

EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL
2nd April 2019

The meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 2nd April 2019
in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, Egerton at 8.00pm.

Present: Richard King (Chairman), Jennifer Buchanan, Claire Foinette, Graham Howland, Ambrose Oliver, Tim Oliver, Pat Parr and Heather James (Clerk).

3 members of the public were present also Lois Tilden planning advisor.

1. **Apologies:** Peter Rawlinson (Vice Chairman), Rob Walker, Geraldine Dyer(Ward Councillor)
2. **Declarations of interest:** Pat Parr- Gift of land
3. The minutes of the meeting on 5th March 2019: The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings. **Proposed:** Jennifer Buchanan; **Seconded:** Graham Howland;

4. **Matters Arising from 5th March 2019**

Report No. 108 of the Egerton Footpaths Representative – April 2019

Outstanding Footpath Issues: As report 107 March 2019

1. **PROW981700 and 599699.** *“Inspected – Landowner Action”*
2. **PROW297375.** *“Awaiting Allocation”* Still outstanding.
3. **PROW469187.** *“Work Added to Forward Maintenance Plan”* Still outstanding.

New Footpath Issues:

1. **ABC469187.** The Iden Lane site has been added to their list of sites under assessment for CCTV cameras and they will come back to us when this has been done. Elaine Harding is the contact for this area of service.
2. **PROW241068.** (Shirley Missing). Reported 20/03/19. AW69. Footpath at bottom of Tim Oliver’s garden leading across the field towards “Rockdale”. The fingerpost finger has snapped off. The post is metal but the finger was thick plastic. Seven-eighths of the sign has broken off. *“Not Actioned”* **Action Pat Parr**

HIGHWAYS

Outstanding Highways Issues:

1. **411169.** *“Works being programmed”*
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. *ABC say that the list for new nameplates will be put to contractors in April so it will be a while yet* **Pat will review**
3. **403901 (10/1/19).** *Not Highways. Passed to Others”*
4. **407207.** (Heather). 29th January 2019. Complaint about the bad condition of the footpath down Crockenhill Road from Egerton adjacent to the Crockenhill houses on the left. ABC say the grass areas are unadopted and they offered to come and cut it twice a year for £50 each cut. This was felt to be high for the small area so Graham offered to ask a couple of people on Crockenhill if they might keep it trimmed.

Graham has been unable to contact anyone to do cutting but has offered to carry out the work for £20 per cut as long as all vehicles are removed from the area while the work is carried out. The Clerk will contact the resident. **Action:** Clerk

5. **414010.** *"Works being programmed"*

New Highways Issues:

1. **415968.** (Heather). 5th March 2019. At the Parish Council meeting it was reported that KCC had resolved a previous issue (report **389358**) of a dip/depression on part of Greenhill Lane near to the property Appleby Grange by putting up signage to say there was a dip in the road and to be cautious. However, residents say that even at a low speed of about 15mph the dip/depression is catching most vehicle's undercarriage or exhaust.

On 8th March KCC Highways (Ben) responded to this latest issue report to say:

"When this was previously reported, reasonable steps were taken to advise the public of the uneven section of the carriageway to take precaution when approaching. I inspected the area today, with caution, and can advise that the steps taken previously were adequate to resolve the issue. That's not to say the carriageway will not be repaired, it will be but when deemed essential to repair the entire section of carriageway."

On 20th March I received a private 'Nextdoor' message from John Lawton to ask that Charlie Simkins be contacted to resolve this issue as he saw no signage there and damaged his bumper from passing over this depression. I emailed Charlie on 20th March and his reply came on 21st March suggesting Mr Lawton claimed against KCC for damage to his car.

2. **414732.** (Malcolm Berry). 28th February 2019. Embedded 30mph sign into hedge just past Old School Court. *Sign reinstated onto roadside verge and completely visible.* **SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME.**
3. **416280.** (Richard King). 9th March 2019. Charing Heath to Egerton Road opposite Coach Road (bottom of the hill). Road resurfacing materials have completely covered the drain at this point causing more flooding than usual. Drain needs debris removed and the drain desilted/unblocked. *"Enquiry under investigation"*
4. **419644.** (Heather). One of the conifer trees at 10 Crockenhill fell into Crockenhill Road (not sure who removed it) the occupants asked how to remove 2 or 3 more from their garden. *"Enquiry investigated and no further action planned"*. *When the tree came down a resident who was walking along the path was trapped underneath the branches. The Clerk has been to check on the resident, who following a trip to the hospital, is ok. The Clerk suggested it might be wise to try and get ABC to take down the very tall trees in the garden before they fell down.*

Graham has noted that the hedge over hanging the path by the bus stop on New Road could do with cutting back. *Pat has offered to trim it back.* **Action:** Pat Parr

- c) **Mobile phone signal:** As Peter was not at the meeting this will be bought up at next meeting **Action:** Peter Rawlinson
- d) **Notice boards:** The Clerk has received a quote from Maypole Construction Ltd who had constructed the notice board for Stalisfield Parish Council outside Stalisfield hall. £1350 + VAT compared fairly to other prices for notice boards viewed online (£1655 + VAT). The Clerk will contact the Hawksnest Trust for

funding. Pat will contact Charlie Simkins

Action: Pat Parr, Clerk

- e) **Older people's accommodation:** Moving along slowly. Gary Reeve-Wing (Court Royal) will contact ABC planners concerning access from New Road to the land gifted by Derek Marks (Orchard Nurseries). Richard, Peter and Lois have had a meeting with solicitors, Hallett & Co to discuss the 'Heads of Terms' (i.e. the working arrangement between Court Royal and the Parish Council). They also discussed the possibility of the community acquiring the land allocated for building on New Road in the Ashford 2030 plan (the old allotments site) to enable a greater number of affordable local needs housing to be provided rather than the site being used solely for open market housing. Following a discussion all Councillors agreed that this would be of great benefit to the village, bearing in mind the results of the Neighbourhood Plan's local needs housing survey, and should be pursued as a matter of urgency. Richard agreed to submit an outline proposal to the landowners to see if they would consider selling to the community at an agreed open market development price. A Community land scheme could then be set up and grants/loans applied for. If possible it should be tied in with the Older People's Accommodation scheme.

Action: Richard King

- f) **Village sign opposite Barrow House:** Tim Kent has provided a quote to re-furbish and prepare ready for painting. Once the sign is restored Julia Bourne has offered to paint. It was decided to take away the old planter, re-erect the sign and then install new planter. The Clerk will contact Tim, Julia and Julian Mills.

Action: Clerk

- g) **Extension to Games Barn:** This is ongoing with prices being sourced for various options. Report next month.

Action: Clerk

- h) **Saplings:** Graham will check with Kent Woodland Trust ready for next year. **Action:** Graham Howland,

- i) **Lost Words book:** Richard and Ambrose presented the books to the primary school during an assembly. The Clerk will advise Susan Hatt, who sent out the initial email promoting the book. **Action:** Clerk

- j) **Parish Assembly:** Councillors thanked the Clerk for all her hard work in organising the event on Thursday March 21st at 7.30pm in the Millennium hall. Congratulations to Bill Smyth for receiving the KALC Community award and to Pat for organising for the award. Thank you Peter for putting up and taking down boards around the village. The Clerk will check when Easter falls in 2020 and book the hall before that date. Pat will advertise on Egerton Nextdoor. Hopefully more villagers will attend the next Parish Assembly as the whole event is meant to involve the whole village.

Action: Clerk

- k) **Red Phone Box:** Thank you Sarah Elworthy for washing the phone box and thank you to Steve Parr for offering to paint again.

5. **PCSO:** A report has been received and circulated to all Cllrs. Claire reported that many other parishes had attended the meeting held in Tenterden to meet PCSO's and had found it helpful. It was agreed that if there is another event EPC should send a representative.

6. **Neighbourhood Plan Update:** Jane Carr's report was given by Lois:

1 **.Parish Assembly.** A limited amount of mostly positive feedback was received, and one or two new people showed an interest. There was very little response to the draft lists of green spaces and local

heritage sites, or to the Policy issues. Parish Councillors could perhaps encourage neighbours and friends to take a look at these, which are - or soon will be - on the web site (egertonnp.co.uk) for comment.

2. **Social media.** New information has been added to the Neighbourhood Plan web site, and also to the Neighbourhood Plan Facebook page and NextDoor. A link has been established between village web site and NP web site on the main menu.

3. The **policy issues** will now be published for public comment, and members of the steering group will begin to draft texts to elaborate on the issues.

4. The revised **site selection matrix** will be tested against 2-3 of the sites which have already been put forward, to ensure that objective decisions can be made when all sites under consideration are evaluated.

5. The Steering Group would like to suggest another **joint meeting on either 10th or 11th July**, by which time the steering group should have drafted the main policies for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan, and completed the site selection process. It was agreed that the new council should choose one of the dates at its first meeting. **Action:** Clerk

7. **Sale of shop:** Going ahead slowly. There had been a successful court action against the Post Office by rural post masters which ruled that they are not being treated well enough and this put back the date when the potential new owner was supposed to be interviewed for the Egerton PO job.

8. **Trees felled and to be felled.** Richard Wall emailed on 10th March 2019 regarding strong gales having brought down one of a large number of plane trees believed to be owned by John Lumley of Stonebridge Barn and he asked that the PC discuss the trees at our meeting. The Clerk will write to John Lumley and request if the trees can be cut back on boundary line along highway. **Action:** Clerk

9. **Chairs on Glebe:** The PC have received a request from Sarah Widd to place two hard wood chairs on the Glebe by her house in memory of her late husband, Peter. The PC agreed to this request, the Clerk will check with Sarah as to the exact position. The PC have also received a request from Stratton Richey if he can place a bench, in memory of his late wife Alison, alongside the play area so people would not need to sit of the fence surrounding the play area. The PC agreed to this request, the Clerk will check with Stratton as to the exact position and suggest the bench be anchored down. **Action:** Clerk

10. Correspondence

All circulated by email in advance unless marked with a *

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Note

Ashford Borough Council's Environmental Achievement Awards: All 7/3
Leader's Briefing – Waste and Recycling Strategy Consultations: all 7/3

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Leader's Briefing – Investing in Victoria Park: All 7/3
 The Mayor of Ashford's Private Visit to The Big Cat Sanctuary - 8th May 2019: All 7/3
 KCC various road closures: All 12/3
 Kent PCC Spring 2019 Newsletter: All 14/3
 Leader's Briefing – Launch of the Inaugural Ashford Property Market Report: All 19/3
 CPRE litter/plastic: All 19/3
 Maidstone Local Plan Review – Call for Sites: Richard, Jane, Lois 19/3
 Temporary Road Closure – Egerton Road, Charing Heath, Ashford – 8-18 April: All 21/3
 Kent PCC Spring 2019 Newsletter: All 26/3
 Leader's Briefings – Underpass Initiative and Royal Military Canal: All 26/3
 KALC social media and communication networking event: All 2/4

Web Items

February minutes
 April agenda
 Draft March minutes

11. Accounts

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

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
Captivewebs Inv 100859	NHP	BACS	250.70
Captivewebs Inv 100870	NHP website	BACS	102.00
Clerks & Councils Direct	Subscription renewal	BACS	12.00
ACRK	Membership renewal	BACS	52.00
Tim Kent	Play area repairs	BACS	279.94
Reimburse Mrs H James	Goods PA + other	BACS	87.88
Mrs H James	April salary		732.09
HMRC	April		217.47
			1734.08

Income			

Bank Reconciliation: Balance as at 30th March 2019 £5,538.02 less un-presented cheques as follows:

Actual balance = £5,538.02as at 30th March 2019

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Accounts for Egerton update magazine

Expenditure		Cheque No	£

Income			
Advertising			1160.00
			1160.00

Bank Reconciliation: Balance as at 30th March 2019 £5,499.95 Less un-presented cheques as follows:

Actual balance = £5,499.95 as at 30th March 2019

Accounts for Village projects

Expenditure		Cheque No	£

Income			
Village hall improvements	donation	500101	200.00
Interest		BACS	0.75
			200.75

Bank Reconciliation Balance as at 30th March 2019 £19,841.15 Less un-presented cheques as follows:

Actual balance = £19,841.15 as at 30th March 2019

Village Projects fund	
Pre-school move	= £10,675.65
Village Hall	= £ 9,165.50

Total	= £19,841.15

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Accounts for Neighbourhood Plan

Expenditure		Cheque No	£

Income			

- a) Total Budget 2018-2019 £35,670
 - b) Precept £19,401
- Actual amount spent to date is £29,611.52

12. Public Discussion

Richard King closed the meeting at 9.35pm for the public discussion, the meeting re-opened at 9.40pm.

13. 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:

19/00306/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Appleby Grange, Green Hill Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9EY Proposed agricultural barn and access track
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Lois will comment/raise objection on behalf of EPC

Awaiting decision:

19/00148/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Barn west of Amherst Court, Bedlam Lane, Egerton, Kent 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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Decided planning applications:

19/00083/AS Prior Approval Is Given	Egerton	Weald North	Agricultural Building, Wanden Farm, Wanden Lane, Egerton, Kent Prior notification application for the conversion of an agricultural building and land within their curtilage into 2no residential dwelling houses.
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19/00073/AS Permit	Egerton	Weald North	Oaks Farm, Green Hill Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9EY 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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18/00992/CONA/AS Permit	Egerton	Weald North	The Cold Store west of, Ten Acres, Coach Road, Egerton, Kent, TN27 9BA Discharge condition 1, 2 & 3
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Claire attended a KALC meeting when it was noted that there is a lack of enforcement planning officers. On large new housing estates ABC are signing off properties which have not been accurately checked. ABC need to monitor more carefully when signing off and are hopefully going to recruit more officers.

14. Any other business/information:

- Willow trees near lower rec need checking that they are not imminently going to fall. Graham will check and report back. **Action:** Graham Howland
- Hedge over growing the path when turning left out of car park at Hillside Villas. The Clerk will contact the owner of Spring Cottage. **Action:** Clerk
- Advertising sign down Rock Hill Road protrudes too much on the highway. The Clerk will contact the person whose advert it is. **Action:** Clerk
- A request has been made to move the 30MPH on New Road sign back towards Pluckley so drivers slow down before entering the village. The Clerk will contact highways with the request. **Action:** Clerk
- Richard thanked Rob and Jennifer for their work over the past 4 years and was sad they will not be standing at the next election on May 2nd. He noted the saddest moment during the past 4 years was the passing of Alison Richey, who is greatly missed.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 7th May