

EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 2nd September 2014
in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, Egerton at 8.00pm.

1. **Present:** Alison Richey (Chairman), Richard King (Vice Chairman), Roger Harper, Ambrose Oliver, Tim Oliver, Pat Parr, Peter Rawlinson, Bill Smyth, Richard Wall, Geraldine Dyer (Ward Councillor) and Heather James (Clerk).
5 members of the public were also present.
2. **Apologies:** All present
3. **Declarations of interest:** None

The minutes of the meeting on 5th August 2014 : The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings.

Proposed: Richard King; **Seconded:** Tim Oliver

4. Matters Arising from 5th August 2014

a) **Footpaths and stiles:**

Stile too high and wobbly opposite Egerton House, needs an extra step at bottom and post to be strutted. Clerk is to ask R James & Sons fencing to carry out work. **Action:** Clerk

Wobbly broken plank on a too high stile down New road in the sheep field on the stile which leads into the orchard. Repaired by landowner Mr Harmer.

Damaged horselatch through Hazeldene farm bridle way the Clerk has asked the landowner to repair. He is not prepared to repair this gate but is prepared to put in a new 12'-14' metal gate with horselatch. The Clerk will see landowner to accept his offer. **Action:** Clerk

KCC has asked Pat to waymark the newly diverted part of the footpath between Hollis Farm and Wildings Farm. However, the owner of Hollis Farm is in discussion with KCC as the owner of Wildings Farm has not completed the separation of the footpath from the open horse field as he agreed to do for safety reasons. Progress report next month.

Richard King has noticed that some fence posts have been erected along the footpath from Mellows to the neighbouring field. Pat is to check that rails are not added to block the footpath.

Action: Pat Parr

b) **Highways:**

The Clerk has re-sent the maps, kindly created by Alison, to all Cllrs. Richard Wall has taken some pictures of run-off drains near to his property and his camera gives GPS markers. It has been decided that there are probably more drains on hills so the following Cllrs are to concentrate their efforts in locating run off drains on various hills within the village. Richard King has suggested using a metal detector as some of the drains are very well buried under vegetation.

Action: Bill Smyth, Peter Rawlinson, Richard Wall, Tim Oliver, Richard King, Roger Harper

- c) **Culverts:** The Clerk is to visit landowners on the list provided by Tim Oliver to request that drains are cleared before winter in the hope it will help stop flooding. **Action:** Clerk

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- d) **Finger post:** The new top sign has been delivered and the Clerk is to ask R James & Sons fencing to fit the finger post following some adjustment by Julian Mills. The jagged edge on the Pluckley finger sign has been ground off and looks very neat. Thank you Scott James and also Thank you Bill Smyth for painting the edge.
- e) **Welcome packs.** Pat is to deliver a pack to the new occupants of 2 Old School Court.
Thank you Pat. **Action:** Pat Parr
- f) **Play equipment inspection:** The Clerk and Bill Smyth were with the inspector while the inspection of all play equipment was carried out. The report has been received and it will be necessary to purchase new chains, shackles and parts for all of the swings. Bill and Tim have offered to fit them when the Clerk has purchased from Wicksteed. There is also wear on the platforms on the play equipment, Bill is to sand down and treat with preservative.
Action: Bill Smyth, Tim Oliver, Clerk
- g) **Village confines:** Peter will report next month.
Action: Peter Rawlinson
- h) **Road sign:** Richard Hopkins has been contacted to request that he straightens the sign at Forstal road and also the finger post sign in the same area when he is passing in his machine. This is still outstanding, the Clerk will contact Richard. The road sign along New road has been damaged, Bill has offered to check and repair. Thank you Bill.
Action: Bill Smyth, Clerk
- i) **Trees Stonebridge Green Barn:** The trees overhanging the highway at Stonebridge Green barn have been cut back, a letter has been received from owner Mr John Lumley to this effect and that the planning has been approved for him to have felled the poplar trees on his land. Although only six trees have been put through on the planning application there are a number of others that are dangerous. The Parish Council will await the outcome once the trees have been felled.
- j) **Strong box:** This will be purchased once the Chairman and Clerk are able to access the archive in the hall during the next school holidays.
Action: Alison Richey, Clerk
- k) **Trees Woodland Trust:** Peter still to follow up. **Action:** Peter Rawlinson
- l) **KCC Maps:** The Clerk has sent off the £40 cheque to purchase the Rights of Way maps for Pat, as soon as they are received the Clerk will get them to Pat. **Action:** Clerk
- m) **Newlyn planning:** An enforcement case has been set up under CO/14/00195 by ABC planning department and an officer is to be allocated the job. ABC will contact the Clerk with the outcome.

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- n) **Speeding cars in car park:** The speed sign which has been knocked down is to be re-instated by Bill and Tim. **Action:** Bill Smyth, Tim Oliver
- o) **Letter on Speeding in Village and new dog bin:** Alison has replied to the Villager about the speeding and explained that although there were lengthy discussions during the August meeting it was decided that no action would take place as it was thought that speed bumps or traffic calming would not be in keeping with the village. The dog warden has replaced the dog bin on the rec and Bill has erected. Thank you Bill. The dog warden explained the new thinking was to allow dog walkers to place dog bags in any of the bins in the village not just the red bins, so another bin would not be necessary for the Glebe.
- p) **Affordable Housing:** The Clerk has replied to the person who offered land at Chantlers Meadow that at this time no more affordable housing was needed within Egerton. Alison has been approached by the land owner of land on Rock Hill Road if there would be a possibility of erecting affordable houses on the land between White Cottage and Corbiere. Following discussions it was decided again that no more affordable housing was needed at this time within the village. Alison is to reply to the landowner. **Action:** Alison Richey
- q) **KALC Events September-October:** The Clerk has booked a place on a course for Ambrose to attend.
- r) **Recycling:** The recycling bins beside the Games barn will be removed by the firm that supplies them by October 2014. ABC have given out the last payment of recycling credits. Bill is looking into the possibility of another firm providing a bin for collection of paper; If this goes ahead all villagers will be requested to place their paper recycling in these bins not the green wheelie bins collected by Biffa. This will ensure that Egerton village receives the recycling money and not Biffa. **Action:** Bill Smyth
- s) **Arnold Ferrari:** The birthday card from people in the village was delivered to Arnold on his 100th birthday along with a card from The Queen. Congratulations to Arnold.
- t) **Elm Close:** The Clerk contacted highways requesting that white lines be painted at intervals along the kerb edge at Elm Close and the top of the steps leading to the hall to assist elderly residents during the darker evenings. Highways replied this would not be possible. Bill and Tim have offered to get some luminous white paint and carry out the work. Thank you Bill and Tim. **Action:** Bill Smyth, Tim Oliver
- u) **The Right for Parish Councils to sell electricity:** Richard King supported the proposal that if villages generate their own electricity with i.e solar panels that the excess could be sold back to the grid. The council agreed with this. The Clerk is to forward the support of the council to those who put forward the original proposal. **Action:** Clerk

- v) **Devolution of Services & Community agents:** Richard King has read paperwork and decided all jobs carried out were already under Borough Council i.e Rob Hopkins street cleaning. The mowing paid for by Egerton Parish Council was work carried out on land belonging to the village.

5. **Correspondence**

All circulated by email in advance unless marked with a *

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Devolution of Services & Community agents. All 5/8

Note

Kent Police & Crime Commissioner newsletter July/August: All 7/8
Government response- Draft transparency: Alison 12/8
Leader programme in Kent: All 12/8
The right for Parish Council to sell electricity: All 12/8 **Raise at meeting**
Rural opportunities Bulletin: All 19/8
Ashford Housing framework Annual report: All 19/8
The Accessible Britain challenge: All 19/8
Pluckley Brickworks & Station garage proposal: All 19/8
Chairman's leadership workshop 22/9: All 21/8
CPRE Help spot wasted space: All 21/8
KCC road closure Wanden Road: All
Healthwatch Kent: who are we: All 2/9
Follow up letter- recycling credits: All 2/9
UK Power networks newsletter: All 2/9
*Kent Police booklet

Web Items

6. **Accounts:**

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Approval of the accounts for the month, for cheques to be signed and Internet transfers to take place.

Proposed : Richard King; **Seconded**: Peter Rawlinson

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
KCC	Maps for Pat Parr	1292	40.00
Heber Horticultural	Mowing July	Transfer	458.04
Cllr Bill Smyth	Basket-ball net	Transfer	2.98
Wicksteed	Playground inspection	Transfer	170.40
Heber Horticultural	Mowing August	Transfer	419.64
Mrs H James	Clerk salary September	Transfer	514.65
HMRC	September	Transfer	128.60
			1,734.31

Income			
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Bank Reconciliation as at 31st July 2014 (Latest statements)

Current Account latest Statement Balance as at 31st July 2014 = £19,379.54 Less un-presented cheques as follows:

Treescaping	Treework	1291	360.00
			360.00

Actual balance = £ 19,019.54 as at 31st July 2014

7. Public Discussion

Alison Richey closed the meeting at 9.20pm for the public discussion, the meeting re-opened at 9.38pm.

8. 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 planning applications:

14/00925/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Mill House, The Street, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9AL Erection of a ancillary annexe
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Awaiting decision

14/00971/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Rockhill House, Rock Hill Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DP Single storey side garden room extension, insertion of new window to NE elevation, insertion 1no conservation roof light and erection of a new 2m high gate, metal gate and brick wall adjacent to a highway
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14/00972/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Rockhill House, Rock Hill Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DP Single storey garden room extension; removal of existing &; erection of new partitions to ground floor; replacement of window with door to NW elevation; new window to NE elevation; alterations to floors and steps in halls and kitchen including provision of concrete base &; damp proofing to kitchen; 1no conservation rooflight; replacement windows; increase head height of door opening &; replace door to kitchen.
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Support

14/00992/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Barn at Bedewell Farm, Link Hill Lane, Egerton, Kent Prior approval for the design and external appearance of the building relating to a proposed change of use of agricultural building to 2/3 bedroom dwelling house.
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Prior approval not necessary see decided.

Decided planning applications:

14/00813/AS Prior approval not necessary	Egerton	Weald North	Barn at Bedewell Farm, Link Hill Lane, Egerton, Kent Prior approval for a proposed conversion of existing agricultural barn to residential dwelling.
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14/00152/TC Raise no objection	Egerton	Weald North	4 Glebeland, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DH 1 x Prunus Serrulata (Kwanzan) - prune and reduce tree by 50% in front garden
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9. **AOB**

- New dog bin – maybe on Glebe
- **Weeds growing over steps to car park** Bill has offered to clear them. **Action:** Bill Smyth
- Ambrose has had a complaint from a villager **about all the waste that is left by the recycling bins** by people who have had a function in the hall.
- Bill has had a requested from Yvonne Garbutt and the Egerton Friends can **a tree be planted** in memory of Margaret Stears who passed away recently. All supported this, Bill and Tim have offered to plant the tree. **Action** Bill Smyth, Tim Oliver
- **DCLG Planning** Richard Wall is to follow up and fill out the questionnaire. **Action:** Richard Wall
- Geraldine Dyer has **community grants money** and has asked the Council if there are any projects within the village that need funding.
- Geraldine asked that the Council follow up on a planning issue **SPG 8 Stables & Manages** and support. **Action:** Alison Richey

The meeting closed at 9.50

Next meeting: Tuesday 7th October 2014 at 8.00pm