

EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 3rd November 2015
in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, Egerton at 8.00pm.

Present: Richard King (Chairman), Jennifer Buchanan, Claire Foinette, Ambrose Oliver, Tim Oliver, Pat Parr, Alison Richey, Geraldine Dyer (Ward Councillor) and Heather James (Clerk).
4 members of the public were also present.

1. **Apologies:** Peter Rawlinson (Vice Chairman), Rob Walker
2. **Declarations of interest:** Jennifer Buchanan- planning Rockhill House. Richard King, Ambrose Oliver
Governors Egerton School-planning pre-school. Richard King, Alison Richey- Telecottage rent.
3. The minutes of the meeting on 6th October: The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings.

Proposed: Alison Richey, **Seconded:** Pat Parr

4. Matters Arising from 6th October 2015

- a) **Footpaths and stiles:** Richard has followed up on Green Wickets with KCC, the footpath representative will visit.
The fields at the end of Stisted Way have been ploughed following crops being gathered but at this time the footpaths have not been reinstated. Following discussions it was decided to wait until the new crops start to grow and then check if paths have been defined rather than contact landowners straight away. Pat Parr has received a cheque from the Fete committee for £225 to put towards tools to help keep clear footpaths of brambles and foliage. It is hoped Pat will be able to form a working party to help her as KCC/ABC carry out less maintenance. The Clerk will write to the Fete committee to Thank them for the donation.
A new full width gate with horse latch has been installed at the field end of Hazeldene bridle way, also a new foot bridge with safety rails has been installed across the stream next to the kissing gate. Pat agreed to write and thank KCC for these repairs as they had done a superb job. **Action** Clerk, Pat Parr
- b) **Highways:** There are some overgrown hedges which are overhanging the highway in certain places. Following discussions it was decided to wait until the December meeting to allow land owners time to cut back hedging. If the hedges have not been cut back the Clerk will contact landowners.
The works to install the chevrons at Brook Gate corner has started.
- c) **Village confines:** Peter has been taking pictures at various places around the village and the work is ready to be finalised. Peter will send out to Cllrs to view. **Action:** Peter Rawlinson
- d) **Parish Plan:** The plan is on the final draft ready for printing. Thank you to Peter for getting design and layout done. Thank you Jane Carr for all her hard work in pulling it all together.
- e) **Community Governance:** The report has been received from ABC who have proposed to agree to the request from Egerton Parish Council that the boundary line would incorporate Woodside, Highbanks and Horseshoe Cottage. These properties are within Charing boundary at this time. ABC will consider the views following a consultation which closes on 30th October. The consultation period has closed ABC hope to deliver the outcome in December.

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- f) **Community Assets:** ABC has granted community asset status on the George pub. A letter has been received to notify PC that the pub is to be marketed with Christie & Co for £500K for sale or the lease could be bought separately. This will not take place until the court case is resolved and the present owner has the lease back. The finance committee will discuss the way forward on the George at their next meeting early in November. The Clerk will contact ABC Darren McBride to express EPC interest in the pub. This will give a 6 week interim from the point that the owner notifies ABC that he wishes to sell.
Action Clerk
- g) **Mobile phone signal:** Tim expressed concern that by backing this roll out EPC would be financially assisting a commercial body. EE offered masts, boxes etc to boost signal, at the time no monies were requested. At a later date it was noted that electricity for each box would need to be funded. Although the survey has been carried out EPC have not heard back to know if the survey was successful. Ambrose is to check procedure in other areas.
Action Ambrose Oliver
- h) **Broadband speeds:** Richard has written to KCC and has had an email back detailing works to be carried out in Egerton in the future to make speeds better. A new junction box is to be installed nearer to the centre of the village, also at this time there are new cables being laid within the village.
- i) **Weeds:** The Clerk has been in contact with Heber Horticultural who mow and strim grass within areas of the village. The Clerk is to request a price from them to strim carpark areas of weeds and to have a quote to weed kill in the spring. The Clerk had obtained a quote from Countrywide but at £200 it was deemed too expensive.
Action: Clerk
- j) **Parish Magazine:** The last edition of the magazine will be a bumper December/January one as Jackie Grebby the editor is to retire. Pew news a G7 magazine for the local churches will be available at the shop. It is hoped the Egerton newsletter will be produced more often. The Clerk is to check with Jackie if she has any news on a new editor and if Jan Burgess would be prepared to stay on to cover advertising. Then a treasurer would need to be found.
Action: Clerk
- k) **E-safety** Ambrose has attended an e-safety course and has sent out a report to Cllrs.
- l) **Commonwealth Flag Day:** Pat has applied for Egerton to fly the flag at an event on 14th March 2016.
- m) **Welcome packs:** Pat was told there were new tenants in 5 Chantlers Meadow. She will deliver a welcome pack but a member of the public mentioned that the pack was out of date so a full edit/update will be done before any more packs are delivered. Claire offered to help with this. It was decided if ABC decide the boundary will be altered to encompass three properties from Charing Heath Pat will deliver packs to them.
Action: Pat Parr

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5. Correspondence

All circulated by email in advance unless marked with a *

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*Telecottage rent- **At present £300 per year for Clerk to use as office, the finance committee will discuss increase at their next meeting**

KALC Community awards: All 20/10 **Pat will follow up.**

Frater- estimate: All 3/11 **The Clerk will request another quote from another company.**

Note

ABC 15/00204/AS Land East of Orchard nurseries: All 8/10 **Lois will follow up**

Salix energy efficiency workshop: All 8/10

ACRK annual meeting: All 13/10

Countrywide quote: All 20/10

KCC 2016/17 budget : All 20/10

CPRE lottery: All 20/10

* ABC The George

KCC Pre-school application: All 29/10 **Members unanimously supported the revised application by the school governors and the Clerk will respond accordingly to the letter received.**

KALC National fraud alerts: All 3/11

Parish & Town seminar 5/11 All 3/11

Web Items

6. Accounts:

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

Proposed : Alison Richey; **Seconded**: Pat Parr;

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
Transfer from EPC to	VHI Parish Plan	BACS	2,000.00
Telecottage	BT	BACS	48.76
Heber Horticultural	April-September mowing	BACS	2709.90
Mrs H James	Sacks for grass + postage	BACS	3.25
Mrs H James Clerk	November salary	BACS	623.20
HMRC	November	BACS	174.95
			5,560.06

Income			
Donation	Parish Plan	BACS	2,000.00
ABC	Bi-annual precept	BACS	9,195.00
			11,195.00

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Bank Reconciliation Balance as at 30th September 2015 = £24,966.26 Less un-presented cheques as follows:

Actual balance = £24,966.26 as at 30th September 2015

Village hall improvement Total = £18,620.88

Pre-school move = £ 9,509.00

Chairs = £ 1,000.00

Parish plan = £ 120.00

= £ 7,991.88

Note- In October figure of £1000.00 for chairs was shown but was not shown on bank statement until this month.

7. Public Discussion

Richard King closed the meeting at 9.20pm for the public discussion, the meeting re-opened at 9.40pm.

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:

15/01024/AS & 15/01025AS Amended consultation Rockhill House TN27 9DP

No objection

15/01358/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Little Mundy Farm, Green Hill Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9EY Prior approval for change of use of agricultural barn to a dwelling and associated operational development
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No objection

15/01319/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Stormgard, Chapel Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9BX Proposed installation of 16no. ground mounted solar panels
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No objection

15/01299/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Court View, Stonebridge Green Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9AN Single storey hipped roof front extension to existing detached double garage
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No objection

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Awaiting decision:

15/00832/AS	Egerton	Weald North	<p>Egerton Church of England Primary School, Stisted Way, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DR</p> <p>New pathway and front pedestrian access to school to meet up with the existing road crossing. Construction of a pre-school building to front of school.</p>
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Amended details- Various points put forward by villagers. Comment supporting.

Once application has been determined highways will be contacted to put forward for a TRO within the area.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

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

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:

15/01086/AS Permit	Egerton	Weald North	<p>Brook House, Stonebridge Green Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9AP</p> <p>Erection of single storey rear extension</p>
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15/01087/AS Grant Consent	Egerton	Weald North	<p>Brook House, Stonebridge Green Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9AP</p> <p>Erection of single storey rear extension, enlarged window to north east elevation, insertion of new window to south west elevation and new glazed doors to rear and internal alterations to ground floor</p>
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15/01029/AS Permit	Egerton	Weald North	<p>Barn, Forstal Farmhouse, Forge Lane, Egerton, Kent</p> <p>Conversion of barn to two bedroom dwelling and demolition and replacement of existing barn with incidental outbuilding</p>
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15/01148/AS Permit	Egerton	Weald North	<p>Little Wanden, Wanden Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DB</p> <p>Erection of a single storey garden room</p>
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15/00143/TC Raise No Objection	Egerton	Weald North	<p>11 Glebeland, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DH</p> <p>2 x Sycamore Trees to front elevation - Remove</p>
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15/00991/AS Grant Consent	Egerton	Weald North	<p>Hollis Oast, Egerton House Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9BD</p> <p>Formation of new bi-folding door opening to side elevation, formation of new glazed screen to first floor front elevation and</p>
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9. **AOB**

- Play park surface-Alison **Alison has obtained a number of quotes, she gave a report on her findings. Richard proposed the quote for £4,500, the Council will investigate funding.**
- Parish Forum representative- **Jennifer has had to stand down as representative, Claire has volunteered her services. Thank you Jennifer and Claire.**
- Security cameras-Richard **is to seek police advice on the viability of having cameras in the village.**
- Risk assessments-A **handy-man to carry out works as highlighted on paperwork carried out by Jennifer. Richard and Tim with help from Rob thought the work could be covered.**
- Finance Committee meeting for budget 2016- **Tuesday 10th November at 7.30**
- Footpath- Jennifer **see 4a**
- Funding for chairs- **Tessa Hilder had drafted the Parish Council's application to the Big Lottery Fund 'Awards for All' and confirmation has been received that the application for £6,551 was successful. The money will be paid into the Parish Council's account in due course. £1,000 towards the cost of the new hall chairs has already been received from Charlie Simkins KCC Members Fund. Thank you Tessa for your good work.**
- Cars/rubbish football pitch and skate board park-Jennifer-The **police and Paul Moorey PCSO are to contacted if the problem persists.**
- Mobile phone signal-Tim- **EPC are to check if EE will have to pay a way-leave to have their property on village properties.**
- Christmas Fair on the Glebe Saturday December 5th- **This is being organised by a Parish Council sub-committee. Alison proposed and Richard seconded that a Christmas tree be funded by EPC. The Clerk will organise purchase and delivery.**
- Welcome packs- **The village web site is to be updated, Thank you Pat for all your hard work involving the packs.**

The meeting closed at 10.35pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 1st December 2015 at 8.00pm