

EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 3rd December 2013
in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, Egerton at 8.00pm.

Present:) Alison Richey (Chairman), Ambrose Oliver, Tim Oliver, Pat Parr, Bill Smyth, Richard Wall and Heather James (Clerk). 6 members of the public were also present.

1. **Apologies:** Richard King (Vice Chairman) , Geraldine Dyer (Ward Councillor), Peter Rawlinson, Roger Harper
2. **Declarations of interest:**
3. **The minutes of the meeting on 5th November 2013:** The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings. *Proposed: Bill Smyth, seconded: Tim Oliver*
4. **Matters Arising from 5th November 2013**

a. **Older Person's Housing:** Awaiting outcome of Parish plan questionnaire. The committee will deliberate and respond once all forms are returned, hopefully by 9th December.

b. **Footpaths and stiles:** Pat noted that the gate along the footpath from Wanden lane to Frith wood in Wheeler Wood has been blocked by a very large log along its bottom length and it is not possible to open the gate. It is thought this may have been to protect the wood from vandals. Pat is to report. The footpath across the field from Stisted Way to Egerton House has still not been reinstated but Bill noted that it was clear from dog mess. **Action: Pat Parr**

c. **Highways:** Court Lodge barn the property of John Lumley, there is foliage over-hanging the road, the Clerk is to contact Mr Lumley and ask if it can be cut back.

Action: Clerk

d. **Emergency planning:** The Emergency planning committee have the paper work in place, Peter is to send out electronically.

Action: Peter Rawlinson

f. **Culverts:** Kevin Gore the engineer for highways has been sent plans of the area in question, Peter has been keeping Bob Seaton informed of action taking place.

Action: Peter Rawlinson

g. **Code of Conduct:** The Parish Council Code of Conduct has been read, agreed and approved. The Clerk will post on the web site and contact ABC.

Action: Clerk

h. **Solar Farm Pluckley:** A letter has been sent expressing the Parish Councils views on the Solar Farm, it had been agreed to oppose the development.

i. **ABC Site Submissions 2013:** in a follow up from the first information sent from ABC more details are emerging, Richard is to contact ABC with the Parish Councils thoughts.

Action: Richard Wall

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- j. **Molly's steps:** Tim and Bill have offered to clear the steps of leaves to make them easier to see when being used. It was suggested that some hand railing could be put in place but it was decided to wait until a meeting could be held with the school and Richard King to discuss what the best course of action should be. **Action: Tim Oliver, Bill Smyth**
- k. **Sign at Stonebridge Green:** The A board showing the direction of the animal food business placed on the green at Stonebridge Green is to be removed and the business owner is to apply for planning permission for a permanent sign.

Correspondence:

All circulated by email in advance unless marked with a *

Action

Local Plan –site consultation: All 19/11

Fields in Trust payment Land registry: All 21/11 A cheque is to be sent to the Land Registry to finalise the process. The Clerk is to request the plaque for the Glebe.

Note

Broadband update: All 7/11

2 signature rule: All 19/11

Kent Police and crime commissioner newsletter: All 19/11

Highways speed sign: Peter 21/11

Kent & Medway Fire & Rescue Safety plan: All 21/11

Refresh of Police & Crime plan: All 26/11

Youth funding fair 9/12: All 26/11

*Church lighting update. Linde Ovington Lee is to be forwarded the email from Geraldine Dyer re: grant support.

Footpath report-Pat

Safe and sensible street lighting

Message for rural business: To be put onto web site.

ABC finance committee meeting 19th December. The Clerk is to attend.

Web Items

Waste and recycling collections Christmas 2013

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6.Accounts:

Approval of the accounts for the month, for cheques to be signed: Proposed : Richard Wall

Seconded: Bill Smyth

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
Mrs A Richey	Staples CFR	1238	174.08
Egerton Playing Fields	Parish Plan Hire of Pavilion	1239	10.00
Mrs H James	Christmas tree for Glebe	1240	60.00
R James & Sons fencing	Tube for Christmas tree	1241	60.00
Mrs H James	Clerk December salary	1242	514.65
HMRC	December	1243	128.60
			947.33

Income:

1 st responder	donation	500250	300.00
1 st responder + Hawks Nest	donation	500002	3300.00
Village Hall/N. Cornwall	Peppercorn rent	500003	0.10
			3,600.10

Bank Reconciliation as at 30 September 2013 (Latest statements)

Current Account latest Statement Balance as at 1 November 2013 = £25,948.56 Less un-presented cheques as follows:

Physio control UK	1st responder	1216	2155.20
HMRC	October	1226	128.60
Heber Horticultural	September / October	1227	639.84
Reimburse Clerk	Various –stationery	1228	40.07
Rob Hopkins	Street cleaning April/Sept	1229	327.25
R Jiles	Tree work	1230	250.00
KALC	Good cllrs guide book	1231	2.50
Green Thumb	Late summer treatment	1232	70.00
Mrs A Richey	1 st responder	1233	
Clerk salary	November	1234	514.45
HMRC	November	1235	128.80
Mrs A Richey	1 st responder	1236	
	Cancelled due to error	1233/36	
Physio control UK	1 st responder	1237	724.80
			4,981.51

Actual balance = £20,967.05 as at 1 November 2013

● **7.Public Discussion**

Alison Richey closed the meeting at 8.35 pm for the public discussion, the meeting re-opened at 8.46pm.

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- **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:

13/01251/AS	Egerton	Sharon, Forstal Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9EH Erection of a replacement side garage and proposed single storey rear extension
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Comment: Support but careful attention needs to be given to drainage as the area has a tendency to flooding.

Decided planning applications:

13/01036/AS Permit	Egerton	2 Goodwin House, Bedlam Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DA Single storey side extension, rear dormer loft conversion and new detached garage
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- **9.AOB**

Any other business/information:

- Budget/precept- Although the budget and precept have been set they are to be agreed following the Clerk going to the ABC finance meeting.
- Parish Assembly-date and time-W/C 17th March. It was agreed that the meeting would take place during this week but not which day.
- Broadband- Bt are to upgrade the fibre-optic wires to speed up broadband usage but not in all areas, a working party is to check which areas are to benefit and if Egerton does not come under the upgrade the working group will push for Egerton to be included.
- Tim enquired who was on the committee of the Parish Plan as they had sent out the questionnaire. Also who could be involved on the committee. Alison stated that everyone is welcome and that the names of those already on the committee would be published for all to see.
Tim put forward that he thought the questionnaire was very good and that the Parish Plan committee were doing a good job.
- The cast iron finger post at the start of Newland Green road has a circle plate on the top of the post, the finger post at the start of Green Hill lane has lost the circle plate. A request was put forward to get the sign on Green Hill lane repaired. The Clerk is to look into the cost .

Action: Clerk

The meeting closed at 9.15

Next meeting: Tuesday 7th January 2014 at 8.00pm