

EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 4 June 2013 in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, Egerton at 8.00pm.

Present: Alison Richey (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.

1. The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed Chris Wheel from KFRS who gave a talk about the need to find and keep clear all fire hydrants and to list those people who have open water, i.e swimming pool or ponds that could be used in an emergency.
2. **Apologies:** Richard King (Vice Chairman)
3. **Declarations of interest:** No
4. **The minutes of the meeting on 7 May 2013:** The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings. *Proposed: Tim Oliver; seconded: Pat Parr*
5. **Matters Arising from 5 March 2013**

- a. **Playground and Skatepark:** Alan and Scott James have installed the benches around the Skatepark. Some repairs have been carried out to the sub-base around the play park, some of the timber edges have been re-newed, the seams still need to be filled in. 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:** Following the previous meeting ABC said no to the planning application until they realised it was a pilot project and the Village can now move forward with their plans. At the next Parish plan meeting a questionnaire will be made available to ask Villagers their requirements.

Action Alison Richey, Richard King

- c. **Footpaths and stiles:** KCC emailed to say that the subsidence on footpath AW87 reported on last month, was due to badgers setts underneath rather than the large tree which fell down the bank. This only exacerbated the problem there. KCC have consulted with Natural England (who visited the site) and KCC have made an application for a licence to "evict" the badgers.

Once the licence is issued, probably in early July, one way opening doors will be fitted to the sett entrances that are under the path. These will allow any badgers in the sett to exit but not re-enter. The entrances will be monitored and after a set period of inactivity, demonstrating that all the badgers have moved on, the setts will be filled in.

At the Parish Meeting on 29th May a resident reported a rickety stile in the middle part of AW101 off of Crockenhill Road. Pat Parr will investigate shortly and report at the next meeting.

A resident reported overgrown footpath from Elm Close to Stone Hill. Pat will wait until May is out and if it is still blocked will contact KCC because this is one of the few paths they have agreed to still do this year. They said they would do two cuts, one in May and one in August. Pat will report at the next meeting.

Action: PatParr

- d. **Highways:** The edge of the road along to Field Mill is in a state of disrepair with deep holes along the edge of the road which could be a hazard to motorists and other road users. Pat is to report to highways to see if we can get it repaired before there is an accident.

Action: Pat Parr

- e. **Emergency planning:** The Emergency planning committee will hold another meeting in the near future.

Action Pat Parr, Bill Smyth, Peter Rawlinson

- f. **Community Responders:(medical)** Interviews have been held, there are 16 applicants all being successful.

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The fund raising is going well, but the CFR team is still short of funds for the medical kit. Particular thanks go to Egerton Friends, who have raised over £1,300 for the defibrillator to go outside the Millennium Hall.

g. Parish Forum: Sam Robinson from ABC has contacted the Clerk as to what will happen to the rubbish collected by Rob Hopkins after he has done the cleaning around the village. He will not have to have wheelie bins but the rubbish will be put in black sacks and put out fortnightly with the non-recycling rubbish. It was expressed at the meeting that this may not be acceptable to Rob so Bill is to contact him to discuss the possibilities. Following the change in who and when the bins for dog waste are emptied there has been a request for another bin to be placed at the lower rec by the sports pavilion, the Clerk is to enquire as to where we could get one and if we have to purchase it or if it is provided by ABC. For many years Margaret Steers has been a volunteer who has emptied the rubbish bin and kept tidy the skatepark, but feels the time has come to stop. Thank you Margaret for all your good work in the past to keep the place tidy. The Clerk is to send a letter expressing our Thanks.

Action: Clerk

h. Parish Assembly: Following the Parish Assembly 29 May 2013 when the new format was tried, it was very successful. Alison Sollis from Biffa gave a talk with slide show to explain the new recycling scheme with wheelie bins that is to start in July. There were a number of issues raised concerning the introduction of the wheelie bins and anyone with a concern should contact the Clerk who will pass on the names to Biffa and also Geraldine Dyer (Ward Councillor).

It has been proposed that next year the format will be:

Start time 7.00pm, wine or other refreshment will be available on arrival.

Villagers will then have a chance to visit the tables where clubs/societies within the Village will show case their club.

Approx: 8.00pm we will have a guest speaker who is relevant to something that is going on within the Village.

More refreshments will be available and time for people to circulate amongst the clubs/societies.

If any of the clubs associates wish to speak to the public time will be given for this.

i. Web site: The Clerk has been posting news items on to the Village web site www.egertonpc.kentparishes.gov.uk under the heading local news. At the meeting some Councillors expressed their preference to have information sent by email as previously and some preferred the new way of checking the web site. The Clerk is to send emails to Cllrs Tim Oliver, Pat Parr, Richard Wall, Bill Smyth, Ambrose Oliver. Cllrs Peter Rawlinson and Roger Harper will check news items on web. Richard King will be asked at the July meeting. If any Cllrs wish to change how they receive news they can inform the Clerk. Alison Richey will be kept informed of all necessary items of news/information.

Action: Clerk

Bob Seaton sent in some paper work with information about the culverts at the Forstal, Peter Rawlinson is to follow up in the near future.

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

Action:

*Wicksteed Inspection 17/7/2013-**Bill Smyth and the Clerk to attend**

Note

Local Audit & Accountability Bill: All 16/5

Learning & Development update : All 21/5

*Kent Voice magazine

*Letter from Tim Lee Wealden Wheels

*Letter from Claire Foinette Village Hall

*Letter from Jackie Grebby Parish magazine

*Letter from Jan Burgess St James clock

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Footpath report for May: All 4/6

Rural news issue 129: All 4/6

Consultation on new lower Thames crossing: All 4/6-**Peter Rawlinson is to follow up.**

Web Items

Media release Ashford Voice: posted 14/5

Parish Assembly advert: posted 16/5

Free loft & cavity wall insulation: posted 16/5

Road closures June: posted 16/5

Standing Orders EPC: posted 16/5

Financial regs EPC: posted 16/5

ABC Code of Conduct EPC: posted 16/5

ABC recycling scheme: posted 16/5

NHS media release on dementia: posted 21/5

Ashford Citizens Advise Bureau Spring Issue: posted 21/5

Stonebridge Green road works June : posted 21/5

KCC road closures June: posted 23/5

South East Water resources: posted 28/5

Ashford Safety in Action event: posted 28/5

Accounts:

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

Secoded: Peter Rawlinson

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
Egerton Village Store	Parish Assembly supplies	1186	58.75
Mrs H James	Postage/batteries	1187	18.70
Heber Horticultural	mowing	1188	481.80
Egerton Primary School	Feasibility study	1189	900.00
Mrs A Richey	Newsletter printing	1190	285.00
Green Thumb	Lawn treatment	1191	70.00
CPRE	Membership renewal	1192	29.00
Telecottage	VAT reclaim	1193	226.78
Games Barn	VAT reclaim	1194	165.47
Mrs H James	June salary	1195	509.43
HMRC	June tax/NI	1196	127.40
			2,872.33

Income:

HMRC	VAT reclaim		1,319.02
R A Samuel	First responder A/C	500243	1,800.00
ABC	Recycling		3,756.63
			6,875.65

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Bank Reconciliation as at 30 April 2013 (Latest statements)

Current Account latest Statement Balance as at 30 April 2013 = 12,047.72 Less unrepresented cheques as follows:

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
KALC	Annual Subscription	1171	412.01
Reimburse Clerk	Dell Ink	1172	95.38
Jane Carr	Parish Plan Meeting	1173	178.46
Clerk	April Salary	1174	509.63
HMRC	April	1175	127.20
Wealden Wheels	donation	1176	1,000.00
St James church	Clock donation	1177	50.00
Egerton playing fields	donation	1178	300.00
Egerton-with Pluckley parish	donation	1179	30.00
Egerton Village Hall	donation	1180	30.00
Heber	Mowing May	1181	416.04
R J Hopkins	Cricket pitch drain	1182	1846.80
David Buckett	Internal audit	1183	466.20
Mrs H James	Clerk May salary	1184	509.43
HMRC	May	1185	127.40
			6,098.55

Actual balance =5,949.17 as at 30 April 2013.

- **Public Discussion**

Alison Richey closed the meeting at 9.18 pm for the public discussion, The meeting re-opened at 9.22 pm.

- **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.

- **AOB**

- Flag up need to inform Insurance company about volunteers over 80 years old.
- Sign form for change of name for bank account.
- Peter Rawlinson to ask brother-in-law, a trained arboriculturist, to do a risk assessment on trees within the village as instructed by Came & Co the Insurance company used by the Parish.
- Bill Smyth brought to the attention of the meeting that the oak tree on the Glebe has a big split which needs checking. He is to contact Ray Giles and Jeremy Ault for a quote.

The meeting closed at 9.35

Next meeting: Tuesday 2 July 2013 8.00pm