

EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 2nd December 2014
in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, Egerton at 8.00pm.

1. **Present:** Richard King (Chairman), Ambrose Oliver, Tim Oliver, Pat Parr, Bill Smyth, Richard Wall and Heather James (Clerk).
3 members of the public were also present.
2. **Apologies:** Peter Rawlinson (Vice Chairman), Alison Richey, Geraldine Dyer (Ward Councillor)
Roger Harper was not present with no apology.
3. **Declarations of interest:** Richard King planning Iden Barn

The minutes of the meeting on 4th November 2014 : The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings.

Proposed: Bill Smyth; **Seconded:** Tim Oliver

4. Matters Arising from 4th November 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 Clerk completed and returned the request from KCC for comments on the proposed diversion of part of AW99 along Chapel Lane.

The bridge across the water, by the new kissing gate just along from the bridle way at Hazeldene, has fallen on its side. Pat is to report. **Action:** Pat Parr

Richard noted that some landowners are not keeping the width of the footpaths wide enough around the edge of fields.

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 ABC.

Bill is awaiting a site visit from Southern Water for works to commence in Forge Lane.

- ##### 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) **Road sign:** Richard King has contacted the land owner about the hedging along New Road towards Pluckley that is overhanging the highway. The landowner has informed Richard it is work that is in the plans of works to be carried out. The hedging has now been cut back. Andrew Hopkins has been contacted about cutting the hedging in the lower rec. The work has been carried out and an invoice received.

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- e) **Strong box:** The Chairman and the Clerk have checked the archive cupboard in the hallway of the Millennium hall and have decided a fireproof cupboard should be purchased and sited within the Telecottage. The Clerk is to source supplier and cost. **Action:** Clerk
- f) **Recycling:** Bill Smyth is awaiting confirmation about the delivery of banks for glass and paper. The charity number of the Millennium hall has been submitted. **Action:** Bill Smyth
- g) **Elm Close:** Bill has purchased the white paint ready for the work to be carried out to highlight areas along the pavement edges and the speed bumps. **Action:** Bill Smyth, Tim Oliver
- h) **Ward Member Community Grant Scheme:** Bill is to request some funding for the Playing fields. Richard King has requested some funding to purchase a blue-ray player for the film society. **Action:** Bill Smyth
- i) **Submitted sites:** New Road the field where in the past there were allotments. The Parish Council have responded that no new open market properties were needed at this time. This will be shown when the recent survey for the Parish Plan is published.
- j) **Community Warden Consultation:** Richard King has filled in forms for the Parish Council. Charlie Simkins (Borough Councillor) is to hold a meeting of all local Chairmen to discuss the cuts in Community Wardens. Egerton has never had a Community Warden as Egerton is self resilient.
- k) **KALC event:** Richard King attended the KALC AGM where booklets were made available ' What should I do in an emergency'. The Clerk is to obtain some more of the booklets to distribute to various residents around the village.
Richard Wall requested that a link to the electronic version be made available so others could download the booklet, the Clerk is to follow this up. Also a number of booklets will be made available to David Fredericks for the Over 60's club.
Cllr Tilden Reed from Charing is to hold a meeting with near by village Chairman to discuss the viability of a community handy-man. Richard King will attend this meeting and report back.
Action: Clerk, Richard King
- l) **Egerton pre-school:** Richard King, Lee Selby (Head of Egerton primary school) and another governor have visited residents near the school. A planning application has been submitted by the School Governors to KCC for works to be carried out at the Primary school ready for the pre-school move. No fees have been submitted until the final decision has been made on the plans.
- m) **Consultation-planning and travellers:** Richard Wall has followed up.
- n) **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
- o) **Christmas Tree:** The tree has been purchased and has been erected on the Glebe ready for the fair on Saturday 6 December. Thank you to Alan and Scott James for carrying out the work.

- p) **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 and so the signs would be appropriate. The Clerk and Bill will look into this. **Action:** Bill Smyth, Clerk

5. **Correspondence**

All circulated by email in advance unless marked with a *

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KCC Highways & Transportation survey: All 11/11 **The Clerk will re-send the email about this to Richard King who will follow this up.**

Note

Kent Police & Crime commissioner newsletter: All 13/11

Agenda planning committee

KCC road closure Hurst Road, Charing Heath: All 25/11

Trading Standards Dangerous hats: All 25/11

Property and Planning newsletter: All 25/11

*Kent Voice magazine

*CPRE magazine

Web Items

KCC road closure Hurst Road. Posted 25/11

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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 : Bill Smyth; **Seconded**: Richard Wall;

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
KCC planning	Pre-school move	1294	Cancelled
J D Mills	Finger post sign alteration	Transfer	60.00
Andrew Hopkins	Hedge cutting	1295	105.00
Reimburse Mrs H James	Christmas tree on Glebe	Transfer	49.99
Reimburse Pat Parr	Christmas tree decorations	Transfer	109.88
Printbig	newsletter	Transfer	285.00
Mrs H James	Clerk salary December	Transfer	653.02
HMRC	December	Transfer	190.23
			1,453.12

Income			
Peppercorn rent	Village hall	500015	1.00
			1.00

Bank Reconciliation as at 31st October 2014 (Latest statements)

Current Account latest Statement Balance as at 31st October 2014 = £23,148.39 Less un-presented cheques as follows:

Rob Hopkins	Road sweeping April-Sept	1293	420.75
			420.75

Actual balance = £ 22,727.64 as at 31st October 2014

Bill is to contact Jim Steers to enquire if he would like to take on the street cleaning work as Rob has had an operation.

7. **Public Discussion**

Richard King closed the meeting at 8.52pm for the public discussion, the meeting re-opened at 8.55pm.

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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 Planning Applications:

14/01354/AS	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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14/01378/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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Support

14/01435/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Old Vicarage, Rock Hill Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DR Removal of chimney stack on north east roof slope to below roof level
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Support

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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Support

Awaiting decision:

14/01282/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Newlyn, Newland Green Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9EP Conversion of existing outbuilding to ancillary accommodation
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Planning Committee ABC to meet 17 December, Richard Wall will attend.

14/01255/AS	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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Decided planning applications:

14/01245/AS Refuse	Egerton	Weald North	<p>Land between White Cottage and Corbiere, Rock Hill Road, Egerton, Kent</p> <p>Outline application for the erection of three two storey terrace dwellings and creation of access</p>
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9. AOB

- Geraldine- Newlyn December 17: Richard Wall will attend **Action:** Richard Wall
- Lower rec tree planting: A resident has requested a tree to be planted in the lower recreation ground for a relative who was not a resident of Egerton. It was decided that due to space only residents of Egerton should be considered for tree planting there. Bill suggested a bench could be placed in the rec. The Clerk will contact the resident who made the request. **Action:** Clerk
- Street cleaning: Bill is to contact Jim Steers to enquire if he would like to take on the street cleaning work as Rob has had an operation. **Action:** Bill Smyth
- Budget 2015/16: The figures were discussed, Pat proposed and Ambrose seconded that the budget be approved and the precept figures put forward. All Cllrs agreed. The precept will be raised in 2015/16 by 4% to take into account that the recycling money will not be paid again. Also money from ABC, the Concurrent functions and Council tax support grant, will be dropped by approx. 25% in the following accounting year.
- Parish Assembly 2015: The Clerk suggested that the same format be carried out as in 2014 on 18 March. All Cllrs approved this. The Clerk will book the hall and begin organising early in the New Year. It was suggested that the main draw be the CFR with a talk and demonstration of equipment, the Clerk will follow up. **Action:** Clerk
- Ambrose – can bank: The can recycling bank has been removed from the village.
- Masts: Richard Wall is to contact Linde Ovington-Lee to ask if the forms have been submitted to request funding for the Church to have a new mast erected so the CFR can get a better signal on their mobile phones. This could be seen as a matter of life or death as at the present time the CFR do not get a good signal to mobile phones within the village. **Action:** Richard Wall
- Ambrose- Residents are worried about the number of caravans that have arrived in Charing Heath along Egerton Road. The Clerk is to contact Charing PC to request they follow up with a complaint to ABC. **Action:** Clerk
- Councillors Christmas meal: Bill is to book the annual meal in the New Year it is hoped all Cllrs will be able to attend. **Action:** Bill Smyth
- Chestnut tree: Bill has noticed a big bough is rotting on the chestnut tree within the rec: He will contact a tree surgeon to remove the damaged bough. **Action:** Bill Smyth
- Community Emergency Plan: Pat attended a training session and has a new template for the emergency plan which deals with many different emergencies. Pat is working on the new plan, and will report when it is ready. **Action:** Pat Parr

The meeting closed at 9.57

Next meeting: Tuesday 6th January 2015 at 8.00pm