

EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 2nd February 2016
in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, Egerton at 8.00pm.

Present: Richard King (Chairman), Peter Rawlinson (Vice Chairman) Jennifer Buchanan, Claire Foinette, Ambrose Oliver, Tim Oliver, Pat Parr, Alison Richey, Rob Walker, Geraldine Dyer (Ward Councillor) and Heather James (Clerk).

2 members of the public were present.

1. **Apologies:**
2. **Declarations of interest:**
3. The minutes of the meeting on 12th January 2016: The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings.

Proposed: Alison Richey, **Seconded:** Tim Oliver

4. Matters Arising from 12th 2016

- a) **Footpaths and stiles:** Pat gave an update on the various matters she has reported and gave out January report. The footpath next to Rock Cottage has had the stile removed by KCC. In place now are three posts which were supposed to restrict access but have been incorrectly placed and have opened up the area. As Peter Rawlinson has had difficulty obtaining agreement for a more suitable replacement stile, Richard suggested that he should contact Charlie Simkins.
- b) **Highways:** Following the problem of fly-tipping, Geraldine has reported and will follow up outcome. Morrison utilities are carrying out works for BT Openreach along Crocken Hill Road by the Old Harrow. There are barriers on one side of the road so forcing traffic onto the verge on the opposite side, this is damaging the road edge. The Clerk will contact Darren Anderson at Highways to report the problem.
Action: Clerk
- c) **Parish Plan:** On Wednesday 27th January The Parish Plan committee, some EPC Councillors and the Clerk had a meeting to consider the proposals mentioned in the Parish Plan document. Jane Carr is preparing a detailed note of the meeting.
Pre-school: The plans have been approved, so this project is moving forward subject to further funding being available.
Guidelines on renewable energy: This will be looked in to.
Mobile phone reception: The Council are awaiting the outcome of the survey carried out by EE.
High speed broadband: Open-reach are very active within the village. BT state that the upgraded system will become 'live' later this year.
Road markings: The Council will contact Highways to have speed limit markers re-newed. A suggestion was put forward to have speed gate markers at the entrances to the village.
Improved facilities at St James' church: The hoped for improvements are being blocked by the Diocese, who are not prepared to allow the external wall of the church to be breached.
Additional housing for older people: This project is moving forward.
Group purchasing of utilities: Richard is to contact ACRK for advice. **Action:** Richard King
Car parking: It has been suggested that car parking spaces could be shown on the car park, it was decided that painting white lines would not be appropriate, but that dark coloured bricks might be suitable. More signs could be erected on Elm Close and Rock Hill Road to show where car park is situated.
M20 noise reduction: This has been lobbied for several times already.

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Millennium Hall improvements: Plans will be looked into once the Pre-school have moved to the school. Richard will undertake to get a group together. **Action:** Richard King

Web site: Once the new Parish magazine is produced this will be put on the web site. It is hoped more clubs/societies will use the web site for the benefit of all in the village.

Tennis courts: It was decided that money should not be spent on putting public tennis courts in the village as some are available in Pluckley and Bethersden and there are many privately owned courts that could be available.

Main drainage: Jonathan Elworthy is liaising with Southern Water who are to carry out works on the treatment plant. He will try and obtain a map of on going works by SW within the village.

Lighting: The Clerk is to contact electrician to remedy the problem of no lighting outside the Committee room. Other low level proposals would be considered. **Action:** Clerk

Roads: Although a number of roads within the village have been resurfaced there is still some work outstanding, which will be reported to Highways.

Bus service: It had been suggested that Wealden Wheels could help but they are not a public bus service operator but bookable transport for groups. They are also in need of more volunteer drivers.

The members of the Parish Council thanked all involved in producing the Parish Plan, a book has been delivered to every household.

Follow up: It is hoped another meeting will be held in a years time . Meanwhile the Parish Council would follow through many of the proposals in the plan.

- d) **Community Assets:** Richard, Geraldine and Jennifer met with John Hills and the owners of The Milk House, Sissinghurst who are hoping to take on the lease of The George subject to putting in a planning application for the pub's refurbishment.

The shop; Richard has checked with the Land Registry and has purchased a plan for £3 which he has forwarded to ABC following consultation with Colin who owns the shop.

- e) **Welcome packs:** Peter has produced new bindings for the packs. Thank you Peter.

- f) **Hall Car Park Drainage:** It is hoped, dependant on the weather, that the work will be carried out in the 2nd week of February.

- g) **Parish Forum:** Claire has attended her first meeting and reported there will be a consultation on May 27th by the boundary commission on Borough Council wards. A consultation will take place on junction 10a of the M20, see Highways England web site. A decision will be taken this summer, there are no improvements proposed for the A28 in connection with the Chilmington Green development. Richard has responded in an individual capacity to the Highways England proposal for a Lower Thames crossing.

- h) **Burn's Night:** Richard and Gale attended on Saturday 23rd January which they enjoyed greatly.

- i) **Parish magazine:** Thank you Alison, Mel and Peter for all the hard work to produce the first issue which will be delivered to every household during February. Once ready a pdf will be put onto the web site so it will be available to all. One of the news items will show Charlie Simkins unveiling the new chairs for the Millennium hall at the WI meeting on Wednesday 3rd February.

- j) **Audit meetings:** The Clerk has arranged two meetings with David Buckett (auditor) to check figures ready to finalise the end of year on 31st March. The meetings will be held in the Telecottage on 24th March and 21st April.

- k) **Parish Assembly:** The Millennium Hall has been booked for Thursday 17th March at 7.30. The Parish Assembly is not a Council meeting but a gathering of all clubs/societies for the village residents to find out

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what is happening in their village. All welcome to come along and have a glass of wine or light refreshments.

- l) **Commonwealth Flag day:** Pat has the flag and will contact The Church to request permission to fly the flag. The Council nominated Alison to be the person to raise the flag on behalf of the village at 10.00am on Monday 14th March. The cost of the flag is £35 to be funded by the village. Ambrose proposed, Claire seconded; It was voted unanimously.
- m) **Beacons:** On 21st April 2016 the Queen will have her 90th birthday and across the country beacons will be lit. Rob has offered to be in charge of the beacon for Egerton which will be erected on the recreation ground. **Action: Rob**
- n) **Spring Clean:** 2nd April meet at the Millennium Hall car park at 10.00am, all children must be accompanied by an adult. Pat has registered with ABC that this event will be taking place and has sent in all health and safety paperwork required. The Clerk has requested from ABC all equipment to be sent to Pat.

5) Correspondence

All circulated by email in advance unless marked with a *

Action

Note

Learning and Development programme January-March: All 26/1

CCG PPE Strategy event March 30: All 26/1

Website training: All 26/1

Health & Safety event: All 26/1

Lower Thames crossing consultation: All 28/1-**Richard has responded, Peter will be responding.**

NALC newsletter: Pat, Ambrose 28/1

UK Power networks event: All 28/1

Rural housing spot light: Alison, Richard, Pat, Rob 28/1

KALC Planning conference: All 28/1

KALC Chairmanship conference: All 28/1

Parish Precepts: All 2/2- **The Clerk has checked the figures from ABC that they match those of EPC.**

Heritage trees event: All 2/2 **Peter will try to attend depending on work commitments, if he is unable to Rob may be able to attend.**

Web Items

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6) **Accounts:**

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

Proposed : Peter Rawlinson; **Seconded**: Rob Walker;

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
Transfer from EPC to	VHI pre-school	BACS	617.05
Mrs H James reimburse	Postage/print cartridges	BACS	55.94
Transfer from VHI PP to	Parish Council	BACS	2120.08
Transfer from VHI Chairs to	Parish Council	BACS	1000.00
Mrs H James	Salary February	BACS	623.50
HMRC	February	BACS	174.75
			4,591.32

Income			
Village Hall committee	New chairs treatment	500035	700.00
VHI	Parish Plan	BACS	2,120.08
VHI	Chairs	BACS	1,000.00
			3,820.08

Bank Reconciliation Balance as at 30th December 2015 = £22,284.23 Less un-presented cheques as follows:

Jim Stears	Street cleaning	1304	180.70
			180.70

Actual balance = £22,103.53 as at 30th December 2015

Village hall improvement Total = £20,879.84

Pre-school move = £ 9,561.00

Chairs = £ 1,000.00

Parish plan = £ 3,120.00

= £ 7,198.84

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7) **Public Discussion**

Richard King closed the meeting at 9.38pm for the public discussion, the meeting re-opened at 9.50pm.

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:

16/00070/AS	Egerton	Weald North	2 Goodwin House, Bedlam Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DA Erection of a detached timber framed garage building
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Support

Awaiting decision:

15/01591/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Watersheet Farm, Bedlam Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DA Revision to approved scheme (14/00414/AS and 14/00415/AS) for the conversion of barn to ancillary residential accommodation including link between house and barn and demolition of existing boiler room lean to.
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15/01529/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Rock Cottage, Rock Hill Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9ED Erection of a two storey side and rear extension, replacement conservatory and front porch
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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

Use of the land for stationing of caravan and erection of summerhouse in field

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Land south of junction with Bedlam Lane and, Wanden Lane, Egerton, Kent

I acknowledge receipt of your recent communication concerning the above.

Your enquiry has been passed to the Planning Compliance Team who will look into the matter and contact you in due course.

Decided planning applications:

15/01610/AS Permit	Egerton	Weald North	The Bluebells, Crocken Hill Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9EG Replacement of existing rear conservatory with enlarged rear conservatory
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AOB

- Parish Assembly head line **4k**
- Spring clean-Pat **4n**
- Parish Forum-Claire **4g**
- New houses near Smarden-Peter **A company from Cheshire have put in an application for 50 units adjacent to The Charter Hall in Smarden, Geraldine noted that a meeting had been held in Smarden as residents are opposed to the development. Richard suggested that it was beyond our remit to oppose or support planning applications in parishes other than our own.**
- Dates for meetings with David Buckettt (auditor) **4j**
- Games barn representative **Claire will join the Games barn Committee**
- Open air Summer cinema 16th July, pre-school-Alison **Following discussions Alison is to report to the March meeting.**
- Pot hole along New Road near to Pluckley-The Clerk will report to ABC as so deep it is **damaging vehicles.**
- Houses along New Road-It was noted that many of the Council houses along New Road **have been painted with various coloured coatings. The Clerk is to contact ABC to enquire why EPC was not consulted.**
- Neighbourhood watch-Lois kindly offered to display any news/events on the web site.

The meeting closed at 10.15pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 1st March 2016 at 8.00pm