



**Meeting of the Parish Council and AGM was held on Tuesday 7th June 2022
7.30pm Committee Room, Millennium Hall, Egerton**

Present

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

Borough Councillor Ken Mulholland

2 members of the public were present

1) Declarations of Interest

Chairman Richard King – no interest in any matters on the agenda

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

2) Apologies

County Councillor Charlie Simkins

3) Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 3rd May 2022

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

Proposed: Cllr John Lawton. **Seconded:** Cllr Lois Tilden. **All in agreement.** **Chairman Richard King and Cllr Richard Wall abstained as not present at the 3rd May meeting.**

4) Matters Arising from 3rd May 2022

a) Sale of the Shop

Proposal to move discussion to closed session.

Proposed chairman Richard King. **Seconded:** Vice-chairman Peter Rawlinson. **All in agreement.**

b) Post Office

All agreed additional promotion needed.

Action: Cllr Richard Wall

c) Heathlands Garden Settlement

No update. Proposal has gone to the Inspectorate.

d) South-East Water replacement mains water works

Completed ahead of schedule.

e) Village noticeboards

Hall noticeboard repaired. No update available re siting of the Noticeboard at The Forstal.

Action: Cllr Lois Tilden

f) Tree planting – The Queen's Canopy

A potted oak will be planted by Egerton WI at Stonebridge Green.

g) Neighbourhood Plan

A grant for £1,000 has been received from Borough Cllr Ken Mulholland towards printing a copy of the plan for each Egerton household. The outcome of other applications for grants still pending.

h) 5G Masts

Vice Chairman Peter Rawlinson will send a letter to MP Damian Green

Action: Vice Chairman Peter Rawlinson

i) Jubilee celebrations

Chairman Richard King gave heartfelt thanks on behalf of the EPC and the community to the Working Group who organised such a good celebration for the entire village in honour of The



Queen's Platinum Jubilee. He said it was a really happy time for the village and the most sociable few days for many years.

Action: The Clerk to pass on the thanks

5) Chairman to close the meeting for public discussion

Chairman closed the meeting for public discussion.

Meeting closed 7.55pm

Meeting re-opened 8.03pm

6) Footpaths report No 146 (see Appendix i)

New issue reported about overgrowth in footpath adjacent to the electricity sub station on Rock Hill Rd. There is a KCC agreement to cut the undergrowth three times a year and will be contacted to clear the path.

7) Highways report No 35 (see Appendix ii)

Cllr John Lawton reported that he had been advised that the planned repairs to Greenhill Lane were in the system but would not be undertaken before June 15th when the Lane was scheduled for reopening but he could not confirm if the closure would be extended.

He advised a resident had requested EPC consider a 7.5 tonne weight restriction blue sign limit for Greenhill Lane and proposed that EPC consider supporting the request although, as a statutory process via the highways authority, it could take at least 18 months for a decision to be made.

Proposal to support a weight restriction on Greenhill Lane

Proposed: Chairman Richard King. **Seconded:** John Lawton. **All in agreement.** One abstention. Councillors approved the draft letter drawn up by Cllr John Lawton to be sent to County Councillor Charlie Simkins to complain that the letter sent by Streetworks in response to EPC's formal letter of complaint about the major adverse impact caused earlier in the year by poorly managed road closures and communication. The letter cited insufficient explanation and lack of apology from Streetworks.

Action: The Clerk to send the letter

Cllr John Lawton advised that the Highways Steward had come back to say that the rock wall opposite to Stisted Way did not have any structural issues but would be cleared of vegetation, repointed and repaired as part of KCC's programme of works.

The clerk advised that a new salt bin has been promised by KCC to replace the damaged bin at Stonebridge Green.

The damaged bin on the Hall car park belongs to EPC. EPC will source and fund a replacement.

Action: The Clerk

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.

22/00614/AS	Egerton	Weald North Ward	2 Oakdene Villas, Mundy Bois Road, TN27 9ER Proposed greenhouse for non-business use.
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EPC view: proposed greenhouse on a brick base is in proportion to the long length of garden plot and should not impact on neighbour

Proposed: No objection.

Proposed: Cllr Lois Tilden. **Seconded:** Cllr Pat Parr. **All in agreement.**



22/00805/AS	Egerton	Weald North Ward	Long Ridge, Egerton House Road, TN27 9BD Proposed single storey side extension
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EPC view: A modest proposal to create an en-suite shower room accessible from the downstairs bedroom plus separate cloakroom accessible from the garden. Proposal does not add much to the overall size of the house or impact nearby properties.

Proposed: no comment

Proposed: Cllr Lois Tilden. **Seconded:** Cllr Jeff Hopkins. **All in agreement.**

22/00783/AS	Egerton	Weald North Ward	Appleby Farm, Mundy Bois Road, TN27 9EU Proposed two storey extension, front porch and garden room to rear.
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EPC view: External works significantly increase the footprint, but the L-Shaped house is in a large plot and so it is not out of proportion. The house is also set back from the road so there would be no adverse impact on nearby properties or the street scene. It is in keeping with the Parish Design Statement.

Proposed: No objection

Proposed: Cllr Lois Tilden. **Seconded:** Cllr Tim Oliver. **All in agreement.**

9) Orchard Nurseries

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

Proposed: Meeting Chairman Peter Rawlinson **Seconded:** Vice chairman Peter Rawlinson. **All in agreement.**

10) The Parish Assembly

The Clerk confirmed that all plans were in place. A copy of the Parish Plan and Neighbourhood Plan will be on site.

11) The George

The EPC is keen to better understand the future plans as the food offer has been missed and residents are worried about the outstanding repair of the roof.

A catch-up meeting with the owner of The George was proposed.

Proposed: Vice Chairman Peter Rawlinson. **Seconded:** Cllr Pat Parr. **All in agreement.**

12) Correspondence

Correspondence

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

Smarden PC document from ABC planning team re telecoms and masts. All. 9/05

Smarden PC minutes with answers to questions raised re masts/ telecoms. All 9/05

ABC Big Green Week Sept 24 – Oct 22. All. 11//05

NALC newsletter. All. 11/05

ABC Planning - clearance week. All. 16/05

KCC letter to residents re responsibilities for vegetation along highways/ pavements. All. 13/05

Reply from Stagecoach re the 124 bus service. All. 19/05

ABC waste/ recycling consultation. All. 19/05

Charlie Simkins County Councillor update briefing on KCC review of the 123 bus service. All/ 23/05

Kent Connect support posters. RK/PR/PP/ MR – update. 23/05

Les Bidewell communication re highways/Greenhill. All/ 23/05/2022

Ellie Rogers fibre to the home – Trooli. RK/JL. All. 23/05

NALC Events - All. 24/05



Les Bidewell – update on KCC Highways/ Greenhill Lane. All. 26/05/2022

ABC Local Council Forum minutes. All. 26/05

New PCSO Katherine Richards introduction. All. 26/05

ABC Shared prosperity Fund. All. 26.06

Rural Housing Week on-line event. All. 26/05

Rural Services Network - launch of £3m rural village halls improvement fund. All. 31/05

Permission sought to land helicopter at the Millennium Hall July 16. All. SW/JM. 7/06

ABC briefing – opening Cantii Way. All. 7/06

Website

April minutes

June agenda

13) Accounts

Accounts

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
Repair to cricket steps	Tim Kent	BACS	260.00
Repair to Hall noticeboard	Maypole Construction	BACS	180.00
123 email domains	Reimburse Sonia Young	BACS	28.52
Printer inks	Reimburse Sonia Young	BACS	74.49
Tree felling	Stumpout	BACS	3576.00
Salary	S Young June	BACS	1040.12
HMRC	NI and tax	BACS	40.54
Total			£5199.67

Income			
Transfer from deposit acc	From jubilee reserve fund to pay invoices	BACS	314.80
ABC	Grant K Mulholland NPlan	BACS	1000.00
Total			£1,314.80

Bank Reconciliation Balance at 31st May 2022 £14,776.26 less un-presented cheques as follows:

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Actual balance = £14,776.26 at 31st May 2022

Accounts for Egerton update magazine

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
May edition print and paper	Big Print	BACS	1676.40
Delivery	Alan Arthur		100.00
Total			£1776.40

Income			
Advertising			185.00
Total			£185.00

Bank Reconciliation Balance at 31st May 2022 £6,340.70 Less un-presented cheques as follows:



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Actual balance = £6, 340.70 at 31st May 2022

Accounts for Village Projects

Expenditure		Cheque No	£

Income			
Gift	From the late Esme Slate gifted for the purchase of community land or trees		10,000.00
Interest			0.19
Total			£10,000.19

Bank Reconciliation Balance at 31st May 2022 £30,907.08 Less un-presented cheques as follows:

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Actual balance = £30,907.08 at 31st May 2022

Village Projects fund

Pre-school move	£11,288.65
Esme Slater woodland	£10,000.00
Village Hall	£ 9,618.43
Total	£30907.08

Accounts to be approved and budget spend to date noted. The accounts were approved.

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

14) Any other business

- **Lenham Heath Garden Settlement.**

It was confirmed that Cllrs Lawton and Tilden would attend a meeting on 14 June organised by Lenham Parish Council at the CPRES offices in Charing to prepare for the MBC Planning Review.

- **Welcome Packs**

Cllr Pat Parr confirmed that she had delivered four packs

- **Rubbish reported as piled at garages behind Elm Close**

Action: The Clerk to report the fly tipping to ABC Housing Association

15) Closed Session Items

The Clerk read the confidential minute of the 3rd May closed session that related to an update from the Working Group for Older People's Accommodation and an update on the potential development of affordable housing.

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

Proposed: Cllr Claire Foinette **Seconded:** Cllr Pat Parr **All in agreement.** **Chairman Richard King and Cllr Richard Wall abstained as they were absent from the 3rd May meeting.**

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

Meeting closed at 9.45 pm. Next meeting: Tuesday 5th July 2022.

Appendix (i)



Report no. 146 of the Egerton footpaths representative – June 2022 Meeting

- 5 *Outstanding Issues remain from the May 2022 report. Complaint raised about items 1 and 2 after the May meeting.*

1 Closed Issue

1 New Issue (but feel it is already dealt with).

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

1. ***PROW 210554009.** 24/05/21. AW76 opposite Kingsland Lane, Mundy Bois Road. Broken stile. Status: Still Awaiting Allocation. Emailed KCC on 4th May at 15.15. No reply received. *At the Egerton Parish Council meeting last night I received two complaints about 2 separate footpath issues I raised with you on 21st May 2021 and which have not yet been attended to. The Report Numbers are: **210554009** and **210561834** both regarding stiles where the posts have become dislodged from the planks. The complainants say the first issue is very dangerous as you can come over the stile, be pitched forward and fall into the road (Mundy Bois Road). The other one the complainants say is also dangerous. Considering the length of time since I reported them, plus the fact they have become dangerous, could you instigate the repairs as soon as possible please. Regards Pat*
2. ***PROW 210561834.** 24/05/21. AW79 Mundy Bois Road to Rockhill Road (opposite The Laurels). Broken stile (bottom plank flicks up when you step on it as both ends have come loose from the supporting posts). Status: Still Awaiting Allocation. As above, emailed KCC on 4th May at 15.15. No reply received.
3. **PROW 210959063.** 10/09/21. AW75 at Heronsdale, Wanden Lane. Egerton resident complaint of overgrowth (brambles) and fence panel leaning towards the footpath. Status: Still Awaiting Allocation.
4. **PROW211126930.** 09/11/21. Part of AW87 to the west of the church behind the Glebeland houses where the path is quite narrow. Badgers have again been active and collapsed the side of the path about halfway along. Status: Still Work Scheduled but it is accessible with rubber matting in place until a more permanent solution is found.
5. **PROW211117086.** 21/11/21. AW64 Footpath opposite Egerton House on Greensand Way in a small, wooded area towards the byway up to Coach Road. Two planks missing/broken on the bridge over a small stream. Status: Work Added to Forward Maintenance Plan.

NEW ISSUE:

1. **PROW220510992.** 17/05/22. AW91 (part) at Bedewell, Link Hill Lane. Fly tipping blocking the footpath. Went to take a photo and a yellow tape indicated someone had already reported it. Status: Advised by KCC very recently (Michael Ellis) "if you can get past on foot then report it to ABC".



Image shows fly tipping across the footpath

Appendix (ii)

Report no. 35 of the Egerton Highways Representative – June 2022

Summary

Closed Items	3
Open Items	3
New Items	7

Closed Issues

Reference	Description & Status
619446	Replacement of Blue 'Unsuitable for HGV and Long vehicles' sign at junction of New Road and Green Hill Lane and Mundy Bois Road
Logged	February 2022
Status	Works completed – see comments
629131	Potholes – Mundy Bois Road



Logged	March 2022
Status	Works completed
634421	Egerton House Road – dip depression in the road
Logged	April 2022
Status	Enquiry investigated and customer updated
636856	Green Hill Lane - Operations & Others Emergency – Missing Road Closed Signs
Logged	May 2022
Status	Works completed

Outstanding Issues

Reference	Description & Status
42003307	Rock Hill Road – Retaining Wall vegetation damage to grouting
Logged	May 2021
Status	Enquiry Under investigation – see comments
589193	Stonebridge Green Road - Blocked drain/gully
Logged	2 nd August 2021
Status	Enquiry attended - more work required
Update	No change
634285	Iden Lane – Multiple Potholes and road edge collapse
Logged	April 2022
Status	Works being programmed

New Issues

Reference	Description & Status
60001954 & 60001990	Field Mill Road – Soft verge damage

Logged	May 2022
Status	Works being programmed
42003475	Stonebridge Green road - Salt bin damaged
Logged	May 2022
Status	Enquiry under investigation
638068	Link Hill Lane – Multiple Potholes
Logged	May 2022
Status	Works being programmed
No reference	Pembles Cross/Barham Mill Road – Road repair
Logged	Unknown
Status	Order raised
60001892	Forstal Road - Trees dead, dying or diseased
Logged	May 2022
Status	Enquiry attended – more work required
60002069	Green Hill Lane – Potholes
Logged	May 2022
Status	Works being programmed

Comments

42003307 – Retaining Wall – Rock Hill Road

Unfortunately it was necessary to approach our County Councillor for progress on this matter as our steward did not respond to emails. Following the intervention of Charlie Simkins – County Councillor, Lisa Willoughby – District Manager, Ashford responded to Charlie as follows:

The Rock Hill Road wall has been inspected by both the Operations Engineer and our Structures Team. The inspection concluded that the wall is structurally sound and presents no immediate hazard in its current condition but would benefit from some minor and isolated lime mortar repointing, some minor replacement of loose ragstone and gentle removal of excess vegetation growth including an environmentally safe weed spray to treat existing roots, etc. The wall will be included in KCC Highways' scheduled weed spray programme which takes place between 1st May and 15th June this year, weather permitting. I cannot give you a precise date of when the weed spray contractors will be in Egerton. The minor repointing and loose ragstone replacement will take place sometime later in the year after the excess vegetation growth has been treated, but again, I cannot confirm an exact date.

Green Hill Lane – Road and Verge repairs

A KCC Highways Steward has marked up carriageway areas requiring repair in Green Hill Lane and put a request for the materials for the verge repairs. The work will require the road to be closed but the Steward does not think this will be done before the end of the current closure period on the 15th June, so the closure period may be extended.



Green Hill Lane – Signage

- 1) *The blue advisory “Unsuitable for long and heavy vehicles” sign requested to be located at the junction of Green Hill Lane and Mundy Bois Road has been installed.*
- 2) *See 636856 in Closed items above. The Road Closed signs were repositioned following contact from a resident with KCC. This was logged as above, dealt with as an urgent item by KCC Highways and closed. Unfortunately, the signs have again been removed by persons unknown. This happens every time Road Closed signs are positioned on Green Hill Lane.*
- 3) *A resident of Green Hill Lane has requested that a 7.5 tonne limit be put in place for Green Hill Lane. The Parish Council need to discuss this and decide whether to support this request.*