

EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 4th April 2017
in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, Egerton at 8.00pm.

Present: Richard King (Chairman), Peter Rawlinson (vice Chairman), Claire Foinette, Ambrose Oliver, Tim Oliver, Pat Parr, Alison Richey, Rob Walker, Geraldine Dyer (Ward Councillor) and Heather James (Clerk).

3 members of the public were present.

1. **Apologies:** Jennifer Buchanan
2. **Declarations of interest:** None
3. The minutes of the meeting on 7th March 2017: The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings.

Proposed: Tim Oliver; **Seconded:** Peter Rawlinson;

4. **Matters Arising from 7th March 2017**

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

Report No. 84 of the Egerton Footpaths Representative – April 2017

Outstanding Footpath Issues:

1. **AW92 - New Road to Orchard and Tumulus etc.** Spoke to Jonathon Harmer at the Parish Assembly. He is going to arrange for a pedestrian gate to be put in soon.
2. **PROW293302. Byway at Hazeldene Farm up to Coach Road.** Overgrown byway, asked KCC to cut it. *Allocated, awaiting inspection.* Riders say it hasn't been done. A working party will be arranged soon to clear it.
3. **PROW323726 - Rotten wood barrier at Raymond Shrubbs's footpath.** *Work scheduled.*
4. **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. Still *Awaiting Allocation.*
5. **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. Still *Awaiting Allocation.*
6. **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. Still *Work Scheduled.*
7. **PROW818728.** AW81. From Stone Hill along the ridge to near the end of the path at Greenhill, the wooden stile has broken. Still *Awaiting Allocation.*
8. **PROW306422.** A villager reported a fallen wooden fingerpost along the Iden Lane byway towards the Pluckley end. Looks like rotten wood caused it to fall. *Allocated - Awaiting Inspection.*

Activity Since March Meeting

At the Parish Assembly several names were added to the volunteer sheet for clearance work on our footpaths.

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Richard is to contact Michael Ellis footpath officer and show him the report from Pat to try and get some of the outstanding items resolved.

Action: Richard King

b) **HIGHWAYS (outstanding from February meeting)**

1. **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.
2. **Report No. 251906 (Heather).** Mud in drain at Iden in Iden Lane. KCC state "*Works being programmed*".
3. **Report No. 264720 (Heather).** Mud being washed down Greenhill from New Road (discussed at the February meeting).

New since February meeting:

1. **Report No. 273866 (Heather).** Parish Assembly request for road signs for Field Mill.

The Clerk is to report pot holes along Iden Lane and Forge Lane.

Action: Clerk

c) **Neighbourhood and Parish Plans:**

At the meeting held on 23rd March in the Committee room, the Committee of six people was formed with others working on other specialist details. There have so far been three meetings held and a stand at the Parish Assembly. Volunteers came forward to offer assistance. A letter has been forwarded to ABC to advise that Egerton are going forward with a Neighbourhood plan. ABC have replied they will provide assistance and ongoing help. A map has been sent to ABC showing the boundary of Egerton as the boundary of the NHP. The next step is for ABC to display on their portal details of Egerton's NHP for four weeks, if there are no objections then support from ABC will move the plan forward.

The next meeting will be on 12th April in the Committee room, the Clerk will book this. Further consultation will need to be held with villagers in time to come. Egerton Parish Council will fund any expenses incurred by the NHP until grants are made available. Proposed: Pat Parr; seconded: Tim Oliver; unanimous vote agreed. Mel Rawlinson has taken the minutes of the last meeting and can be forwarded to anyone it will also be put onto the web site.

Action: Clerk

- d) **Emergency Planning and Resilience Workshop:** Pat has filled in the confidential plan and the open plan. Peter and Pat are setting up the telephone tree.

Action: Peter Rawlinson, Pat Parr

- e) **Broadband:** The Clerk has been liaising with Tony Digweed of Openreach and residents of Harmers Way to move forward the change of telephone numbers from 840 prefix to 756. The Clerk has also been liaising with BT/Openreach about the siting and installation of the new box opposite the Barrow House ready for faster broadband. The Clerk will report at the next meeting progress.

Action: Clerk

- f) **Rubbish:** Geraldine has offered to contact Tracy Butler from ABC head of environmental services about the bags of recycling left in various areas around the village.

Action: Geraldine Dyer

- g) **Glebe mowing:** Graham Howland has collected the mower from yard of R James & sons fencing and has already done some mowing. Thank you Graham.

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- h) **Pre-school movie night:** The Clerk has checked with Sue Palmer, former Clerk, about the use of the recreation ground for profit making event. Sue thought that like the Fete it would be acceptable as long as no person is refused entry onto the recreation ground.
- i) **Entrance signs:** A display was put out at the Parish Assembly showing what the new signs would look like and villagers were asked if they would support the idea. As the stand was not manned it did not attract a lot of discussion, an article will be placed in the Egerton Update which Lois has offered to write with a question would villages approve/disapprove of having the signs. The answers should be sent to the Clerk. While looking into the possibility of having the signs Pat has been in contact with ABC about the 'no footpath' sign at Stonebridge Green which obscures the village name sign. KCC have offered to have one of the signs moved.
Action: Clerk
- j) **Commonwealth Day:** Although the Clerk had advertised this event and Martin Chapman kindly raised the flag no one attended this ceremony.
- k) **Kent Permit:** The Clerk has received notification that ABC are waiting for a response from the Highways Definition Team as to whether the hardstanding area, used for bus stop by Barrow House, is within highways publically maintainable area. The Clerk will report at the next meeting. **Action:** Clerk
- l) **Spring Clean:** Saturday 1st April 10 adults and three children attended and most people who went to various areas around the village reported that there was a lot less rubbish than on previous years. Pat reported that in previous years ABC would deliver all equipment for the spring clean but this year and in future each village would have to collect items from ABC and deliver back after the event. It was decided EPC would go down this route rather than go to the expense of buying the equipment needed.
- m) **Rural Affairs event:** Pat circulated a report following attendance of this event. Country Eye app for mobile phones, Pat thought this was interesting, a picture can be taken on the phone to report activities that may be unlawful, Pat has sent an article to be included in the next Update magazine. Another item of interest was Leader Funding Pat thought maybe some funding could be available for the pre-school move, Alison will look into this.
Action: Alison Richey
- n) **Shop sale:** An article provided by Fraser from the shop will be put into the next Update magazine to keep villagers informed.
- o) **PCSO:** Following the report sent out for March meeting it had been hoped a report would be sent each month, this did not appear. The Clerk will contact the PCSO and request a regular report with follow ups on outcomes.
Action: Clerk

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5) Correspondence

All circulated by email in advance unless marked with a *

Action

Note

Parish Council Grant Funding: All 9/3 **The Clerk is to resend email for discussion at next meeting.**

9th Kent County Council Rail Summit: All 14/3 **The Clerk is to check date of summit and forward to Peter**

Chief Executive's Bulletin 9 - 10 March 2017: All 14/3

DCMS Better Broadband Campaign: All 16/3

Low-cost CCTV solution to combat fly-tipping and vandalism: All 21/3

GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN - THANK YOU!!!!: All 21/3

Children's Play Areas: All 23/3

Subscription to KALC & NALC for 2017/2018: All 28/3

Maidstone Borough Council: Planning Viewpoint: All 28/3

Egerton Village Store & Post Office update on sale: All 30/3

Clerks and Councillors - Give Us Your Expertise: All 4/4

*KSSAA **A letter has been received to thank EPC for donation.**

Web Items

6) Accounts:

Approval of the accounts for the month, for cheques to be signed and Internet transfers to take place.

Proposed Peter Rawlinson; **Seconded:** Rob Walker;

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
Printbig	Neighbourhood plan flyer	BACS	189.00
Alan Arthur	Delivery of above	1312	100.00
KS&SAAT	Donation	1311	250.00
CPRE	Membership renewal	BACS	36.00
KALC	Membership renewal	BACS	443.66
Mrs H James	Reimburse Clerk	BACS	172.74
Mrs H James	Clerk salary April	BACS	
HMRC	April	BACS	
			1191.40

April salary for Clerk to be submitted following figures sent to HMRC end of tax year.

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Income			

Bank Reconciliation: Balance as at 31st March 2017 = £5,668.70 less un-presented cheques as follows:

Actual balance = £5,668.70 as at 31st March 2017

Village improvement Total = £16,485.18

Pre-school move = £ 8,276.15

= £ 8,209.03

Accounts for Egerton update magazine

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
Alan Arthur	deliver	5	100.00
			100.00

Income			
Advertising		BACS	1900.00
			1900.00

Bank Reconciliation: Balance as at 31st March 2017 = £4287.70 Less un-presented cheques as follows:

Actual balance = £4287.70 as at 31st March 2017

Accounts for Egerton Neighbourhood Plan

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
Printbig	printing	BACS	189.00
Alan Arthur	delivery	1312	100.00
These were paid by EPC as shown above.			
			289.00

Income			

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- a) Total Budget and Precept 2016-2017 £42,056.00
Actual amount spent to date is £33,438.39

7) **Public Discussion**

Richard King closed the meeting at 9.07pm for the public discussion, the meeting re-opened at 9.24pm.

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:

17/00453/AS	Egerton, Pluckley	Weald North, Weald Central	Woodlands Farm, Newland Green Lane, Egerton, Kent New garage and with games room above and external staircase to replace existing storage & garage outbuildings & containers
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Support

Awaiting decision:

17/00195/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Land North East of 5 Brook Gate abutting, Forstal Road, Egerton, Kent Erection of a general purpose agricultural building.
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Decided planning applications:

17/00042/TC Raise No Objection	Egerton	Weald North	Brook House, Stonebridge Green Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9AP Tree 1: Sycamore - Fell and remove. Tree 2: Weeping Ash - Fell/remove.
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17/00050/AS Permit	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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17/00048/AS Grant Consent	Pluckley, Egerton	Weald Central, Weald North	The Rose and Crown, Pluckley, Ashford, Kent, TN27 0ST Replacement externally illuminated fascia sign with 3 No. additional externally illuminated fascia signs
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number	16/01000/AS
Nature of application	Lawful development certificate - proposed - use of the property as a dwelling under class C3(b)
Type of decision	Refusal of Lawful Development Certificate
Decision made by	Officer
Was committee decision in agreement with officer advice	N/A
Appeal Decision	Allowed

17/00029/AS	Egerton	Weald North	16 Harmers Way, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DN Two storey side and rear extension.
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9)

AOB

- Queens Arms-**Lois will contact the family to discuss their intentions for the pub**
- Tesco funding-Pat- **Tesco have changed the way funding is distributed, Alison will look into this to maybe obtain some funding for the pre-school move.**
- Statement of Internal Control update.- **The Clerk will update ready for the Chairman to sign then the Clerk will put onto web site.**
- Ben Hope lower rec- **The Clerk has sent a letter requesting a cheque for the year.**
- Parish Assembly- **The more informal format was largely agreed to be a success and many villagers attended. It is thought that maybe there might be a need for some sort of formal discussion time. This will be discussed before next year.**
- Notice board on Glebe- **The Clerk sent a letter to Glenn Fisher who made originally. He felt that although he and Tim have tried to keep it in good repair the weather and time have taken a toll. In the future it may be that a new notice board will need to be purchased.**
- Primary school-Ambrose- **Mrs Jane Voller has left the school as has Mrs Pip Meadhurst. Mr Andrew Willmott is moving on, Kathy Clark will be acting head for terms 5 & 6. Interviews have taken place for a new headteacher.**

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- Treatment works- Ambrose- **Due to a pump having broken it has been necessary to manually pump sewage. Repairs will be carried out.**
- Web site-Alison- **The Clerk will have a meeting with Alison and together they will get transferred articles on web with Eis and change to Hugofox. David Buckett (auditor) has picked up certain items that need to be shown on the web site, Alison will help with this. Action: Alison Richey, Clerk**
- Trains stopping at Pluckley-Peter- **At the Parish Assembly Peter was asked about less trains stopping at Pluckley. There is to be a consultation about South Eastern franchise. Peter is to contact Pluckley PC as to whether they have any more information. Action: Peter Rawlinson**
- Tree at Forstal villas- **As there is no preservation order on the tree in question there is no problem about the tree having been cropped to a manageable size.**
- Welcome pack-Pat- **Delivered to new residents 13 Harmers Way**
- Roy Manual- **A rowan tree has been planted in the lower rec in memory of Joan.**
- Court Summons-Richard **A letter was received some months back which Richard thought might be for Egerton, Bolton as the court was in Salford. Recently another letter was received that the court was now to be Dartford with Ashford Borough Council, KCC and Egerton PC named. Following many phone calls without success the Clerk has written to Canterbury Court, where the case is now to be, to try to ascertain what the letter is referring to.**
- Tim noted a van has been seen speeding through the car park.
- Fly-tipping CCTV-Peter **thought that the email received by EPC should be kept on file in case fly-tipping became more of a problem in the future for the village.**
- Chairs- **Pluckley PC have taken 127 chairs which were being stored in the barn, the Clerk is awaiting a cheque which will be given to the Millennium hall committee.**

The meeting closed at 10.24pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 2nd May 2017 at 8.00pm