



The meeting of Egerton Parish Council was held on Tuesday 6 February 2024  
7pm Committee Room, Millennium Hall, Egerton

## Present

Cllrs John Lawton, Claire Foinette, Jeff Hopkins, Pat Parr, Richard Wall, Simon Palmer, and Sonia Young (Clerk).

### 1) Apologies

EPC Vice-chair Peter Rawlinson. County Councillor Charlie Simkins

### 2) Declarations of Interest

Cllr Pat Parr: Neighbour to the Orchard Nurseries site proposed for development.

Cllr Simon Palmer: Neighbour to the Orchard Nurseries site proposed for development.

### 3) Minutes of the Previous Meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings.

**Proposed:** Vice chair Peter Rawlinson. **Seconded:** Cllr Richard Wall. **All in agreement.** Claire Foinette abstained as not present at the January meeting.

### 4) Matters Arising from 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (not covered by the agenda below)

a) **The George Pub.** Work to replace some of the roof tiles was noted. The Clerk has written to the owner to ask that EPC property loaned to the pub is returned.

#### b) Renewal of fencing around the cricket field

No quotes received from EPFA.

**Action:** Cllr Jeff Hopkins to follow this up.

#### c) Grant towards the installation of rural charging points

Further investigation required.

#### d) Treeworks

A large branch fell from the horse chestnut next to the basketball post. The Clerk is organising the full removal of the tree as agreed following the visit by the arborist in the autumn. The arborist advised full removal is necessary.

**Action:** The Clerk.

#### e) Repairs to the car park

Work complete.

#### f) Computer Centre

A constructive meeting of all interested parties was held 22 January. The actions agreed will be revisited in a follow-up meeting on 20 February.

#### g) Tree for Elm Close

A replacement flowering cherry has been ordered and it will be planted on the bank at Elm Close to replace the rotten tree removed in 2023. A field maple donated by ABC three years ago will also be relocated and planted on the bank.

**Action:** The Clerk.

#### h) Canham Homes

Following a letter from the chairman, Chanham Homes have confirmed all damage to New Road verges will be repaired on 19 February.

#### i) Office

A lockable cabinet has been ordered.



#### J) Flooding

The Clerk is investigating the benefits and potential costs of contracting a village lanesman. The Clerk confirmed that highways cannot be cleaned by EPC.

#### K) Path clearance outside Cedar Mount

The Clerk has organised this to be cleaned x 2 per year.

#### L) Vacancies on the Parish Council

An advertisement seeking two co-opted Cllrs has been posted. Closing date for applications is 15 March.

#### M) Games Barn exterior repair and painting

The work will take place week commencing 2 June.

### 5) Chairman to close the meeting for Public Discussion

Meeting closed at: 19.21pm

Meeting re-opened at: 19.47pm

### 6) Footpaths Report 165 (See Appendix i)

The line and accessibility of public right of way AW92 which the New Road development crosses has been referred by EPC to ABC and to KCC PROW enforcement team.

### 7) Highways Report (See Appendix ii)

The Clerk has reported fly tipping at Barhams Mill Lane to ABC.

Iden lane, Greenhill Lane and Barhams Mill Road remain in a parlous state re potholes and have all been reported by EPC to KCC highways. Some work has been done on Barhams Mill Road.

**Action:** JL and PR will compile a list of blocked main highways drains that require clearance and submit that to KCC.

### 8) Planning

*Planning applications submitted to Ashford Borough Council this month for Egerton Parish Council to consider, details of which may be accessed online at: [http://www.ashford.gov.uk/online\\_planning/](http://www.ashford.gov.uk/online_planning/). Individuals may also register via the website with ABC to receive alerts of new applications.*

<b>Case Reference:</b>	<b>PA/2023/2207 Planning Appeal number 3331797</b>
<b>Location</b>	Greenway, Coldbridge Lane, Egerton TN27 9BP
<b>Proposal</b>	Change of use, conversion of a workshop to a three-bedroom dwelling, changes to windows and doors including two new dormer windows to rear elevation. Vehicular access from Coldbridge Lane, associated parking, landscaping, and garden area
<b>EPC view</b>	EPC's objection is recorded on the ABC website.
<b>Case Reference:</b>	<b>PA/2023/0090 Planning Appeal number 2221160</b>
<b>Location</b>	Johnstone East, Rock Hill Road TN27 9DR
<b>Proposal</b>	Proposed single-storey rear extension
<b>EPC view</b>	EPC's comment is recorded on the ABC website

### 9) Older People's Accommodation

The application has been delayed because ABC planning officers said they had not received important technical documents also relevant to KCC These have been re-submitted by the developer and receipt acknowledged.

### 10) Affordable Housing

No update.

### 11) Correspondence

**Note:** All circulated by email in advance unless marked with a \*

- KALC – winter support grants scheme. All 23/01
- CPRE campaign update. All 23/01/2024
- MBC Maidstone Local Plan Review. All. LT.RK. 23/01/2024
- KCC Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan Consultation. All. LT. 23/01/2024
- EPFC new website. All. 23/01/2024
- ABC cyber-attack. All. 23.01.2024
- KCC emergency road closure S E water – Mundy Bois rd. 23/01All
- ABC webinar new waste collection contract briefing. 25/01. All
- ABC minutes of Planning Committee meeting. Jan. 25.01 RW.LT
- ABC declutters communal areas of its housing. ALL. 25/01
- Letter to EPC regarding the provision of disabled parking spaces at the village hall. All. 25/01
- KCC M20 moveable barrier closure overnight Feb 3 and Feb 4. All. 31/01
- Correspondence sent to the chair via email on Saturday 20 January and forwarded to full council by the chair. All. 31.01
- Correspondence sent to the chair via email on 13 January and forwarded to full council by the chair. All 31/01
- KALC news. All. 6/02
- Southeast Restoration Project focus group. All. 6/02
- KALC – Community Resilience Plan. PP.JL.PR. 6/02
- ABC takes over Elwick Place Picture House. All. 6/02
- Email addressed to chair J Lawton. The email content and proposed reply were circulated to Cllrs in advance of the meeting by the chair.  
The proposed reply was discussed and was agreed.  
**Proposal to accept the draft as circulated prior to the meeting by the chair.**  
**Proposed:** Cllr Jeff Hopkins. **Seconded:** Cllr Claire Foinette. **All in agreement.**  
**Action:** Clerk to send a letter of reply.

#### Website

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## 12) Accounts

The accounts to be approved and budget spend to date noted.

#### Accounts

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
Remove and repaint climb frame bars – material & labour	T Kent	BACS	81.00
Hedgecutting	A Hopkins	BACS	180.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> class stamps	Reimburse the Clerk	BACS	6.00
Annual mowing	ABC	BACS	3694.56
Treework	G Green	BACS	100.00
Feb Salary –	Clerk	BACS	1153.71
HMRC	HMRC	BACS	249.64
Flowering cherry tree + delivery	Reimburse the Clerk	BACS	79.90
Printer mouse & batteries	Reimburse the Clerk	BACS	17.98
<b>Total</b>			<b>£5,562.79</b>

<b>Income</b>			
Peppercorn rent	Residents Old School Court	BACS	50.00
Donation		BACS	200.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>£250.00</b>

**Bank Reconciliation Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 = £22,878.67 less un-presented cheques as follows:**

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**Actual balance = £22, 878.67 as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

**Accounts for Egerton update magazine**

Expenditure			£
Print and Paper	Lotus		£915.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>£915.00</b>

<b>Income</b>			
<b>Total</b>			

**Bank Reconciliation Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 £2, 147.55 Less un-presented cheques as follows:**

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**Actual balance = £2,147.55 at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

**Accounts for Village Projects**

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
<b>Total</b>			

<b>Income</b>			
Interest		BACS	13.56
<b>Total</b>			<b>£13.56</b>

**Bank Reconciliation Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 £13, 142.15 Less un-presented cheques as follows:**

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**Actual balance = £13,142.15 as at 31st January 2024**

**Village Projects fund**

Pre-school project		3,117.44
Esme Slater woodland		10,024.71

Proposal to approve the accounts as presented: **Proposed: Seconded. All in approval.**

**13) Additional items**

**- hedge between the lower recreation and Old School Court**

Garden rubbish and fencing debris has been reported as left on parish land to the rear of some gardens at Old School Court. It has been there for some time.

**Action:** The Clerk to investigate and request its removal.

**- date and format for the Parish Assembly**

The date of the Assembly was confirmed as Wednesday 17 April.



Meeting closed at 20.34pm

Next meeting Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7pm

## Appendix (i)

### Report no. 165 of the Egerton footpaths representative for February 2024

5 Outstanding Items remain from the January 2024 report.

0 Closed Items

0 New Items

*The outstanding issues below are listed with the KCC Reference, the date reported, the footpath number, the location, the difficulty experienced and the status of action.*

1. **PROW 210959063. 10/09/21. AW75** at Heronsdale, Wanden Lane. Egerton resident complaint of overgrowth (brambles) and fence panel leaning towards the footpath. Status: Still Awaiting Allocation.
2. **PROW211126930. 09/11/21. Part of AW87** to the west of the church behind the Glebeland houses where the path is quite narrow has collapsed due to badger activity. Status: Still Work Scheduled but it is accessible with matting in place until a more permanent solution is found. Status: Still In Progress.
3. **PROW211117086. 21/11/21. AW64** Footpath opposite Egerton House on Greensand Way in a small, wooded area towards the byway up to Coach Road. Two planks missing/broken on the bridge over a small stream. Status: Still Work Added to Forward Maintenance Plan.
4. **PROW230732955. 28/07/23. AW96.** Barhams Mill Road, before Frasers, on the right-hand side from Egerton village end. Broken stile at the entrance to the footpath from the road. Status: Still Awaiting Allocation.
5. **19/10/23. AW81** (Greensand Way) at Stone Hill adjoining the 5-bar gate into the Heathcote's field out to Greenhill Lane. Stile too high. Mr Higgs said he had fixed the broken plank, but it didn't solve the original complaint I have asked Mr Higgs nicely if he could get that original problem sorted but no reply. Will try to fix this myself.
6. **27/10/23. AW92.** New Road – Canham Homes Development. Builders have started to install wooden steps to connect the public right of way footpath at the New Road end of the site and the new path for residents. The levels of the field have changed. If the wooden ones are to be permanent, they look slippery in wet weather and have no handrail.  
31/10/2023. Emailed Canham Homes for a reply. On 14/11/2023 they responded that "for safety reasons the steps will be finished with a handrail on both sides".  
6A) **PROW231147996. 13/11/2023. AW92,** as above. Reported this matter to KCC so that in the event of problems here later KCC will be aware of the situation. 16/11/2023. Reply from KCC: "I inspected the steps in question and made some enquiries with the developer. Firstly, I noticed the steps were made from high pressure treated timber, which should last at least 20 years. There is a drop in the ground, and we would prefer steps to a slope as it would be safer – we felt concrete steps would look unsightly and although the whole development is not ideal for the locals, the wooden steps are far more pleasing on the eye. The developer has agreed to fit handrails, anti-slip bars on the steps and in relation to future maintenance, the steps will be covered by the land management company for which the residents will have to pay a service charge. It's still a work in progress and I will keep a watchful eye on things."  
23/11/23. Letter passed to KCC and reply awaited.  
02/01/24. Parish Council discussed this issue. Canham Homes has diverted the public right of way which the development crosses over. It no longer meets KCC's accessibility policy. Chair



John Lawton to take photos of the changed line of the footpath. It is now not as shown on the approved plans and may need to be taken up further with KCC.

**NEW ISSUES:**

None

**Appendix (ii) Report no. 9 of the Egerton Highways Representative – February 2024**

<b>Closed Items</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Open Items</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>New Items</b>	<b>3</b>

**Closed Issues**

Reference	Description & Status
<b>767131</b>	Pothole - Stonebridge Green Road
<b>Logged</b>	December 2023
<b>Status</b>	Works completed
716257	Multiple potholes – Coldbridge Lane
Logged	September 2023
Status	Works completed
<b>767532</b>	Pothole - Stonebridge Green Road
<b>Logged</b>	December 2023
<b>Status</b>	Works completed
<b>773624</b>	Multiple Potholes Iden lane
<b>Logged</b>	January 2024
<b>Status</b>	Works completed
<b>773623</b>	Multiple Potholes – Barhams Mill Road
<b>Logged</b>	January 2024
<b>Status</b>	Works completed
<b>773622</b>	Multiple Potholes – Green Hill Lane
<b>Logged</b>	January 2024
<b>Status</b>	Works completed



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**Outstanding Issues**

Reference	Description & Status
646549	<b>Egerton House Road near The Coppice – Dip/Depression</b>
Logged	<b>20/07/2022</b>
Status	<b>Works being programmed</b>

764796	Blocked Drain & Gully – Forstal road
Logged	December 2023
Status	Enquiry under investigation
764836	Flooding – Bedlam Lane (by Myrtle Cottages)
Logged	December 2023
Status	Enquiry under investigation