

EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 6 August 2013 in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, Egerton at 8.00pm.

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

1. **Apologies:** Alison Richey (Chairman), Peter Rawlinson
2. **Declarations of interest:** No
3. **The minutes of the meeting on 2 July 2013:** The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings. *Proposed: Bill Smyth; seconded: Tim Oliver*
4. **Matters Arising from 2 July 2013**

- a. **Playground and Skatepark:** Ed Smith is to return and fill in the gaps in the rubber matting surface. Wicksteed Playscapes carried out the annual inspection of the play area and skatepark on Thursday 4 July, the inspector was accompanied by Cllr Tim Oliver and the Clerk. The report has been received which Bill has checked and he reported that no action is necessary at this time. In due course the safety matting at the play area will need to be replaced, a quote has been received from Wicksteed. When the matting needs to be replaced more quotes will be looked into.
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".

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

Seems like they are not acting on any of Pat's reports, though they did clear Elm Close to Stone Hill path!

Activity This Month:

1. A group of 7 went to the top of Hazeldene Farm byway and spent an hour or so trying to clear the overgrown track. They still had quite a way to go when they decided we were too "hot and sweaty" to carry on. That was about 2 weeks ago and since then Kay Webb has been persistently emailing asking KCC to clear it with their superior equipment but the only response she has had is to say they have inspected it and they will contact the landowners to clear it. Unfortunately the landowners did not clear it when asked last year so Pat doesn't hold out much hope for this year!
2. Don and Pat cleared the entrance/exits to two footpaths near their property, one coming out of the Reverend's orchard onto the track which leads up to the water tower (AW92) and the one opposite this leading across the field eventually coming out by Richard King's house onto the Iden Lane byway (AW25).

Action: Pat Parr

- d. **Highways:** Forstal Road has become cone alley as works started on Monday 5th to repair all the potholes. Field Mill road just along from High Banks is in a dangerous state of repair where the drain is collapsing, the Clerk is to report.

Action: Clerk

- e. **Emergency planning:** The Emergency planning committee have had a meeting and progress is being made.

Action: Pat Parr, Bill Smyth, Peter Rawlinson

- f. **Community Responders:**(medical)There is to be another meeting in the near future.
- g. **Parish Forum:** The wheelie bins should be arriving soon to be put by the Millennium Hall. Roger enquired if there would be a payment to be made to have the wheelie bins and to have them emptied. The Clerk has not been advised that this will happen.
The dog bin has been delivered and will be installed by the skatepark soon. Ambrose expressed concern about the location of the dog bins being close to play areas and whether it might create bad odours for families when using play equipment. There have been no reports that this is the case. He was also concerned that children might be able to put their fingers into the bin, Bill assured everyone this would not be possible because of the design of the bin.

Parish Forum Meeting with Ashford Borough Council Wednesday 24th July 2013 at 7pm

Pat attended this meeting and her report will be circulated.

- h. **Culverts:** The Clerk has had a response from Lisa Holder highways and has passed on our request for a site meeting at the Forstal to the Drainage team.

Action: Peter Rawlinson, Clerk

Correspondence - All circulated by email in advance unless marked with an *

Floodlighting Church: A letter has been received from Mr John Lumley, churchwarden, regarding the floodlighting at the church. Mr Lumley's letter was read out. The PCC proposed that the maintenance of the church flood lighting should be the responsibility of the Parish Council rather than the PCC. Following a lot of discussion, including an invitation to a member of the PCC to come along to a meeting, it was unanimously agreed that it would be inappropriate to add this cost to the precept but that the Parish Council would make a donation. A request to villagers would be made for donations by those people who like the church to be floodlit.

A letter of reply will be forwarded and an enquiry is to be made to find out the exact costs involved in floodlighting the church all the time.

Action: Clerk

Tree on the Glebe: Bill has contacted Ray Giles about the tree on the Glebe, Ray has quoted £90 to take off some of the weight to make it safe. The Parish council have given the go ahead for this .It will be carried out during W/C 5th August.

Signs: Peter had enquired about the 30 MPH signs around the village and if there were sufficient, the Clerk has had a response from highways as follows.

I understand you have been in touch with Andy Corcoran concerning 30 repeater signs in the village.

For your information, 30 repeaters should be spaced at the following intervals within an unlit area (no repeaters are permitted in street lit areas):-

- Consecutive signs on alternate sides of the road = 250m
- Consecutive signs on the same side of the road = 400m
- First repeater after the speed limit entry point = 200m

These are all maximum distances.

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Came & Co Insurance, summer holidays: All 18/7 **Although no action required, Bill is to check padlocks at Sports Pavilion. Clerk to send email to Heather Gould to check Millennium Hall Insurance.**

Note

Police working party questionnaire: All 9/7 **Bill responded.**

* Wicksteed report: Alison, Bill, Tim 11/7

KALC meet Police and Crime commissioner: All 16/7

KALC Local Audit & Accountability Bill: All 16/7

NALC A new future developing strategy: All 16/7 (respond by 30/8)

National Citizen Service: All 16/7

IHAG Independent Health Advisory Group: All 23/7

*Wicksteed quote for resurfacing play area.

* Planning and Development Services. Chilmington Green

Kent Downs AONB management plan: All 30/7 response 27 September

NALC – Local Councils Explained book **Clerk to check if book already held is too old.**

NALC – National Salary Awards **Cllrs voted unanimously to increase the salary to Clerk in line with the national awards (which is 10p per hour to be back dated to April). SCP to be looked into before next finance meeting.**

Meet the Police & Crime Commissioner 20/8 : All 1/8

Cut the Red Tape-Guide to growth & infrastructure Act : All 1/8

*Safe & Sensible Street lighting KCC

Ashford Housing framework : All 6/8

*Town Centre Action Team T-CAT

Rural Conference 24th September : All 6/8 **Richard and Alison to have meeting and respond.**

KFRS summer safety : All 6/8

Kent Police & Crime commissioner July newsletter : All 6/8

Web Items

Rural Newsletter 130 : posted 4/7

Guide to the Growth and Infrastructure Act: posted 9/7

KCC Ashford road closures July : posted 16/7

Meet Police & Crime Commissioner 20/8: posted 1/8

KFRS summer safety : posted 6/8

Kent Police & Crime commissioner July newsletter : posted 6/8

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Accounts:

Approval of the accounts for the month, for cheques to be signed: Proposed : Roger Harper

Seconded: Pat Parr

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
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
			3,146.91

Income:

War Stock		BACS	2.66
Donation	1 st responder	500244	2848.50
ABC donation (via Games Barn)	1 st responder	500245	1000.00
			3,851.16

Bank Reconciliation as at 26 June 2013 (Latest statements)

Current Account latest Statement Balance as at 26 June 2013 = 23,825.53 Less unrepresented cheques as follows:

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
Egerton playing fields	donation	1178	300.00
Telecottage	VAT reclaim	1193	226.78
Mrs H James	June salary	1195	509.43
HMRC	June tax/NI	1196	127.40
Claire Finley	Microsoft outlook subs	1197	14.99
Telecottage	Donation 2012/2013	1198	600.00
KALC	Clerks conference	1199	72.00
R James Fencing	Skatepark benches	1200	276.00
Mrs H James	Clerks salary July	1201	509.43
HMRC	July	1202	127.40
Bill Smyth	Compost pots on Glebe	1203	20.00
Mrs P Harper	Flowers pots on Glebe	1204	70.50
Egerton Builders	Works to play area	1205	519.50
			3,373.43

Actual balance = £20,452.10 as at 26 June 2013.

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- **Public Discussion**

Richard King closed the meeting at 9.10 pm for the public discussion, The meeting re-opened at 9.14pm.

- **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:

00642/AS	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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Noted.

13/00845/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Breeches Field Oast, Green Hill Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9HA Erection of a double garage
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Supported.

Decided planning applications:

13/00284/AS Permit	Egerton	Weald North	Rockhill House, Rock Hill Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DP Erection of a single storey rear extension. External works to patio area and boundary wall.
13/00285/AS Grant Consent	Egerton	Weald North	Rockhill House, Rock Hill Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DP Demolition of single storey outbuilding; erection of single storey extension; formation of utility room;

- **AOB**

- Roger requested that overgrown foliage could be cleared behind the Millennium Hall, as it was obstructing fire escapes. The Clerk is to organise someone to carry out the work.
- Richard King reported flytipping at the Pluckley end of Iden lane. The Clerk is to report to ABC.
- Pat was asked to send out a welcome pack to Shepherds Cottage, Iden Lane.

The meeting closed at 9.25

Next meeting: Tuesday 3 September 2013 at 8.00pm