

EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 7th October 2014
in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, Egerton at 8.00pm.

1. **Present:** Richard King (Vice Chairman), Roger Harper, Ambrose Oliver, Tim Oliver, Pat Parr, Peter Rawlinson, Bill Smyth, Richard Wall, Geraldine Dyer (Ward Councillor) and Heather James (Clerk).

7 members of the public were also present.

3. **Apologies:** Alison Richey (Chairman)
4. **Election of Officer:** Alison Richey (Chairman) has resigned as Chairman due to ill-health, but will remain as a Councillor. The Vice Chairman asked the Clerk to take the Chair for the election of a new Chairman.

Tim Oliver **proposed** Richard King (Vice Chairman) as Chairman, Bill Smyth **seconded**; the vote was carried unanimously by all Cllrs. Richard King accepted the role as Chairman.

Bill Smyth **proposed** Peter Rawlinson as Vice Chairman, Tim Oliver **seconded**; the vote was carried unanimously by all Cllrs. Peter Rawlinson accepted the role as Vice Chairman.

5. **Declarations of interest:** None

The minutes of the meeting on 2nd September 2014 : The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings.

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

6. Matters Arising from 2nd September 2014

a) **Footpaths and stiles:**

Pat has received notification that the stile at Egerton House has been fixed, the Clerk will check and if it is not fixed sufficiently will ask R James & Sons fencing to fix. The request for a kissing gate to replace the stile has not been met. The orchard next to Mellows has been fenced off to keep sheep in. Pat mentioned to the owner about the footpath so the owner has put in two stiles. Pat will continue to monitor if any more complaints are forth coming. Pat put forward dog owners complaints about some stiles and the requests for kissing gates but KCC responded that they were not obliged to provide kissing gates. Pat has received a pamphlet detailing farmers and landowners responsibility when ploughing and seed sowing to keep footpaths usable.

Action: Clerk

b) **Highways:**

Richard King and Colin Pritchard, from The Shop, went down Iden lane with a metal detector to try and find drains to put on maps. Peter and Richard Wall are co-ordinating to prepare maps to show all drains within the village then a sight meeting can be set up with Highways to make sure they carry out cleaning works on ALL drains. Bill is to let Peter have an old map which was produced a number of years ago showing roads and drains.

The Clerk is to contact KCC highways to find out how they require map co-ordinate shown. Also when the drain teams are scheduled to visit Egerton.

Pat has reported to Highways the poor state of repair of Forstal Road, Lenham Forstal. Many of the Cllrs agreed that the road is in urgent need of repair. Richard King felt it was not appropriate

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to be mentioning other road repairs not in Egerton within Egerton Parish council meeting. The Clerk is to contact Lenham Clerk with the report. **Action:** Peter Rawlinson, Richard Wall, Clerk

- c) **Culverts:** The Clerk has visited Martin Gravett, Forge Lane about keeping drains cleared to help prevent flooding during the winter. Martin was very helpful and advised the Clerk that many properties within Forge Lane had their drains cleared by Richard Hopkins. The Clerk then had discussions with Richard Hopkins who gave details of which drains he had cleared for land owners and which drains would need reporting to KCC for highways to clear. **Action:** Clerk
- d) **Finger post:** Now all the work to repair the sign has been carried out Peter has very kindly been and painted the sign and it looks very smart. Thank you Peter. A donation has been received with a letter congratulating all concerned with the works carried out on the sign. The Clerk will write a letter of Thanks as was sent to the villager who paid for the casting of the round top for the sign. **Action:** Clerk
- e) **Welcome packs.** Pat is to deliver a pack to the new occupants of Malt House Barn. **Action:** Pat Parr
- f) **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 design for Peter to view. **Action:** Peter Rawlinson
- g) **Road sign:** Richard Hopkins has been contacted to request that he straightens the sign at Forstal road and also the finger post sign in the same area when he is passing in his machine. Following some confusion as to which sign was actually broken, Bill has offered to check and repair the sign along New Road. Thank you Bill. **Action:** Bill Smyth, Clerk
- h) **Strong box:** This will be purchased once the Chairman and Clerk are able to access the archive in the hall during the next school holidays. **Action:** Richard King, Clerk
- i) **Newlyn planning:** Amended plans approved by ABC as shown on planning agenda.
- j) **Speeding cars in car park:** The speed sign which has been knocked down is to be re-instated by Bill and Tim. **Action:** Bill Smyth, Tim Oliver
- k) **KALC Events September-October:** Ambrose attended the KALC event and has produced a report which has been circulated to all Cllrs and the Clerk will keep on file. **Action:** Clerk
- l) **Recycling:** The recycling bins beside the Games barn have now been removed with only the can bank and clothes bank remaining. Bill is organising for a new paper recycling bin to be put in place and also one for glass. When these are in place villagers will be encouraged to use them rather than putting all recycling into green wheelie bins. This will ensure that Egerton gets the funds and not Biffa. **Action:** Bill Smyth

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- m) **Arnold Ferrari:** Vicky and Arnold have placed a Thank you message in the Parish magazine and were delighted with the card depicting multiple views of Egerton from villagers.
- n) **Elm Close:** The Clerk contacted highways requesting that white lines be painted at intervals along the kerb edge at Elm Close and the top of the steps leading to the hall to assist elderly residents during the darker evenings. Highways replied this would not be possible. Bill and Tim have offered to get some luminous white paint and carry out the work. Thank you Bill and Tim. They have also had a request from a villager to paint lines on the speed bumps so these will be more obvious during the winter evenings. **Action:** Bill Smyth, Tim Oliver
- o) **Weeds:** There has been a request to have the weeds growing over the steps from Elm Close leading down to the hall car park removed. Bill has offered to do this. Thank you Bill
Action: Bill Smyth
- p) **Ward Member Community Grant Scheme:** Geraldine advised Cllrs that there is still money available. Pat had some ideas, a new marquee ready for the fete in 2015, Christmas tree lights and decorations for Christmas on the Glebe, whether the hall needs some decorating and Richard would like to purchase a new blue ray player for the film club. Geraldine is to send out paperwork that needs to be completed to request money. **Action:** Geraldine Dyer

7. Correspondence

All circulated by email in advance unless marked with a *

Action

Community awards 2015: All 2/10 **Pat to follow up after Cllrs have discussed.**

Note

Fields in trust awards: All 4/9

The Accessible Britain challenge: All 9/9

Screen South Kent in WW1: All 9/9

Kent Police Ethics committee: All 9/9

Came & Co Insurance newsletter: All 9/9

KALC The Parish News: Alison, Pat, Ambrose, Richard Wall 9/9

KALC Dynamic Councillor event: All 11/9

Kent Police & Crime Commissioner newsletter: All 11/9

South East Water news: All 11/9

The need for speed awareness: All 16/9

KALC L & D update Summer 2014: All 16/9

RoSPA play safety inspection course: Alison, Bill 18/9

Parish Forum dates: Richard Wall 18/9

KALC events: All 18/9

SECAMB Police & Crime event: All 18/9

UK Power networks – Power of giving: All 25/9

Dementia helpline: Alison, Sheila Palmer 25/9

Car confidence and self- protection event: All 25/9

External audit paperwork: All 25/9

Elections 2015: 30/9

KALC events: 30/9

Submitted sites 8/10 Geraldine: 30/9 **Geraldine will attend meeting to mention Smarden and Egerton housing needs.**

Community contacts: Pat 30/9

Community Warden Consultation: Richard King 30/9 All 2/10 **mention at meeting- Although Egerton does not have one, Richard King will fill in form.**

Volunteers for Focus group: 30/9

Ashford funding fair: 30/9

Sustainable Communities Act- Wingham PC: All 2/10 **mention at meeting- The Clerk will write in support.**

Prince's Trust funding: All 7/10

Parish seminar 18/11: All 7/10 **Richard Wall will attend.**

Consultation-planning and travellers: All 7/10

Web Item

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8. **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	£
Donations	Village hall improvement	Transfer 31/7	214.00
Green Thumb	Grass treatment	Transfer	70.00
Wicksteed	Swing chains	Transfer	293.83
Donation Egerton Friends	Village Hall improvement	Transfer	63.00
PKF Littlejohn	External audit	Transfer	360.00
Donation Egerton Friends	Village Hall improvement	Transfer	74.00
KALC	Ambrose attended event	Transfer	72.00
Telecottage	Welcome packs	Transfer	15.15
BT	Telecottage	Transfer	49.80
Mrs H James	Staples stationery	Transfer	19.44
Heber Horticultural	Mowing September	Transfer	419.64
Mrs H James	Clerks salary October	Transfer	514.65
HMRC	October	Transfer	128.60
			2,294.11

Income			
Donation	Village hall improvement	500012	63.00
Donation	Village hall improvement	500013	74.00
ABC	½ yearly precept	BACS	9102.00
Telecottage donation	Pre-school move	BACS	200.00
Donation from villager	Village funds	500014	300.00
			9,739.00

Bank Reconciliation as at 29th August 2014 (Latest statements)

Current Account latest Statement Balance as at 29th August 2014 = £17,040.75 Less un-presented cheques as follows:

Actual balance = £ 17.040.75 as at 29th August 2014

The finance committee are to hold meetings to prepare for the budget and precept.

9. Public Discussion

Richard King closed the meeting at 9.00pm for the public discussion, the meeting re-opened at 9.25pm.

10. 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:

14/01056/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Stonebridge Green Barn, Stonebridge Green Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9AP Application for Certificate of Lawful Development - Construction of a wooden outbuilding for use as a home office
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Support

Awaiting decision:

14/00925/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Mill House, The Street, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9AL Erection of a ancillary annexe
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14/00971/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Rockhill House, Rock Hill Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DP Single storey side garden room extension, insertion of new window to NE elevation, insertion 1no conservation roof light and erection of a new 2m high gate, metal gate and brick wall adjacent to a highway
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14/00972/AS	Egerton	Weald North	Rockhill House, Rock Hill Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DP Single storey garden room extension; removal of existing &; erection of new partitions to ground floor; replacement of window with door to NW elevation; new window to NE elevation; alterations to floors and steps in halls and kitchen including provision of concrete base &; damp proofing to kitchen; 1no conservation rooflight; replacement windows; increase head height of door opening &; replace door to kitchen.
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Decided planning applications:

14/01074/AS Permit	Egerton	Weald North	2 Goodwin House, Bedlam Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DA Erection of a 2 storey side and rear extension (revision to approved application 14/00310/AS)
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13/01416/AMND/AS Amended Plans Approved	Egerton	Weald North	Newlyn, Newland Green Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9EP Revision to remove two first floor bedroom windows on existing side elevation and additional window to be added to single storey side extension (boot room) on Planning Permission Reference 13/01416/AS for part two storey part single storey side extensions to include veranda to master bedroom, front extension and new front porch (Resubmission to application 13/01003/AS)
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11. AOB

- **Ambrose-openness of local Government bodies.** Ambrose felt it would be advisable that someone attend the KALC meeting. Peter would attend if not during the day but an evening meeting.
- Members noted that the Governors of Egerton School would be submitting a Planning Application to the appropriate planning authority to provide a new pedestrian access to the school on Rock Hill Road, increase the number of parking spaces at the school, and provide for a purpose built building on part of the existing car park to house the Pre School, thus enabling them to move from the village hall to a dedicated building. This followed work undertaken by Alison Richey following the priorities identified in the village plan survey. Two neighbouring residents objected to this proposal.

The meeting closed at 9.45

Next meeting: Tuesday 4th November 2014 at 8.00pm