

EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 6th January 2015
in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, Egerton at 8.00pm.

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

The minutes of the meeting on 2nd December 2014 : The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings.

Proposed: Peter Rawlinson; **Seconded:** Tim Oliver

4. Matters Arising from 2nd December 2014

a) **Footpaths and stiles:**

The Clerk is to follow up the offer of the land owner at Hazeldene for a new gate to the bridle way.

Action Clerk

The bridge across the water, by the new kissing gate just along from the bridle way at Hazeldene, has fallen on its side. Pat has reported.

b) **Highways:**

Peter Rawlinson and Richard Wall are still working on the mapping of drains within the village, they are awaiting maps to compare from KCC.

Pat has reported the poor state of repair of Newlands Green lane and is awaiting contractors to come and repair potholes. On 12 December 2014 the contractors had 28 days to complete repairs, on 9th January 2015 Pat will check, if no repairs carried out Pat will follow up.

Action: Pat Parr

Pat reported potholes at Goodwin House, Bedlam Lane, these were repaired but after a short time the potholes reappeared. Pat is to report again.

Action Pat Parr

- ##### c) **Village confines:** Peter will report next month, as he is awaiting a response from Challock PC. Peter is also to contact ABC to ask Stephanie Viney in planning if there is a map available to show previous areas of confines. There is also the Egerton Parish Design Statement for Peter to consider.

Action: Peter Rawlinson

- ##### d) **Strong box:** This is in hand.

- ##### e) **Recycling:** Bill Smyth is awaiting confirmation about the delivery of banks for glass and paper. The company who are to provide the banks are to hold a meeting on Friday 9 January after which Bill will be able to report.

Action: Bill Smyth

- ##### f) **Elm Close:** Bill and Tim will carry out works in the dry weather. **Action:** Bill Smyth, Tim Oliver

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- g) **Ward Member Community Grant Scheme:** The funding for the Playing fields has been received. Richard King has received funding to purchase a blue-ray player for the film society. Thank you Geraldine.
- h) **Community Warden Consultation:** Charlie Simkins (Borough Councillor) held a meeting with Chairmen of Parishes and following complaints to KCC it has been decided not to cut the number of Wardens.
- i) **KALC event:** Cllr Tilden Reed from Charing is to hold a meeting with nearby village Chairmen to discuss the viability of a community handy-man. Richard King will attend this meeting and report back. The meeting has yet to go ahead. **Action:** Richard King
- j) **Egerton pre-school:** Richard King reported that although the planning application has been submitted no action will take place until an alternative area within the school site has been found. New plans are being made ready by the architect. A new access will be made for the children to cross on Rock Hill road with the lolly-pop lady.
- k) **Kent police burglary campaign:** The Clerk has sent an email to PCSO Paul Moorey requesting that he attend a Parish Council meeting, as yet there has been no response. The Clerk will try and contact him. **Action:** Clerk
- l) **New signs:** The new parking restriction signs on Rock Hill adjacent to the school are helping with the problems of vehicles parking although the signs are very obtrusive. Following discussions it was thought a site visit from highways to discuss lowering the posts would be more appropriate. The Clerk has been sending and receiving emails from various people trying to find out which department was responsible. When it becomes clear a site visit will be arranged with the appropriate person. **Action:** Clerk
- m) **KCC Highways & transportation:** Richard King has filled in and sent off forms to provide feedback on the service delivered to communities.
- n) **Newlyn:** Richard King held a meeting with the residents of Newlyn to discuss the planning application and other issues raised by ABC. A retrospective planning application is about to be submitted to regularise the work already undertaken, such as replacing the outside brickwork. It was agreed that a site visit for Councillors would take place at 10.00 on Saturday 24th January, at the invitation of the owner.
- o) **Street cleaning:** Bill has asked Jim Steers to take over street cleaning duties while Rob Hopkins is off following an operation. The Clerk will contact Bill and ask him to get Rob and Jim to meet to discuss works to be carried out. **Action:** Clerk, Bill Smyth
- p) **Budget,Precept:** As the figures have been approved by the Parish Council the Clerk will submit to ABC after discussion with the Chairman. **Action:** Richard King, Clerk

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- r) **Parish Assembly:** 18th March 2015 at 7.30pm Peter is to produce some posters in readiness for the Elections in May. There is to be a table at the Parish Assembly with one or two Cllrs to explain the role of the Council and Cllrs. The Clerk is to ask Malcolm Laws to put a piece onto the Egerton web site.
Action: Peter Rawlinson, Clerk
- s) **Mobile phone masts:** Richard Wall is to follow up submission of forms by Linde Ovington-Lee for application by the PCC to have a new mast on the church tower.
Action: Richard Wall
- t) **Travellers Mobile Home at Egerton Road, Charing Heath:** Charing Parish Council sent a letter to ABC objecting to the siting of a mobile home and other buildings at Egerton Road, Charing Heath and ABC have refused the retrospective application. Egerton residents have asked the Parish Council to follow this up and ask what ABC are proposing to do about the removal of these illegal buildings. Peter will follow up.
Action: Peter Rawlinson
- u) **Christmas meal:** Thank you to Bill for organising the meal for Cllrs and partners at Frasers. The unanimous vote was excellent, also thank you for arranging a good price. The Cllrs paid for their meals personally.
- v) **Chestnut tree:** As Bill was not present the Parish Council were not sure if the work had been carried out on the tree, Tim was to check with Bill.
Action: Tim Oliver
- w) **Community Emergency Plan:** Pat has completed the new template and is to get Peter and Bill to look over before sending out to other Cllrs hopefully before the February meeting. **Action:** Pat Parr

5. Correspondence

All circulated by email in advance unless marked with a *

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LGBCE electoral review of Kent: All 11/12
Caravans Charing Parish Council: All 11/12
Honours nominations: All 16/12
Came & Co Insurance Winter Issues: All 30/12

Note

DCLG Consultation on Parish Polls: All 9/12
Notes on neighbourhood planning: All 11/12
Street Cleaning grant: All 16/12 Sent again to Bill so we can make sure Biffa carry out cleaning in all areas covered by Rob. See 4 o)
Parish Precepts: All 16/12
Police Crime & Commissioner newsletter: All 18/12
Provisional Local Government Finance settlement: All 23/12
Election awareness campaign: All 23/12 POSTERS
The George, Tessa Hilder: All 6/1
After a discussion, Peter Rawlinson proposed and Alison Richey seconded that the Parish Council should apply to have "The George" and the Village Shop listed as assets of community value. Members unanimously agreed.
Action: Richard King
Parish Council Guide Affordable housing: All 6/1
Trees in Village competition: All 6/1 **No**
Martin Vink change: All 6/1

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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:** Tim Oliver;

| Expenditure | | Cheque No | £ |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Reimburse Bill Smyth | Paint for Elm Close | Transfer | 16.77 |
| R James & Sons fencing | Various jobs in village | Transfer | 138.00 |
| Mrs H James | January salary | Transfer | 447.10 |
| HMRC | January | Transfer | 210.28 |
| | | | 812.15 |

| Income | | | |
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| War stock | | BACS | 2.66 |
| UK Power networks | | 500016 | 55.25 |
| Donation | Pre-school move | 500017 | 57.50 |
| | | | 115.41 |

Bank Reconciliation as at 1st December 2014 (Latest statements)

Current Account latest Statement Balance as at 1st December 2014 = £22,078.80 Less un-presented cheques as follows:

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| Andrew Hopkins | Hedge cutting | 1295 | 105.00 |
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Actual balance = £ 21,973.80 as at 1st December 2014

7. **Public Discussion**

Richard King closed the meeting at 9.15pm for the public discussion, the meeting re-opened at 9.16pm.

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:

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| 14/01514/AS | Egerton | Weald North | Rockhill House, Rock Hill Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DP Repointing of the rear, side and front elevations with lime mortar pointing |
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Support: Letters submitted by Council and Others in support.

Awaiting decision:

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| 14/01378/AS | Egerton | Weald North | 1 Woodlands Farm, Newland Green Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9EP Repairs to structural timber frame; replacement of ground floor; replacement of windows with new; installation of 1no. new window opening to South elevation; replacement of window to West elevation with French doors; installation of rooflight to catslide; reinstatement of plinth &; weatherboarding; re-erection of internal partition walls. |
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| 14/01458/AS | Egerton | Weald North | Iden Barn, Iden Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9AR Proposed loft conversion including rooflights and changes to external fenestration |
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| 14/01282/AS 17 Dec 2014 | Egerton | Weald North | Newlyn, Newland Green Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9EP Conversion of existing outbuilding to ancillary accommodation for visiting relatives and immediate family (retrospective) |
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Decided planning applications:

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| 14/01255/AS Grant Consent | Egerton | Weald North | Old Bakery Cottage, The Street, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9AH Demolition of existing chimney stack to roof level and rebuild as existing |
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| 14/01354/AS Withdrawn By Applicant | Egerton | Weald North | 2 Myrtle Cottages, Bedlam Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9BY An Application for Lawful Development Certificate - Proposed - Erection of a stable building |
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| 14/01435/AS | Egerton | Weald North | Old Vicarage, Rock Hill Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DR |
| Grant Consent | | | Removal of chimney stack on north east roof slope to below roof level |

9. **AOB**

- Finance Committee internet banking procedure. **The new banking system** was explained by the Clerk. Every person who is a signatory on the different accounts held by the Parish will receive a card, a reader and a pass code. The Clerk will hold the cards and the signatory will hold the reader and the pass code. This means no one person can access the accounts. All Cllrs agreed with this method.
- **Older peoples housing:** Richard King reported on the progress of the Older people's housing as highlighted as a need within the Parish Plan questionnaire. These properties would be for residents within Egerton to down size and not be for open market sale.
- Peter asked for an update on the **Parish Plan** which Jane Carr is currently formulating a draft which should be ready in 4-6 weeks. It was thought this is taking rather a long time to be produced, Richard King will contact Chris Burgess the Chairman of the Parish Plan for an update on progress. **Action;** Richard King
- Pat requested the removal of the **Christmas tree from the Glebe**. It was suggested that the lion park at Smarden would receive it, the Clerk will contact them to find out. If they do not wish to have the tree the Clerk will ask Scott and Alan James to remove. Pat had received £150 for the decorations from Geraldine Dyer (Ward Councillor) grant and would like to know how much remained after initial spend so more decorations could be purchased in the sales. The Clerk will check and report to Pat. **Action:** Clerk
- **ABC bad weather gritting routes**, the Clerk is to request a map showing routes that will be covered by gritting lorries during the winter. **Action:** Clerk

The meeting closed at 10.02

Next meeting: Tuesday 3rd February 2015 at 8.00pm