

EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL

**The meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 4 September 2012
in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, Egerton at 8.00pm.**

Present: Alison Richey (Chairman), Richard King (Vice Chair), Roger Harper, Tim Oliver, Pat Parr, Peter Rawlinson, Bill Smyth, Richard Wall and Claire Finley (Clerk). 6 members of the public were also present.

1. **Apologies:** Ambrose Oliver
2. **Declarations of interest:** Roger Harper (Bramley Farm)
3. **The minutes of the meeting on 7 August 2012:** The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings. **Proposed: Roger Harper; seconded: Pat Parr**

4. Matters Arising from 7 August 2012

a. Playground and Skatepark: It was agreed that the wet pour kit would be ordered by the clerk for the surface tiles of the playpark and that the infant seats and edging would also be replaced. The cost will be approximately £1,500. Bill Smyth would arrange a quote for the fence required for the skatepark, but it was agreed that the work needed to be done.
Action: Clerk, Bill Smyth

b. Older Person's Housing: Richard King will arrange a meeting with the relevant KCC cabinet members and Alison Richey and Pat Parr would attend.
Action: Richard King

c. Footpaths and stiles: Pat Parr had completed work on some footpaths and hoped KCC would soon complete the work needed on Hazeldene bridleway. Pat Parr also reported that KCC has in hand the definitive map changes for the footpath incorrectly marked at Potters Forstal.
Action: Pat Parr

d. Rural Fires: The clerk awaits a report on the water pressure from the water company via KFR.
Action: Clerk

e. Cricket pitch drainage: Bill Smyth will report back at the next meeting.
Action: Bill Smyth

f. Fields in Trust: Roger Harper reported that the final stages of this project involved the deeds being sent.

g. Emergency planning: This meeting was held and Pat Parr noted that progress had been made on the template and would report back at a future meeting.
Action: Pat Parr, Peter Rawlinson, Bill Smyth

h. Village Hall Extension Fund bank account: The clerk has clarified the procedure for opening a new account with the bank and reports it should be able to be done over the phone.
Action: Clerk

i. Code of Conduct and DPI forms: A letter regarding the intrusive nature of the DPIs has been sent to Damian Green.

j. Tree surgery: Bill Smyth would report back at the next meeting on this subject.

k. Back to Church Sunday: The hymns chosen have been sent to the PCC and Alison Richey reminded everyone that the service would be held on 30 September.

l. Financial changes/DCLG: It was agreed to support the changes and the clerk would respond. **Action: Clerk**

m. Broadband: The "make Kent quicker" postcards and explanation had been delivered to homes in the parish in an effort to get people to log on and support the campaign for quicker broadband. There had been a letter confusing the speed of broadband with traffic speeds and the clerk would reply to that member of the public. **Action: Clerk**

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n. Parish Forum: Richard King will speak to Simon Cole of ABC to clarify whether ‘village envelopes’ were still relevant to planning. **Action: Richard King**

o. Highways: Pat Parr noted that Bedlam Lane was not eligible for the available funds, which were solely for surface dressing and doesn’t cover adverse camber works. Whilst there was praise for the work by KHS in Rock Hill Road the current work in Bedlam Lane had not been up to their usual standard.

p. Lower Rec steps: Bill Smyth will be painting the steps this week.

5. Correspondence (previously circulated unless marked *)

Action:

ABC Environmental Services – letter dated 30/8 re mowing at Elm Close* - the clerk would acknowledge the letter and Bill Smyth will contact Heber to understand the cost implications. **Action: Clerk, Bill Smyth**
 DCLG consultation reminder (deadline 11/9) emailed 4/9 – see point l above
 KALC’s draft on Council Tax

Note:

KALC agenda for 3 October – Peter Rawlinson only
 Rural Housing Workshop on 26/9 Tonbridge – emailed 4/9 – **Alison Richey** would like to attend
 Maidstone Borough Council Core Strategy – Peter Rawlinson only 4/9

6. Accounts

Approval of the accounts for the month, for cheques to be signed: *Proposed: Bill Smyth; Seconded: Roger Harper*

Expenditure:	£
Clerk salary	318.41
Total expenditure	318.41
Income:	
Coffee morning donation (deposit account)	32.50
Coffee morning donation (deposit account)	53.00
Fete donation for Village Hall Ext (deposit account)	972.00
Fete donation for Parish Plan	500.00
Total Income:	1,557.50

7. Public Discussion

Alison Richey closed the meeting at 9.42pm for public discussion. The meeting re-opened at 9.59pm.

8. Planning

12/00818/AS	Bramley Farm, Stonebridge Green Road, TN27 9AP	Object. The proposal would not preserve and enhance the
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	Change of use from agriculture to storage and sales of animal feeds and bedding. Erection of a ménage for private use.	conservation area and access for good vehicles is hazardous. If granted, restrictions should apply as set out in the full comments on the ABC website.
12/00938/AS	1 Dorne Cottages, Coach Road, TN27 9BB Demolish existing boot room and build new dining room	Support.

9. AOB

- **Clerk:** The clerk has resigned and therefore recruitment has started for a replacement. The closing date for applications is the 14th September to allow any mothers at the school to have an opportunity to apply. It has been advertised widely on noticeboards, at the shop in the village, on the EPC and KALC websites and sent to other clerks direct and the Parish Assembly distribution list. The interview panel would consist of Alison Richey, Richard King, Tim Oliver and Peter Rawlinson with Richard Wall in reserve. The proposal was for interviews to take place in September so that the clerk would be appointed in October and start to work alongside the current clerk who would continue to do 1 day a week through her 3 month notice period. It was decided that we could use the same job spec as for the current clerk's appointment.
- **Road signage:** Peter Rawlinson suggested that the road signage should be cleaned as part of the Village spring clean day.
- **Weight restriction:** Richard King will submit a request to KHS to apply a 7.5 tonne restriction for the village; this would not affect legitimate business access.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday 3 October