. greatly appreciated.

- **Communications**

It was reported that residents in The Forstal had complained that Parish roadside noticeboards were not placed in Bedlam Lane to flag activities. Vice Chair Peter Rawlinson, who puts up all the signs, said he was reluctant to place them in Bedlam Land as a succession of boards had been either stolen or vandalised but he had in fact put up three boards to publicise the Parish Assembly which were left untouched this time. It was agreed that the new noticeboard would help promote village-wide activities in The Forstal.

- **Egerton websites**

It was agreed that the ideal solution would be to combine the EPC and Egerton Village websites into one improved site but that this would need to be discussed in full by the new Council.

- **Future use of the Computer Centre**

A meeting of all users had been held to look at usage levels and improvements. It has been agreed that the new Archive could be housed in the Computer Centre. As no other users require use of a landline phone it was agreed that the cost of this would be met by EPC as this requires a land line.

Proposed: Chair Richard Kind. **Seconded:** Cllr Pat Parr. **All in agreement.**

- **Village Shop**

Chairman Richard King and Vice Chair Peter Rawlinson are due to have a meeting with the new owners on Friday 7th April and will report back to the meeting on 16th May.

- **Spring Litter Pick**

Cllr Richard Wall was thanked for his organisation of the March litter pick.

- **100 Club**

A meeting has been held between EPC Vice Chair Peter Rawlinson, Chair of The Egerton Playing Fields Committee Steve Wellard and committee member Angus Buchanan.

It had been agreed that a new 'club' would be established with 14 draws per annum and a participation fee of £60 per annum. It was agreed that monies raised would be put towards maintenance of the Sports Pavilion and other good causes in the village. The date for the first 100 Club draw will be June 28th with full details in a flyer that will be distributed in the May issue of Egerton Update.

- **New Egerton Parish Council**

It was proposed that existing EPC committee members would, if elected, continue in their existing committee/working group/portfolio roles as a commitment to continuity or until such time as a new Cllr wished to take on those responsibilities. Chair Richard King will attend the 16 May meeting to formally hand over to the newly elected EPC Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr Jeff Hopkins. **Seconded:** Cllr Claire Foinette. **All in agreement.**

Meeting closed at 22.40pm

Next meeting Tuesday 16th May 2023

Appendix (i)

Report no. 156 of the Egerton footpaths representative for March 2023

7 *Outstanding Items remain from the March 2023 report.*

2 *Closed Items – 5. and 7.*

1 *New Item*

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 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.
2. **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 matting in place until a more permanent solution is found. Status: Still in Progress.
3. **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: Still Work Added to Forward Maintenance Plan.
4. **PROW220641396.** 22/06/22. AW81. Stone Hill to Green Hill. At the Parish Assembly two separate reports were made regarding the boundary stile between the Stone Hill properties to the large field out to Green Hill. The stile there is too high for ladies to manage. Status: Still Awaiting Allocation.
5. **PROW220718308.** 21/07/22. AW88. Elm Close to Stone Hill. Official KCC fingerpost at the top of the steps leading down to the hall pointing across to direct walkers to the footpath which leads out to Stone Hill is missing. Status: **RESOLVED. WORKS COMPLETE. CLOSED**
6. **PROW221045684.** 27/10/22. AW106. The Cottage on The Street by the telephone box out towards Egerton House etc. The new owners of The Cottage have sent a dozen photos where various of the trees on the footpath are leaning towards their property or beginning to grow over The Cottage. Status: Still Awaiting Allocation.
7. **KCC DIVERSION CONSULTATION.** 07/02/23. AW25 (part). Proposed minor diversion at Kia-Ora, off The Street. **Consultation form completed positively and returned to KCC by Parish Council on 14th February 2023. ITEM CLOSED.**
8. **PROW230285561.** 07/02/23. AW67. Egerton House Road, next to Willowdene, the 'finger' of the fingerpost at the entrance to this footpath has fallen off the post. Status: Still Allocated – Awaiting Inspection.
9. **PROW230288567.** 07/02/23. AW97. Near Frasers on Barhams Mill Road the fingerpost is leaning into, and being held up by, the hedge. Still Allocated – Awaiting Inspection.

NEW ISSUE:

1. **PROW230344518.** 30/03/23. AW88. Above Garage at Molly Steps. Reports of people holding onto spiles (school property) towards the end of this footpath at Molly Steps due to slippery steps. I inspected this, took a bucket down there, borrowed a spade from Danny at The Garage and completely removed all compacted leaves and dirt accumulated over a few years which has made the steps so much wider and clear of mud. I reported it to ask confirmation that KCC now regard it as safe (or not) otherwise it will need a handrail.

Appendix (ii)

Report no. 43 of the Egerton Highways Representative – April 2023

Summary

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| Closed Items | 3 |
| Open Items | 9 |
| New Items | 7 |

Closed Issues

| Reference | Description & Status |
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| 655201 | Chapel Lane Forstal Blocked Drain/Gully |
| Logged | 15/09/2022 |
| Status | Works Completed |
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| 688586 | Rock Hill Road/The Street/New Road – Pothole |
| Logged | 15/09/2022 |
| Status | Works completed |
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| 702180 | Multiple Potholes – Coldbridge Lane |
| Logged | March 2023 |
| Status | Works completed |

Outstanding Issues

| Reference | Description & Status |
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| 51987959 | Stonebridge Green Road - Blocked drain/gully |
| Logged | 2 nd August 2021 |
| Status | Works being programmed |
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| 60002069 | Green Hill Lane – Potholes |
| Logged | 24/05/2022 |
| Status | Works being programmed |
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| No reference | Pembles Cross/Barham Mill Road – Road repair |
| Logged | Unknown |
| Status | Order raised |
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| 646549 | Egerton House Road near The Coppice – Dip/Depression |
| Logged | 20/07/2022 |
| Status | Works being programmed |
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| 687790 | Iden Lane – Mud on the Road |
| Logged | 15/09/2022 |
| Status | Work being programmed |
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| 689720 | Rock Hill Road – Blocked drain/gully |
| Logged | 15/09/2022 |
| Status | Job attended; more work required |
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| 688627 | Crocken Hill Road – Multiple Potholes |
| Logged | 15/09/2022 |
| Status | Works being programmed |
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| 60004345 | Stone Hill Road – Pothole |
| Logged | Feb 2023 |
| Status | Works being programmed |
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| 60004358 | Green Hill Lane- Ditch Problems Drainage & Flooding |
| Logged | Feb 2023 |
| Status | Enquiry under investigation |

New Issues

| Reference | Description & Status |
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| 702161 | Coach Road – Multiple Potholes |
| Logged | March 2023 |
| Status | Works being programmed |
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| 706534 | Egerton House Road – Blocked Drain/Gully |
| Logged | March 2023 |
| Status | Enquiry under investigation |
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| 708466/708549/708459 | Pembles Cross – Multiple Potholes |
| Logged | |
| Status | Enquiry under investigation |
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| 708463 | Crocken Hill Road – Multiple Potholes |

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| Logged | |
| Status | Enquiry under investigation |
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| 688627 | Forstal Road/Crocken Hill Road – Multiple Potholes |
| Logged | |
| Status | Works being programmed |
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| 60004345 | Stone Hill Road – Pothole |
| Logged | |
| Status | Works being programmed |
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| 688586 | Pothole – New Road/The Street/Rock Hill Road |
| Logged | March 2023 |
| Status | Works being programmed |

Appendix (iii)

Egerton Parish Assembly Wednesday 29th March 6.30pm – 9.00pm Millennium Hall

Purpose

To engage Egerton residents in shaping their community and the future of the village as well as building confidence in the work and outputs of EPC. To focus on the health and wellbeing of residents via a small number of short engaging presentations by active village community groups. Also, to focus on increasing the number of volunteers available to create and implement village projects and initiatives. The latter in synch with the Monday May 8th agenda of the Coronation: The Big Help Out. To showcase as many village activities and groups as possible so they attract a growing and thriving member base via a similar focus on health and/or wellbeing.

Objective

- welcome 50 residents of all ages during the evening.
- give villagers insight into the work of EPC and welcome questions on its working, projects, achievements and accounts in the year
- host a minimum of 10 community groups
- ensure EPC is visible and engaging villagers in its strategic objectives
- highlight village and EPC achievements.
- solicit views on key drivers for residents' health, happiness and wellbeing.
- encourage residents to get involved and volunteer – collect a minimum 12 sign-ups to a variety of projects
- encourage residents to give their view on village priorities and future need.

Opening welcome: Q&A 5 mins – Chairman of EPC Richard King

To welcome all visitors and invite them to ask questions and engage with all EPC councillors present during the evening and participate actively in giving their opinions on future projects, village need and priorities.

Egerton 2022 – a year of activity shown via a rolling screen presentation to run during the evening.

Other presentations

Stratton Richey – save a life. How to use the village defibrillators and first response first-aid. Classes to continue throughout the evening after the main presentation.

Egerton footpaths with Egerton Walking Group – presentation encouraging walking as an activity for all ages and exploring Egerton’s footpath network.

Egerton Needs You – The Big Help Out stand - manned stand seeking volunteers to ‘sign up’ and help with the Christmas Fair, litter picking, and more general projects such as clearing areas of growth.

Community groups – stands to focus on the benefits of their society/club/group to health and wellbeing (and to encourage more sign ups)

Plus - teas/ soft drinks and wine served on arrival, and a quiz.

Promotion

- Egerton Update February edition
- Noticeboards x 2 from Thursday 9th March
- Use of key flat boards around the village from Thursday 9th march
- Notification to Egerton community groups via their membership commencing w/c 13 March.

Success measures

Achievement against agreed aims measured and minuted.

Achievement and outcomes

Attendance: 98 visitors = + 48 to stated objective and + 6 vs last year, plus councillors.

Clubs: 13 village groups and clubs attended.

All presentations were well received. Particularly the demonstration of how to use the defibrillators by resident Stratton Richey and the talk about the benefits of walking by resident Phil Missing. With thanks to them both. The main rolling presentation attracted good viewing and is attached below.

Volunteers: 17 villagers came forward to volunteer for a variety of projects as well as for ‘general’ areas such a clearing areas of debris and leaves.

Award: Villager Elaine Graham was recognised for her voluntary contribution to a wide range of projects in the village with a Special Community Award from the Kent Association of Local Councils. She was presented with her certificate by EPC Chair Richard King. He thanked her for all of her work and contribution to the village including the Music Festival, the Theatre Group, a number of committees and Egerton Friends and Open Gardens coffee mornings which have raised high levels of much-needed funds for village projects.

Feedback: Villagers were asked to highlight items for EPC to work. Items proposed. Two areas highlighted:

Public transport links

Adding a public electric car charging point somewhere central in the village.

EPC/village rolling presentation



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