

EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL

**The meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 3 September 2013
in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, Egerton at 8.00pm.**

Present:) Alison Richey (Chairman), Richard King (Vice Chairman), Roger Harper, Ambrose Oliver, Tim Oliver, Pat Parr, Peter Rawlinson, Bill Smyth, Richard Wall and Heather James (Clerk). 3 members of the public were also present.

1. **Apologies:** Geraldine Dyer (Ward Councillor)
2. **Declarations of interest:** Roger Harper
3. **The minutes of the meeting on 6 August 2013:** The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings. *Proposed: Richard Wall; seconded: Bill Smyth*
4. **Matters Arising from 6 August 2013**

- a. **Playground and Skatepark:** Ed Smith is to return and fill in the gaps in the rubber matting surface. Bill has been carrying out weekly risk assessment checks and filling in the forms for the Clerk to keep on file. Thank you Bill.

Action: Bill Smyth

- b. **Older Person's Housing:** ABC have been requested to slow down as they are trying to move on with this project but the Villagers need time to be consulted.

c. **Footpaths and stiles: Progress from Last Month's Activity:**

Rickety stile to KCC in the middle part of AW101 off Crockenhill Road. Report No. 255599. Still says "awaiting allocation". No difference from last month.

Wobbly stile on AW65 on Hazeldene Farm land. Report No. 209434. Still says "awaiting allocation". No difference from last month.

Pat has sent an email (29/08/13) asking if they are clearing anything at all!

Activity This Month:

1. Don cleared the entrance to the footpath on New Road which leads down to Breeches Field Oast
2. Pat would appreciate anyone reporting obstructed footpaths to her despite lack of attention by KCC, we may be able to rectify ourselves.

The stile at the bottom of Stonehill Road is blocked, Tim is to clear.

Action Tim Oliver

- d. **Highways:** Field Mill Road along from High Banks has been repaired by highways but the drain was not cleared and following a lot of rain the drain has flooded and undone the repair work. The Clerk is to report back to highways.

A report has been processed following the damage caused to Egerton House Road by a tractor becoming unhitched from its trailer and being dragged down the road.

Action: Clerk

- e. **Emergency planning:** The Emergency planning committee are to have another meeting soon.

Action: Pat Parr, Bill Smyth, Peter Rawlinson

- f. **Community Responders:**(medical)The defibrillator has been purchased and affixed to the wall of the Millennium Hall in a Perspex case. This and another defibrillator was purchased with monies raised by The Friends of Egerton. The second defibrillator has yet to be put up but it is thought it will be at the Forstal and in due course another one will be put at Stonebridge Green. Insurance cover is to be looked into to cover the defibrillators.

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Twelve people have been trained to use the defibrillators, but in an emergency following a 999 call anyone could use, as once taken from the Perspex case the machine will talk through the procedure with the operator. It is hoped meetings can be arranged for various clubs, like the over 60's, where the use of the defibrillator can be demonstrated.

- g. Parish Forum:** The dog waste bin has been erected onto the post provided at the skate park and the dog warden has been informed, ready for emptying. The village is still awaiting the delivery of wheelie bins in certain areas, and black sacks left by villagers are not being collected the Clerk is to follow up.

Action: Clerk

- h. Culverts:** Following an email from Lisa Holder, ABC, that the Drainage team had been informed of the need to have a site meeting nothing has happened, the Clerk is to follow up.

Action: Clerk

- i. Floodlighting Church:** Following the previous meeting a letter has been received from Mr John Lumley (church warden) informing the Council of the cost to PCC to light the church at all times. At this time it is approx. £400-£500 but this could change due to the PCC getting a better price contract from a new supplier. The amount that will be donated from the Parish to the Church will be raised at the next finance meeting.

- j. Tree on Glebe:** Ray Jiles has carried out the work on the tree and has submitted an invoice.

- k. Signs:** Peter is to carry out an investigation on the number of 30 MPH signs and make sure there are sufficient following correspondence with highways.

- l. Padlocks:** Following the correspondence from Came & Co there is to be a new close-shackle padlock fitted to the Sports pavilion.

- m. Rural Conference:** September 24th, on the agenda had been a piece on 'elderly persons within the community' this has now been postponed, if it is raised at a later date Egerton Parish council may attend. No one will be available to attend the meeting on 24th September.

AOB

Roger had requested that the pathway along the back of the Millennium hall be cleared of overgrown foliage, as it is the fire escape, this work has been carried out.

The flytipping reported along Iden Lane has been cleared.

Accounts and Correspondence for 3 September 2013

Correspondence

All circulated by email in advance unless marked with a *

Action

Note

DCLG consultation- Registration of new town or village greens: All 13/8

Kent Stour & Countryside Partnership newsletter: Alison, Bill, Richard W. 13/8 (check)

KALC New CCTV code of practise: All 15/8

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The Rural fair share petition: All 15/8
 Care Choices directory :All 15/8
 Rural Conference 24/9 : Alison, Richard 20/8
 DCLG Consultation – National waste planning policy: All 20/8
 Kent Police news : All 20/8
 Trustee legal workshop 11/9 : All 20/8
 Rural News 131: All 22/8
 *www.oil-club
 * Countryside voice summer magazine
 John Lumley letter re: cost of floodlighting : All 3/9
 *Silver River letter

Web Items

Care choices directory : posted 15/8
 Kent Police news in Kent : posted 20/8
 Rural News 131: posted 22/8

Accounts:

Approval of the accounts for the month, for cheques to be signed: Proposed : Peter Rawlinson
Seconded: Richard wall

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
Physio control UK	1 st responder	1216	2155.20
Ray Jiles	Tree work	1217	90.00
R James fencing	Dog bin and clearing	1218	168.00
Mr S Richey	1 st responder equipment	1219	442.02
Clerk salary	September	1220	536.83
HMRC	September	1221	138.52
			3,530.57

Income:

Over 60's	1 st Responder	500246	50.00
Friends of Egerton	Defibrillator	500247	541.50
			591.00

Bank Reconciliation as at 17 July 2013 (Latest statements)

Current Account latest Statement Balance as at 17 July 2013 = £21,510.93 Less unrepresented cheques as follows:

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Egerton playing fields	donation	1178	300.00
HMRC	June tax/NI	1196	127.40
KALC	Clerks conference	1199	72.00
Mrs H James	Clerks salary July	1201	509.43
Egerton Playing Fields	Parish Plan hire	1206	5.00
Wicksteed Playscapes	Inspection	1207	170.40
Heber horticultural	Mowing June	1208	444.60
Egerton Telecottage	Printing	1209	12.80
ABC	Dog bin	1210	160.00
Green Thumb	Treatment	1211	70.00
Came & Co Insurance	Renewal	1212	1202.68
Clerk salary	August	1213	509.43
HMRC	August	1214	127.40
Heber Horticultural	Mowing July	1215	444.60
			4,155.74

Actual balance = £17,355.19 as at 17 July 2013

• **Public Discussion**

Alison Richey closed the meeting at 8.40 pm for the public discussion, The meeting re-opened at 8.45pm.

- 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:

13/00868/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Court View, Stonebridge Green Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9AN Conversion of existing roof space to usable first floor. Proposed two storey entrance porch to front of property, to include staircase to first floor. Incorporation of two dormer windows to rear along with minor alterations to elevations of property
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Councillors are to attend a site visit on Wednesday 4 September.

Following meeting those who attended agreed to support the application with the following note.

"This is an important and visible building on the northern approach to the village. The Parish Council supports the application, subject to the retention of the tree which screens the building from the road, and the use of appropriate materials that are in sympathy with the village design statement and the character of the village conservation area, in which the building sits."

Decided planning applications:

13/00642/AS Proposed Use/Development Would Be Lawful	Egerton	Weald North	Tordale, Rock Hill Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9EB An Application for Lawful Development Certificate - Proposed use - Erection of a single storey extension to west elevation
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13/00845/AS Permit	Egerton	Weald North	Breeches Field Oast, Green Hill Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9HA Erection of a double garage
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- **AOB**

- Ambrose asked how the Council thought electronic voting would work amongst the Cllrs. It was decided this would not be something they would be happy with.
- Bill, there are still some properties along The Street who have not received wheelie bins and the black sacks being left out are not being collected the Clerk will contact ABC. Also there has been rubbish dumped in the garages in Elm Close. **Action: Clerk**
- Following the repairs Bill has carried out on the bench on Elm Close, Thank you Bill, he noted that the benches are in need of a clean and some treatment. The Clerk is to check when this work was carried out previously by Anthony Hicks. **Action: Clerk**
- The track from Rock Hill road along to the pavilion was damaged last year by the Southern Water lorries going to the treatment plant. Following a site visit with Southern Water the Clerk was informed that this would be repaired. The Clerk will follow up with Southern Water. **Action: Clerk**
- Alison showed the Cllrs the maps she has produced showing all areas, named properties with post codes within Egerton mainly for the Community responders. Wonderful job, well done Alison. Alison is to send out a pdf to all Cllrs which will be most helpful. **Action: Alison Richey**

The meeting closed at 9.15

Next meeting: Tuesday 1 October 2013 at 8.00pm