

EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 6th September 2016
in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, Egerton at 8.00pm.

Present: Richard King (Chairman), Jennifer Buchanan, Ambrose Oliver, Pat Parr, Alison Richey, Rob Walker, Geraldine Dyer (Ward Councillor) and Heather James (Clerk).
3 members of the public were present.

1. **Apologies:** Peter Rawlinson (Vice Chairman), Tim Oliver, Claire Foinette,
2. **Declarations of interest:** None
3. The minutes of the meeting on 5th July 2016: The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings.

Proposed: Pat Parr; **Seconded:** Rob Walker

Richard King began the meeting by inviting Sue Johnson (Chairman) of the Millennium Hall Committee to report on matters arising from the use of the hall. Following complaints of rubbish being left after an event Sue explained that as part of the agreement for hiring the hall users had until 11.00 the next morning to make the area clear of rubbish. If the cleaner found this was not carried out then the hirers could lose some or all of their deposit.

There have been problems of large numbers of black plastic bags of rubbish being left behind the Millennium hall, checks are to be carried out regularly to see when the bags are being left. Sue enquired about the mobile phone booster as there is no signal within the area of the Millennium Hall. The Clerk will check with Matt Smith who was organising the survey to be carried out by EE. **Action:** Clerk
Sue has noticed a sign in the telephone box opposite the George. If the telephone is not used in the near future it will be disconnected. The Clerk will check this out. **Action:** Clerk

Richard then invited a member of the public to give his views on a planning application. Land South of junction of Stone Hill Road and New Road proposed new gate access. This has been withdrawn by the applicant as ABC have decided planning permission is not required. The member of the public is not happy with this decision so Richard asked Geraldine to follow up.

4. Matters Arising from 5th July 2016

- a) **Footpaths and stiles:** Pat has sent out a report for the month. The Clerk sent a letter to Mr & Mrs Oliver regarding the footpath entrance at Appleberry Farm. A response was received that the stile in place had been there many years and that there has been white paint and yellow tape put onto the rails. Pat has had complaints that the structure is not a stile just two slippery poles which cannot be easily climbed. Pat has put in a report to KCC.
There has been a large amount of wire dumped at the end of Iden Lane which Pat has reported. **Action;** Pat Parr
- b) **Highways:** The sign at the junction with Crocken Hill Road and Forstal Road has still not been repaired. The Clerk reported on 19th May under number 214486 with ABC. The Clerk has checked progress and work is being programmed.
- c) **Parish magazine:** The copy date for issue 4 is October 13th

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- d) **TRO:** There has been no contact from ABC on this matter, the Clerk will check again if meeting is scheduled.
Action: Clerk
- e) **Neighbourhood and Parish Plans:** A public meeting is to be held on 19th October in the Millennium Hall at 7.30pm. Richard will invite an officer from ACRK to attend and also Chris Burgess who was Chairman of the Parish Plan.
Action: Richard King, Clerk
- f) **8th rail summit:** Peter was unable to attend this event, he will report next month when he has received minutes .
Action: Peter Rawlinson
- g) **Tesco Funding:** Richard applied but was not successful.
- h) **Trees on Elm Close:** The Clerk has contacted Aaron Pack and it is hoped the work will commence within the next two weeks. A request has been made to have some large branches lopped behind the Millennium Hall. The council agreed that the Clerk will ask Aaron to carry out the work while he is on site.
Action: Clerk
- i) **Sign at Stonebridge Green:** The Clerk will check if the work requested has been carried out by ABC.
Action: Clerk
- j) **Primary School:** At this time the assistant head is in charge at the school until interviews have taken place for a new head-teacher.
- k) **Training & Development Policy & Plan:** The Clerk will forward an email from KALC to Ambrose with a training policy plan. Ambrose will report in October.
Action: Ambrose, Clerk
- l) **Eis web site:** Alison and Heather are booked on to a free web training event on 21st October.
Action: Alison Richey, Clerk
- m) **Glebe grass:** John Vickers has now moved away. The clerk has taken the mower to Mower Plant to be serviced. It is hoped another volunteer will come forward in the near future. If the grass has to be mowed again this year before the end of the season Rob has kindly offered to carry out the work.
Action: Rob Walker
- n) **Chairs:** The storage area at Groom Farm is in need of a sort out, as there are a lot of items being stored in one place. Alison is to contact the various clubs which have items stored there and form a working party to go and have a clear out .
Action: Alison Richey
- o) **The shop:** Alison has been in contact with Colin to check on progress of the sale of the shop following the Parish Council stating an interest to ABC with the Community Asset. The full moratorium was put in motion when Colin informed ABC his intention to sell the shop. Following the meeting with Alison and Colin it seems it was his intention to put the shop on the market but is yet to do so. The Clerk will check with ABC the implications of this in reference to the moratorium. The Parish Council will have a meeting on September 12th to discuss the sale of the shop. Jennifer has been looking into Community shops in

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other areas and is compiling a document for the Parish Council to view. Richard is to invite an officer of ACRK to attend the meeting and also Tessa Hilder.

Action: Richard King, Clerk

- p) **Wicksteed Inspection:** Jennifer and the Clerk accompanied the Wicksteed inspector around the play area and the skate park. When the report was received the Clerk went through and has put in place quotes for all areas that are in need of repair. The Clerk will circulate report and copies of quotes to all Cllrs.

Action: Clerk

- q) **Chantlers Meadow:** Following a further letter being received from Mr Chantler the Council thinks there is no identifiable need for more affordable housing for younger people in the village at this time. Richard will draft a letter for the Clerk to reply to Mr Chantler.

Action: Richard King, Clerk

- r) **The George:** Following complaints by some villagers about the bright lights hanging in the tree at the George, Jennifer will contact the new landlords and ask if they can move the lights.

Action: Jennifer Buchanan

- s) **Ashford Local Plan:** Lois and Richard have sent in a response to ABC.

- t) **Local Government Boundary:** Richard has sent in a response.

5) Correspondence

All circulated by email in advance unless marked with a *

Action

Note

*Countryside Voice magazine

*Connected NHS magazine

Free Pond and Tree walks for July and August: All 14/7

1950 Parish map: All 26/7

UK Power networks 105: All 26/7

Kent County Council: Local Transport Plan Consultation: All 11/8

Kent Resilience Team Emergency Planning Event - 27th of September: All 16/8

Highways England consultation - Managing freight vehicles through Kent: All 16/8

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 Pat Parr; **Seconded:** Jennifer Buchanan;

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
Cathy Hill	Laugh a minute	BACS	150.00
Broxap	New bin for New Road	BACS	299.94
SSP Ltd	Play area new surface	BACS	5520.00
Mrs Richey	New lap top for Clerk	BACS	449.99
Debbie Humphries	Plants for Glebe planters	BACS	183.75
KALC	Good employer guide book	BACS	3.20
Mrs H James	Clerk salary August	BACS	628.71
HMRC	August	BACS	177.50
Telecottage	BT	BACS	9.35
John Vicker	Glebe mowing	BACS	19.20
Wicksteed	Playground Inspection	BACS	170.40
Mrs H James	Clerk salary September	BACS	628.91
HMRC	September	BACS	177.30
			8,418.25

Due to not having a meeting during August the above highlighted figures totalling £6,979.10 have been paid as agreed in previous meetings. The remaining amounts totalling £1439.15 is the sum to be taken from bank.

Income			
ABC Geraldine Dyer	Laugh a minute	BACS	150.00
Openreach	Wayleave	500037	750.00
			900.00

Bank Reconciliation Balance as at 30th August 2016 = £9,664.51 Less un-presented cheques as follows:

Actual balance = £9,664.51 as at 30th August 2016

Village hall improvement Total = £16,037.46

Pre-school move = £ 7,833.15

= £ 8,204.31

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Accounts for Egerton update magazine

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
Printbig		BACS	1199.00
Alan Arthur	delivery	3	100.00
			1299.00

Income			

Bank Reconciliation : Balance as at 30th August 2016 = £3058.00 Less un-presented cheques as follows:

Alan Arthur	delivery	3	100.00
			100.00

Actual balance = £3158.00 as at 30th August 2016

- a) Total Budget and Precept 2016-2017 £42,056.00
Actual amount spent to date is £19,417.88

Richard thanked Alison and the Clerk on behalf of the Council for all their hard work in collating the figures for the audit and external auditors.

7) **Public Discussion**

Richard King closed the meeting at 9.43pm for the public discussion, the meeting re-opened at 9.44pm.

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:

16/01293/AS	Egerton	Weald North	2 New Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DT First floor side extension
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Support

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16/00152/TC	Egerton	Weald North	Stonebridge Green House, Stonebridge Green Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9AP 1-Removal of line of leylandii trees. 2-Two mature sycamore trees, to cut down to just below existing hedge height (4')
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Support

16/01008/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Greenhill House, Green Hill Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9HA Single storey rear extension, removal of internal wall to extend kitchen, insulate and provide woodburner and metalbestos chimney to former storage area to provide new playroom and relocate entrance door and replace existing door opening with window.
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Support

Awaiting decision:

16/00463/CONA/AS	Egerton	Weald North	George Inn, The Street, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DJ Discharge condition 7
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16/00129/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Stone Hill, Stone Hill Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DU Part demolition of and extension to existing garage. Installation of a new enlarged door and opening to an external store.
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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:

16/01139/AS Withdrawn By Applicant	Egerton	Weald North	Land south of junction of Stone Hill Road and, New Road, Egerton, Kent Proposed new gated farm access into field
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16/01000/AS Proposed Use/Development Not Lawful	Egerton	Weald North	The Cottage, Stonebridge Green Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9AP Lawful development certificate - proposed - use of the property as a dwelling under class C3(b)
16/00786/AS Permit	Egerton	Weald North	Penare, Forge Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9EJ Demolition of existing timber framed bungalow and erection of two storey dwelling on the same site
16/00143/CONA/AS Permit	Egerton	Weald North	Groom Farm, Newland Green Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9EP Discharge condition 4, 5(a), (b), (c)

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AOB

- Millennium Hall deposit/rubbish-Rob-
- Glebe notice board- **Thank you Tim and Haidan for carrying out repairs. To stop the posts wobbling the Clerk will arrange to have posts spurred.**
- Web diary new person- **Denise Smith has been carrying out this but would like to step down. Thank you Denise for all your hard work. The Telecottage Committee will take on the role.**
- Christmas on the Glebe- **December 3rd at 2-4.30pm. Cathy Hill wishes to step down as organiser, thank you Cathy for all your hard work in previous years. Alison Richey, Mel Rawlinson and Heather James will act as sub-committee. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to pay for the Christmas tree.**
- Glass on road following recycling lorry- **Following complaints from a villager the Clerk contacted ABC who came out to the village with a representative from Biffa. They are to follow up on complaint.**
- Bench lower rec-Jennifer-**All benches around the village have been donated by others in remembrance of loved ones. If a bench is donated the Council will discuss having it placed within the village.**
- Wealden Wheels: **A letter has come to the Parish Council from Tim Lee (Chairman) Wealden Wheels with a cheque for £500 enclosed. This is half of the donation the Parish Council sent to Wealden Wheels as they are having such success in running the venture. The Clerk will write to Tim Lee to thank him for the cheque.**
- Egerton sign: **It has been noticed that the planter around the base of the Egerton sign on New Road has been planted up. The Clerk will write to David Hopkins to thank him for carrying out the work.**
- Transparency Fund: **Pat brought to the attention of the Council an article from KALC Parish News about funding for smaller parish councils. The Finance Committee will look into this.**

The meeting closed at 10.07pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 4th October 2016 at 8.00pm