

EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 7th February 2017
in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, Egerton at 8.00pm.

Present: Peter Rawlinson (vice Chairman), Jennifer Buchanan, Claire Foinette, Ambrose Oliver, Tim Oliver, Pat Parr, Rob Walker, Geraldine Dyer (Ward Councillor) and Heather James (Clerk).
2 members of the public were present.

1. **Apologies:** Richard King (Chairman), Alison Richey
2. **Declarations of interest:** None
3. The minutes of the meeting on 3rd January 2017: The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings.

Proposed: Claire Foinette; **Seconded:** Pat Parr;

4. Matters Arising from 3rd January 2017

- a) **Footpaths and stiles:** Pat has sent out a report for the month.

Report No. 82 of the Egerton Footpaths Representative – February 2017

Outstanding Footpath Issues:

1. **PROW238505 and PROW560277. AW22 - Appleberry House, Coach Road.** Stile too difficult to climb over. Allocated, awaiting inspection. This is still marked as "*awaiting allocation*". They obviously don't want to do anything about this.
2. **AW92 - New Road to Orchard and Tumulus etc.** Jonathan agreed to contact Tom Hope to supply and install the kissing gate at the New Road entrance.
3. **PROW293302. Byway at Hazeldene Farm up to Coach Road.** Overgrown byway, asked KCC to cut it. They have allocated it and it is awaiting inspection.
4. **PROW323726 - Rotten wood barrier at Raymond Shrubbs's footpath.** They have allocated it and it is awaiting inspection.
5. **PROW709833 - Fallen fingerpost near Tim Oliver's.** At last this has been completed.

Activity Since January Meeting

Jennifer has been active on our footpaths and has made the following reports to me which I have reported to KCC:

1. **PROW237696.** AW68 from Rockhill Road before Tim's house straight across adjacent to Rockdale Farm the stile there has rotten wooden struts which makes the plank very unstable and dangerous. *Awaiting Allocation by KCC.*
2. **PROW597453.** AW68 further along from above, marked as a stile but is a fence-type structure almost impossible to climb over, plus there is a metal sheep gate attached with string to that which you have to push forward to get it out of the way before you can attempt to climb over this structure. *Awaiting Allocation by KCC.*
3. **PROW276419.** AW91 the footpath to the side of Bedewell up the steps and straight ahead along field to point of woods at Egerton House. Fingerpost has fallen down. *Work Scheduled.*
4. **PROW818728.** AW81. From Stone Hill along the ridge to near the end of the path at Greenhill, the wooden stile has broken. *Awaiting Allocation by KCC.* **Action:** Pat Parr

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- b) **Highways:**
1. Hedge between Stone Hill and Greenhill. It was agreed that Heather would write to Tommy Down to ask nicely to restore his hedge.
 3. **Report No. 251077 (Heather).** Barhams Mill Road, carriageway is collapsing. KCC state "*Does not meet criteria*".
 4. **Report No. 251904 (Heather).** Sign at Stonebridge Green. Heather to re-define which sign we are referring to as there seems to be a misunderstanding.
 5. **Report No. 251906 (Heather).** Mud in drain at Iden in Iden Lane. KCC state "*Works being programmed*".
- c) **Harmers Way:** Ashford Borough Council, Sanctuary housing, Geraldine and Egerton Parish Council had a meeting. The housing form will be revised to give Egerton Parish Council more information on prospective tenants. ABC will give sanctuary more details of hopeful tenants.
- d) **Neighbourhood and Parish Plans:** The meeting held on January 11th 2017 in the Committee room, was attended by Martin Newman of Pluckley who informed all on the way Pluckley had formed their Neighbourhood plan. He thought it would be wiser if Egerton only had a small Committee to help move the plan forward. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd February when a Chairman will be elected and the Committee chosen.
- e) **Chairs:** The Clerk had made up some posters to advertise the chairs and had contacted Charing, Pluckley and Smarden PC. Pluckley have come back and wish to purchase 150 chairs at £1 each. The money raised will be given to the Millennium hall. The Clerk is waiting for Pluckley to organise transport.
- f) **Finance Committee:** The Precept figures have been received from ABC. Egerton PC have been allocated all money requested. The Clerk will send out the report to Cllrs. **Action:** Clerk
- g) **Emergency Planning and Resilience Workshop:** Pat, Claire and Heather went through the electoral role to identify villagers who may be vulnerable in an emergency situation Pat sent out letters to all those on the list. The Clerk has received a number of responses. Peter has started to set up the telephone tree. Pat would now like to check the list of volunteers on the list who had offered assistance in different ways in an emergency. Claire, Peter and the Clerk have offered to help.
Action: Pat Parr, Claire Foinette, Peter Rawlinson, Clerk
- h) **Broadband:** Harmers Way and Stevens Close residents who have 840 numbers have been invited to a meeting on Tuesday 21st February with George Chandler KCC and BT to discuss changing their numbers to 756 ready for when the new box is put in place for faster broadband, the Clerk will attend this meeting on behalf of EPC. **Action:** Clerk
- i) **Rubbish:** The Clerk is to check with ABC if other villages have the problem of bags of clothing being left in various areas. **Action:** Clerk
- j) **Glebe mowing:** Peter is awaiting a quote from his gardener to carry out mowing. **Action:** Peter Rawlinson
- k) **Pre-school movie night:** If activities are carried out on the recreation ground there cannot be a charge for use, so the movie night would need to be held elsewhere. Rob will follow up. **Action:** Rob Walker

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- l) **Mobile phone signal:** Peter has drafted a letter expressing the dreadful reception within the village and will send off to Damian Green with a copy to Charlie Simkins. **Action:** Peter Rawlinson
- m) **New Road hedge:** The Clerk has written to Mr Downs but has yet to receive a reply.

5) Correspondence

All circulated by email in advance unless marked with a *

Action

BATTLE'S OVER - A NATIONS TRIBUTE & WW1 BEACONS OF LIGHT - 11TH NOVEMBER 2018: All 10/1 **The Clerk will write and add EPC to list of names interested in this event**

*Invicta village sign plaques-Peter **It was decided not to go for a plaque but to have a discussion at the March meeting about erecting gates at entrances of village- Pat will follow up.**

Note

A message from the Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Scott: All 10/1

Event Announcement: Energy and Renewable Power for the Local Council of Tomorrow - Saturday Morning Workshop, 18 February 2017: All 12/1

Neighbourhood Planning Workshop - A Morning Event, 22 February 2017: All 12/1

Freight Action Plan for Kent Public Consultation: All 17/1

Tesco funding £5000: All 17/1 The criteria has changed to obtain money but it still may not be possible to get funding for the pre-school building but maybe some equipment. Peter and Pat will follow up.

Event Rural Affairs Conference, 09 March 2017: All 19/1

East Kent Health and Care Listening Events: All 19/1

Chief Executive's Bulletin 1 - 13 January 2017: All 19/1

Rural Housing Spotlight: Pat, Ambrose, Rob 19/1

An Exciting New Service for Communities in Rural Kent and Medway: 24/1

The Repair Shop - NEW BBC2 SHOW LOOKING FOR SENTIMENTAL ITEMS: All 24/1

UPDATED LEGAL TOPIC NOTES: All 24/1

Leader Briefing Note for Parishes: All 26/1

Business Case for Single council for East Kent: All 26/1 ABC have declined to join other councils. EPC agree with this stance

Joint KALC/KFAS Information Event - Tuesday 28 February 2017: Delivering Effective Partnership Working in Kent's Communities 2017: All 31/1

Parish Precepts: All 31/1

Locality 'How to Keep it Local' Guide: All 2/2

The Plunkett Rural Community Co-operatives' Programme: All 7/2

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 Rob Walker; **Seconded:** Jennifer Buchanan;

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
ACRK	Membership renewal	BACS	50.00
Mrs H James	Clerk salary January	BACS	628.91
HMRC	January	BACS	177.30
			856.21

Income			

Bank Reconciliation Balance as at 30th January 2017 = £7,807.42 less un-presented cheques as follows:

Actual balance = £7,807.42 as at 30th January 2017

Village improvement Total = £16,483.85
Pre-school move = £ 8,276.15
= £ 8,207.70

Accounts for Egerton update magazine

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
Barrowhouse	advertising	BACS	65.00
Sobriety's Foe	advertising	BACS	100.00
			165.00

Income			

Bank Reconciliation : Balance as at 30th January 2017 = £1689.70 Less un-presented cheques as follows:

Actual balance = £1,689.70 as at 30th January 2017

Most advertisers have re-newed for another year.

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- a) Total Budget and Precept 2016-2017 £42,056.00
Actual amount spent to date is £31,488.67

- 7) **Public Discussion**
Peter Rawlinson closed the meeting at 8.50pm for the public discussion, the meeting re-opened at 8.55pm.

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:

17/00048/AS	Pluckley, Egerton	Weald Central, Weald North	The Rose and Crown, Pluckley, Ashford, Kent, TN27 0ST Replacement externally illuminated fascia sign with 2 No. additional externally illuminated fascia signs
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Support

17/00050/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Penare, Forge Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9EJ Demolition of existing timber framed bungalow and erection of a 1.5 storey chalet style dwelling on the same site
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Support

17/00029/AS	Egerton	Weald North	16 Harmers Way, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DN Two storey side and rear extension.
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Support subject to conditions as from No 17 Harmers Way.

16/01008/CONA/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Greenhill House, Green Hill Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9HA Discharge of conditions 6a-6e
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Awaiting decision:

16/01000/AS Appeal Received	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)
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16/01479/AS	Egerton	Weald North	3 Stonecroft Cottages, The Street, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DJ Erection of a replacement conservatory.
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16/01480/AS	Egerton	Weald North	3 Stonecroft Cottages, The Street, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DJ Application for listed building consent to remove existing conservatory and replace with a new conservatory, remove existing door and window between existing conservatory and main house and widen existing brick arch.
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16/00279/INF-BT Telephone Boxes in Ashford Borough **The Clerk is to check outcome with ABC.**

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.

Geraldine has followed this up and the summerhouse can remain for the life time of owner. There is no caravan.

Decided planning applications:

16/01793/AS Permit	Egerton	Weald North	Sunny Bank, Rock Hill Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9EA Demolition and replacement of garage (resubmission of planning permission 16/00520/AS)
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16/01448/AS Permit	Egerton	Weald North	Box Farm, Bedlam Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9BY Removal of S106 agreement attached to 88/02047/AS to allow use of the building for ancillary accommodation, holiday letting and/or residential assured tenancy.
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16/00129/AS Permit	Egerton	Weald North	Stone Hill, Stone Hill Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DU Alterations to existing garage and erection of a new garage
16/00130/AS Grant Consent	Egerton	Weald North	Stone Hill, Stone Hill Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DU Alterations to existing garage and erection of a new garage

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AOB

- Mowing/strimming quote- cricket club: **The Clerk will arrange a meeting with Heber and the Cricket club before the mowing season.**
- Commonwealth Day 13th March: **The Clerk will check with Bill Smyth about raising the flag.**
- Kent Permit Scheme, bus stop: **The Clerk is awaiting a response from correct department at KCC.**
- Spring clean-Pat: **This will be held on 1st April, the Clerk will arrange with ABC delivery of all equipment.**
- Welcome packs-Pat: **Two packs have been delivered, one to Rock Hill Oast and one to Hudson House.**
- KALC Rural Conference on 9th March- Pat: **The Clerk will book a place for Pat on this course.**
- Stones at top of Green Hill Lane-again: **The Clerk is to report to ABC highways that a lot of mud is being washed off the lane due to hedging having been removed. The mud is blocking drains further down Green Hill Lane.**
- Primary School-Ambrose: **Two acting heads are running the school and are to receive outside support from others. The school is advertising for a permanent head teacher.**
- The shop-Jennifer: **The Clerk is to enquire as to the position on the sale of the shop.**
- Salt Bins-Tim: **The bin opposite Rock Hill House had been moved onto the highway, Richard Hopkins has moved back on to the grass verge. The bin beside the Games Barn was empty Richard has filled. The Clerk will write to thank Richard for his help.**
- Memorial tree-Pat: **Roy Manuel has requested to plant a tree on the lower rec in remembrance of Joan. The Council agreed to this proposal as Joan was a stalwart member of the community.**
- Housing-Geraldine: **A meeting has been held with Geraldine, Lois and Damian Green about the amount of new house builds within the Ashford area.**

The meeting closed at 9.32pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 7th March 2017 at 8.00pm