



Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022  
7.30pm Committee Room, Millennium Hall, Egerton

## Present

Richard King (chairman), Peter Rawlinson (Vice-Chairman) Cllrs Tim Oliver, Jeff Hopkins, Lois Tilden, Pat Parr, Claire Foinette, John Lawton, Richard Wall, Sonia Young (Clerk)

Four members of the public were present.

### 1) Declarations of Interest

**Cllr Pat Parr:** neighbour to site proposed for the Older People's Accommodation at Orchard Nurseries.

**Vice Chairman Peter Rawlinson:** near neighbour to planning application: land between 1 Crocken Hill Cottages and 2 Crocken Hill Cottages

**Chairman Richard King:** near neighbour to planning application: Brook House

**Cllr Tim Oliver:** family connection to the owner of land proposed for development at Gale Field

### 2) Apologies

County Councillor Charlie Simkins

### 3) Minutes of the Previous Meeting

#### The minutes of the meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022

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

**Proposed:** Cllr Claire Foinette. **Seconded:** Cllr Pat Parr. **All in agreement.**

### 4) Matters Arising from 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022

#### a) Noticeboard at Egerton Forstal.

**Action:** Cllrs Lois Tilden and Claire Foinette to confer on siting of the new freestanding board.

#### b) Query on KCC response to request for a grant towards printing the Neighbourhood Plan

No response received by Chairman Richard King from KCC's solicitor.

**Action:** Chairman Richard King to follow up.

#### c) Request to 100 Club for funds to help with costs of playground improvements.

No response received.

**Action:** Clerk to write to Jonathan Elworthy seeking the scope for using funds raised by villagers in the 100 Club towards playground improvements. Clerk also to write to him as Chair of the last Egerton Fete and to the Treasurer to ask about the disbursement of funds raised at the Fete.

#### d) A full list of EPC policy renewals, by date, needed.

Completed and circulated to Cllrs by Cllr Claire Foinette

#### e) 123 bus service

On main agenda

#### f) Drainage on the football and cricket fields

Cllr Jeff Hopkins reported that the works were complete and paid for via a grant of £7,000 from the Geoff Wickens Trust.

#### g) Egerton Christmas Fair

The fair is not going ahead due to lack of volunteers or interest from stand holders in the proposed 2022 date of 17 December. The organising team will revisit the idea for 2023 if more volunteers step forwards, and an earlier delivery date in December is secured.

#### h) The Clerk – annual performance appraisal

Chairman Richard King and Cllr Foinette reported that an annual performance review had been undertaken with The Clerk.

**I) Book of Condolence – HM Queen Elizabeth II**

Cllr Claire Foinette gave the clerk the Egerton Book of Condolence to store in the village archive.

**j) Monopole**

Cllr Lois Tilden reported that the electrical supply to the new Telecoms monopole at Crockenhill had been completed.

**5) Chairman to close the meeting for public discussion**

Chairman closed the meeting for public discussion.

Meeting closed 19.46pm

Meeting re-opened 19.50pm

**6) Footpaths report No 151** (see Appendix i)

Cllr Pat Parr will write to Kent County councillor Charlie Simkins to find out why Egerton does not have a dedicated footpaths steward.

**Action:** Cllr Pat Parr

**7) Highways report No 39** (see Appendix ii)

Cllr John Lawton reported that he attended the KCC highways webinar and reported that KCC highways team confirmed that in an ‘emergency’, a utility company can close a road with less than 2hrs notice to KCC. It was agreed, in the webinar, that current legislation covering the process of road closure is inadequate and needs to be reviewed.

**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 with ABC to receive regular alerts of applications and decisions.

<b>Case Reference:</b>	PA/2022/2512
<b>Location</b>	Land North of Crockenhill Road, Egerton, TN27 9EG
<b>Proposal</b>	A hybrid application comprising a Full Application for the erection of 8 no. local needs affordable homes with associated external works, and an Outline Application (with all matters except access reserved) for 1 no. open market, custom build dwelling.
<b>View Files:</b>	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
<b>Comments deadline:</b>	before 13/11/2022

**EPC view:**

1. This application by English Rural Housing (ERH) has been the subject of parish-wide consultation over the past few months. The site (Gale Field) was included in the adopted Egerton Neighbourhood Plan for local needs affordable housing. It is justified by the ACRK survey on housing needs during the Neighbourhood Plan process; and since then, this has been further confirmed by over 13 expressions of interest from local people for an affordable home via ERH’s interactive website. This location for development is outside the confines of Egerton Forstal and the main village. But because it is for local needs affordable housing, it justifies designation as a rural exception site and meets the criteria in ABC’s 2030 Borough Plan. The application already has the support of the ABC Housing team and features in ABC’s Housing Delivery Plan.

2. The layout is similar to ERH’s small development at Chantlers Meadow in Forstal Road, with a single access point onto Crockenhill Road, additional grasscrete parking areas, green spaces and extra hedging to over-compensate for hedging that will be lost from creation of the access road. The design shows houses with hanging tiles on the upper elevations rather than the weatherboarding at



Chantlers Meadow. This avoids uniformity but also takes account of the Parish Design Statement and complements the brick houses on the opposite side of the road further up the hill. It is understood that the inclusion of a self-build plot with a bungalow would be sold after the affordable homes are built to enable ERH to cross-subsidise their developments and this idea meets Government guidelines. It is already in practice by ERH elsewhere in Ashford.

3. Egerton Parish Council (EPC) notes there are objections on the ABC website from several people, and sadly there is some misunderstanding, despite best endeavours to advise each household with correct publicity. Some misleading comments have also been aired on social media about the proposal. EPC recognises that few people ever want development in their back yards, but this proposal has little direct impact on nearby residents. There are green spaces between the site and existing development; it will hardly be seen from the existing houses on Crockenhill; and minimises the effect of ribbon development. It was the only site offered by landowners at well below market price for local needs affordable housing. The custom-build plot shown with a bungalow and the semi-detached affordable rent bungalow would keep the roof level low nearest to the houses further up the hill and behind the trees.

4. It is understood there are concerns about trees, lost green space, wildlife conservation, land drainage and sewerage. ERH has listened to concerns and EPC understands they will mitigate the impact of development as far as is practicable. If planning permission were granted for local needs affordable housing on this site (or any other exception site that might have come forward in Egerton Forstal), local benefactors pledged to buy a section of adjacent land to preserve a green zone. This would be for the benefit of all local residents to use for leisure purposes with scope for a nature reserve since there is no community green space in the Forstal. In this case it would back onto the proposed new homes but would not extend as far as the field boundaries in any direction. This would increase the opportunities for wildlife habitat beyond the limited wildlife habitat that Gale Field currently provides as indicated in ERH's surveys. So, there would be a significant net biodiversity gain in line with Natural England's strategy endorsed by the Government.

5. EPC has had detailed discussions with ERH about drainage and sewerage. This would be an issue for any development site in the village. We would expect ERH to give consideration to installing a separate site sewage treatment system as we know this has been achieved in other ERH sites. ERH has indicated the intention to ensure the existing ditch is cleared and will provide drainage systems on site. This will need to be thorough and extend beyond the site for full efficacy and avoid flooding. The matter of additional traffic is another consideration, but EPC recognises that this would equally apply in other locations in the village (if available) to provide much-needed local needs affordable housing, the most recent of which was Chantlers Meadow completed in 2010. The design and layout of this proposal on Crockenhill road would prevent its new residents from parking in Crockenhill road itself and access to the main road will only be from one point, with good visibility.

6. Other concerns are about the site's sustainability, especially with the final cut to the bus service recently announced by KCC. But EPC is clear that this development is for existing local people who have evidently declared their wish to remain in the village close to their families and/or their work and who understand the limitations of the village. Families and young people remaining in the village contribute balance to Egerton's demographic profile and help to sustain the school. KCC agreed as part of the Neighbourhood Plan to improve the footpath from Gale Field up to the school to encourage more walking, creating safer access to the top of the village and reducing car transport, congestion and pollution. The semi-detached bungalows meet the needs of older people who do not



own their own homes but need to move to exception sites policy for promoting delivery of local needs affordable housing. EPC notes that the Government's NPPF supports this under Para 54 that local planning authorities should 'be responsive to local circumstances and plan housing development to reflect local needs, particularly for affordable housing, including through rural exception sites where appropriate' and 'should in particular consider whether allowing some market housing would facilitate the provision of significant additional affordable housing to meet local needs'. This proposal matches the local and national policies. EPC and ABC would be failing to deliver these policies and would fail local people if their housing needs were not met by this application. This would add to the number of Elm Close bungalows owned by ABC, where the most recent were built over 30 years ago - there is a need for more suitable accommodation, but no more space is available in Elm Close.

7. EPC believes it is important to comply with ABC's Policy HOU2 which spells out a specific exception sites policy for promoting delivery of local needs affordable housing. EPC notes that the Government's NPPF supports this under Para 54 that local planning authorities should 'be responsive to local circumstances and plan housing development to reflect local needs, particularly for affordable housing, including through rural exception sites where appropriate' and 'should in particular consider whether allowing some market housing would facilitate the provision of significant additional affordable housing to meet local needs'. This proposal matches the local and national policies. EPC and ABC would be failing to deliver these policies and would fail local people if their housing needs were not met by this application.

8. EPC is satisfied that this proposal fulfils the following criteria in ABC's Policy HOU2: • it meets an identified housing need in the parish to cater for people who have a genuine local connection, in line with the Council's Rural Local Needs Housing Guidance Note • it provides local needs housing that is appropriate in terms of its tenure, type, size and cost to meet the needs identified • the local need housing element is conditioned so that subsequent occupancy of the dwelling will be controlled by a binding agreement to ensure the property remains available to meet local needs in the future and does not only benefit the first occupier.

9. EPC has listened to what people have to say for and against this application and have read comments on the ABC website. EPC's prime considerations are material planning issues, especially bearing in mind the result of the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum early this year: over 91% voted in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan. This site meets Policies D3 and D4 of the Neighbourhood Plan and since it was adopted by ABC in March this year (2022), it is part of the ABC Local Plan. We know from ERH's consultation that the demand for affordable homes for local people is growing, not shrinking. EPC therefore supports this application.

**Propose:** support

**Proposed:** Cllr Lois Tilden **Seconded:** Chairman Richard King. **All in agreement. Cllr Tim Oliver did not take part in the discussion, or vote.**

Case:	PA/2022/2086
for:	Proposed timber repairs to the barn after storm damage, including replacement jowel post and two principal rafters.
at:	Millstream Cottage, Field Mill Road, Egerton, TN27 9AU
<b>Determination:</b>	<b>Approve with Conditions</b>
<b>On:</b>	<b>24/10/2022</b>



This has been approved with some exacting conditions, but which should be possible for the contractors/owners to meet. Comment from EPC made prior.

<b>Case Reference:</b>	PA/2022/2687
<b>Location</b>	Land between 1 Crocken Hill Road and 2 Crocken Hill Cottages, Crocken Hill Road, Egerton, TN27 9BJ
<b>Proposal</b>	Erection of dwelling house
<b>View Files:</b>	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
<b>Comments deadline:</b>	before 17/11/2022

**EPC view:**

1. Egerton Parish Council notes the application is for a family home consisting of a significant four-bedroom + 3-bathroom house on three floors in addition to the applicants' existing house (Newlands) and its annexe in Mundy Bois Road. The proposed house would be on a plot of land on which the applicants keep horses at the top of Crockenhill. Egerton Parish Council is keen to see that material planning considerations are key factors in this case.

2. In line with the Ashford Borough Local Plan and the adopted Egerton Neighbourhood Plan this proposal would be regarded as development in the countryside, beyond the confines of Egerton and Egerton Forstal. ABC Policies HOU3a and HOU5 are relevant and the information provided by the applicants should be assessed as to its scope for: • Accommodation to cater for an essential need for a rural worker to live permanently at or near their place of work in the countryside; • Development that represents the optimal viable use of a heritage asset or would be appropriate enabling development to secure the future of heritage assets; • The re-use of redundant or disused buildings leading to an enhancement to the immediate setting; • A dwelling that is of exceptional quality or innovative design which should be truly outstanding and innovative, as reviewed by an independent panel of architects to reflect the highest standards of architecture, significantly enhancing its immediate setting and being sensitive to the defining characteristics of the local area; • A replacement dwelling, in line with policy HOU7 of the Local Plan; or an exception site for local needs affordable housing as in policy HOU2.

3. Egerton Parish Council was advised by the applicants some time ago about their general proposal and inter alia there was reference to the Egerton Parish Design Statement. Plan details were not provided at the time. The materials proposed include all-over timber cladding with no description of colour or treatment but the houses on one side of the plot are traditional Kentish ragstone construction and on the other side red brick. Timber cladding is quite a common building finish in the parish, yet a new 3-storey fully timber-cladded house next to the ragstone semi-detached houses with only dormer roof windows at first floor level could look incongruous; the semi-detached brick houses on the other side are two-storey homes.

4. The land is currently a field with access to the road. The description of hard tarmac driveways to the proposed house and alongside it would be better conforming to sustainable drainage provisions; green energy provision is not specified. Rather than being a space that could be infilled, in line with the Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan, this green space is valued to separate the housing at the top of Crockenhill and break up the "ribbon" effect.

6. Reference to ABC's self-build classification is pertinent. There have been recent local cases described in this way were building a new dwelling on a spare plot of land or large garden outside



the confines of a settlement was not permitted and it is important to maintain objectivity and consistency or else create a precedent for sporadic development.

7. Whilst the proposal for housing development on part of Gale field on Crockenhill Road (PA/2022/2512) may be quoted as being similar, that proposal is contrastingly a rural exception site to meet the needs of local residents on the ABC Housing Register for an affordable property to rent and also for shared ownership, covered by HOU2.

**Propose:** comment only

**Proposed:** Chairman Richard king. **Seconded:** Cllr Richard Wall. **All in agreement. Cllr Peter Rawlinson did not take part in the discussion or vote.**

<b>Case Reference:</b>	PA/2022/2270
<b>Location</b>	Brook House, Stonebridge Green Road, Egerton, TN27 9AP
<b>Proposal</b>	Erection of a wooden fence with removal of Leylandii.
<b>View Files:</b>	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
<b>Comments deadline:</b>	before 12/11/2022

**EPC view:** The application is in the Egerton Conservation Area and on the curtilage of a Grade II Listed Building. It is for a higher feather-edge boarded fence than is in place now alongside the property boundary with Iden lane. The original fence is 1.2 m; this is for 1.8 plus 0.4m trellis. The leylandii trees behind the existing fence are to be felled and more appropriately, new hornbeam is proposed to be planted outside the fence adjacent to the highway.

2. High close-boarded fences are hard landscaping features that are incongruous in the countryside where indigenous hedges should prevail - despite the misfortune that several such fences have replaced natural hedges in various parts of the parish including one opposite this application's location along Iden Lane. A trellis facing out to the road would add considerably more height, especially since the boundary of the property is already on a grassy bank about 0.6m higher than the road. Trellis would also give more of a suburban garden impression than is fitting for a rural setting. However, the proposal to remove the leylandii on the inside of the fence and plant hornbeam on the outside of the fence would soften the effect and create a natural screen as well as provide better habitat for wildlife than leylandii. The plans do not show how far the fence would be from the edge of the highway nor if there is adequate room for the hornbeam to thrive without severe cutting back even before it matures into a thick hedge. A planting space far enough from the fence line to the edge of the highway would be important to allow unimpeded access along the narrow, single-track lane. At present there is only about 0.5m from the property boundary to the edge of the highway. Moving the existing boundary fence-line further inside the property to give a deeper planting area outside a new fence might be a sound precaution.

**Propose:** comment only

**Proposed:** Cllr Lois Tilden. **Seconded:** Cllr Claire Foinette. **All in agreement. Chairman Richard King did not take part in the discussion or vote.**

<b>Case Reference:</b>	PA/2022/2628
<b>Location</b>	Fern Cottage, Mundy Bois Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent TN27 9ER
<b>Proposal</b>	Proposed two storey side extension with associated external works, erection of proposed garage.
<b>View Files:</b>	<a href="#">Click Here</a>

<b>Comments deadline:</b>	before 07/11/2022
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**EPC view:** The design meets the Parish Design Statement and will not spoil the vista.

**Propose:** comment only

**Proposed:** Cllr Lois Tilden. **Seconded:** Cllr Jeff Pat Parr **All in agreement.**

<b>Case Reference:</b>	22/01015/AS
<b>Location</b>	South Broadham, Rock Hill Road, Egerton, Ashford, TN27 9EB
<b>Proposal</b>	Lawful development certificate - Existing domestic garden shed in field.
<b>View Files:</b>	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
<b>Comments deadline:</b>	before 07/11/2022

**EPC view:** An existing shed of some longstanding and domestic use.

**Propose:** No comment.

**Proposed:** Cllr Lois Tilden. **Seconded:** Cllr Jeff Hopkins. **All in agreement.**

<b>Case Reference:</b>	PA/2022/2683
<b>Location:</b>	Pembles Cross Farmhouse, Egerton House Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent TN27 9BN
<b>Proposal:</b>	Proposed erection of a Garden Office.
<b>View Files:</b>	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
<b>Comments deadline:</b>	before 21/11/2022

**EPC view:** Egerton Parish Council notes this is to replace, but in a different spot, an existing office/outbuilding. The existing one is like a large timber shed with UPVC windows and felt roof, whereas the proposal is for a weather-boarded building of roughly the same dimensions, with a clay tiled roof and wooden windows. The proposal would be more in keeping with the Grade II Listed house and Oasthouse and in line with the Parish Design Statement. However, the siting of it is quite far away from the house, just within the boundary of the land attached to the house. The proposals show a single storey building with a roof pitch too low for any rooms above. The floor plan shows 2 modest rooms and shower/basin/loo. The situation of the original outbuilding does not complement the setting of the listed buildings near it and the proposal would be an enhancement of the setting.

**Propose:** comment only

**Proposed:** Cllr Lois Tilden. **Seconded:** Vice chairman Peter Rawlinson. **All in agreement.**

**a) Planning appeals – North Field –**

Cllr Lois Tilden advised that the grounds of the appeal submitted by the appellant have been located and are now posted to the ABC website and EPC should now work carefully to consider its response and protect the Neighbourhood Plan that 92% of the 50% of villagers who came out to vote in the March referendum on the Neighbour Plan, voted in favour of.

**b) MBC plan review – Lenham Heath Garden Development**

EPC thanked Cllrs Tilden and Lawton for keeping a watching brief on this review. Comment from EPC have been submitted.

**9) Affordable housing – update**

Nothing to report outside of the consideration of the planning application at Item (8)

**10) Older People’s Accommodation – update**

Nothing to report until the outcome of the application for outline planning approval is known.

**11) Review and approval of EPC Risk Assessment 2022-23**



The EPC Risk Assessment document was circulated to all Cllrs prior to the meeting.

**Propose:** approval.

**Proposed:** Chairman Richard King. **Seconded:** Cllr Tim Oliver. **All in agreement.**

### **12) User needs survey on Egerton public transport – buses**

Vice Chairman Peter Rawlinson said outline costs were expected. The survey will be delivered to each home in the village and collected back via The George public house. The survey will identify need. Wealden Wheels has, in a meeting, indicated a keenness to assist with buses and drivers. EPC agreed clarity is still required on KCC and the County Councillor's plan for ensuring Egerton children are able to access their education in Ashford.

### **13) Correspondence**

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

ABC Selection and Constitutional Review Committee meeting outcomes. All 6/10

KCC NHT public satisfaction survey. All 6/10

Chief Constable for Kent Matthew Scott – crime survey. All. 6/10

ABC parish briefing – RK/PR/JL/LT. 6/10

KALC AGM notification Sat 19 Nov 2022. All. 10/10

Egerton Christmas fair a no go due to lack of volunteers. All. 17/10

ABC Gerry Clarkson Economic Development Consultation. All. 17/10

KALC area meet minutes. All. 17/10

ABC consult on new planning portal. All 17/10

ABC cost of living actions. All 17/10

KCC highways management plan. All. 17/10

East Kent Community Renewal fund. All. 17/10

ABC planning – cancellation of planning portal training. All. 17/10

ABC celebrates 180 years of rail. All 17/10

KALC paper ahead of AGM. All. 17/10

KALC – info on rural bus services and Kent Karrier. RK/PR. 17/10

Invitation to the Mayor's Charity 'Let's Talk Bats' evening with buffet - 29 October: All 20/10

Briefing Notes for Parishes - Great Big Green Week roundup: All 20/10

Briefing Notes for Parishes - Reptons Copper beech to be saved and Introducing the Super Six:  
All.20/11

KALC events flyer: All 25/10

SE Water webinar – future water management plan. All. 25/10

Reply Roger Gough to letter from EPC re 123 bus service. All.23/10

A shared space and place for all to visit and enjoy: 27/10

NALC publishes new report on the 2022 local elections: All 27/10

Ashford and Tenterden Remembers: 1/11

KCC bus funding reduction consultation - Update November 2022: All 1/11

Winter Information Letter: All 1/11

Civility and respect project- take the pledge: All 3/11

Temporary Road Closure - Newland Green Lane, Egerton - 19th December 2022

Kent Rail Summit slides. All. 20/10

One Network – roadworks notification. JL. 7/11

KCC councillor Charlie Simkins note 123 bus axing. All. 7/11

KCC consultation on hard rock quarrying sites. All. 7/11

FOI request. All. 7/11

Egerton Highways Improvement Plan. JL/RK/PR. 8/11

KCC Flood template. RK/PR/PP. 8/11

#### **Website**

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## **14) Accounts**

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Expenditure		Cheque No	£
Training	KALC finance training CF	BACS	72.00
Clearing behind Hall	G Green	BACS	30.00
Hedge cutting	Andrew Hopkins	BACS	168.00
Seesaw/matting/delivery	Eibe	BACS	3417.12
Playground upgrading	Wicksteed	BACS	29,422.56
Salary + Backdated April 2022 % increase x 7 months	S Young	BACS	1471.93
HMRC		BACS	199.17
<b>Total</b>			<b>34,780.78</b>

Income			
Grant for playground	KCC	BACS	2000.00
Legacy	Ernie Mexter	BACS	5000.00
Grant for playground	Geoff Wickens Trust	BACS	24,990.00
Grant for playground	Geoff Wickens Trust	BACS	10.00
Internal transfer – jubilee fund	Donation transfer from deposit to pay Egerton WI	BACS	100.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>32,100</b>

**Bank Reconciliation Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2022 = £47,891.51 less un-presented cheques as follows**

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**Actual balance = £47,891.51 at 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2022**



Note above balance includes a RESERVE of £1,000 = grant from K Mulholland/ ABC towards the printing of the Neighbourhood Plan.

**Accounts for Egerton update magazine**

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
Printing & paper	Print Big	BACS	1355.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>1355.00</b>

Income			
<b>Total</b>			

Bank Reconciliation Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2022 = £2,276.80 Less un-presented cheques as follows:

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Actual balance = £2,276.80 at 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2022

**Accounts for Village Projects**

Expenditure		Cheque No	£

Income			
Interest		BACS	1.31
Donations	Egerton Friends summer gardens	BACS	362.82
<b>Total</b>			<b>364.13</b>

Bank Reconciliation Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2022 = £31, 274.07 Less un-presented cheques as follows:

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Actual balance = £31, 274.07 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2022

**Village Projects fund**

Pre-school move		11,478.65
Esme Slater woodland		10,000.00
Village Hall		9,795.42

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

**Proposed:** Cllr John Lawton **Seconded:** Cllr Tim Oliver. **All in agreement.**

**15) Additional items**

- Update on playground equipment

An inspection of the new equipment and recent works is pending; the play area cannot reopen until independently signed off.

EPC would like to thank The Hawks Nest Trust for its donation of £250 towards the installation of the final piece of equipment – the see-saw which has been ordered and paid for and expected to be installed in January.

- Welcome packs-Pat

Three packs delivered – stocks are running low due to a high number of new residents.



It was agreed to provide £150 in the precept request 2023-2024 for printing of more packs.

- New Archive and use of Computer Centre

The Computer Centre management team have been monitoring use of the centre since it reopened. Use is low and so it has been decided to reconfigure the space to allow for a village archive to be established in the room. No timeframe as yet agreed for that to happen.

The Clerk has received notification of the annual charge for The Clerk's use of the room for office hours and an increase of £50 for the 2023-2024 year. There has been no increase in the charge for the past 5 years.

- The Glebe Christmas tree.

It was agreed that EPC should purchase the annual tree and agreed a budget of £50 in addition towards a refresh of the old decorations/ lights as well as to offer a contribution to the energy costs of running of the tree lights from the electricity supply of a nearby neighbour.

**Action:** The Clerk to liaise re the ordering and delivery of the tree and its kind decoration by a villager.

## 17) Closed session Item

There were no closed session items

**Meeting closed at 21.48pm.**

**Next meeting Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

## Appendix (i)

### Report no. 151 of the Egerton footpaths representative for November 2022

- 5 Outstanding Issues remain from the October 2022 report.
- 2 Closed Issues
- 1 New Issue

*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 210554009.** 24/05/21. AW76 opposite Kingsland Lane, Mundy Bois Road. Broken stile. RESOLVED – Work Complete.
2. **PROW 210561834.** 24/05/21. AW79 Mundy Bois Road to Rockhill Road (opposite The Laurels). Broken stile (bottom plank flicks up when you step on it as both ends have come loose from the supporting posts). RESOLVED – Officer Action.
3. 3\*. **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.

\*Queried the long delay to complete this task. Reply from Malcolm Wills. *“Thank you for your email. I have moved district and now look after the central and south Ashford parishes, so this means that at present there is no dedicated officer for the Swale and north Ashford parishes, but we are currently recruiting. Sadly, this means that there will be a greater delay in dealing with issues other than ones that pose immediate danger or developing obstructions. Consequently, this Issue is still awaiting allocation and it may be sometime before it is addressed.”*

4\*. **PROW211126930.** 09/11/21. Part of AW87 to the west of the church behind the Glebeland houses where the path is quite narrow. Badgers have again been active and collapsed the side of

the path about halfway along. Status: Still Work Scheduled but it is accessible with matting in place until a more permanent solution is found. Status: In Progress.

\*Queried the long delay to complete this task. Reply from Malcolm Wills. *“This Issue is in the hands of our capital projects officer. The boardwalk has decayed far quicker than was expected and so replacing it with similar is not a practical solution, though some minor temporary repairs to the footboards were carried out in February. We have requested that a 12m footbridge be installed but because of the nature of the land there will need to be some additional supports and ramps installed which makes an already expensive project even more so.”*

5. **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.
6. **PROW220641396.** 22/06/22. AW81. Stone Hill to Green Hill. At the Parish Assembly two separate reports were made regarding the boundary stile between the Stone Hill properties to the large field out to Green Hill. The stile there is too high for ladies to manage. Status: Still Awaiting Allocation.
7. **PROW220718308.** 21/07/22. AW88. Elm Close to Stone Hill. Official KCC fingerpost at the top of the steps leading down to the hall pointing across to direct walkers to the footpath which leads out to Stone Hill is missing. Status: Work Added to Forward Maintenance Plan.

**NEW ISSUE:**

1. **PROW220145684.** 27/10/22. AW106. The Cottage on The Street by the telephone box out towards Egerton House etc. The new owners of The Cottage have sent a dozen photos (4 attached here) where various of the trees on the footpath are leaning towards their property or beginning to grow over The Cottage. I have suggested to KCC a meeting with the new owners to discuss the issues.



**Appendix (ii)**

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**Summary**

**Closed Items            2**

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**New Items**

### Closed Issues

Reference	Description & Status
<b>638068</b>	<b>Link Hill Lane – Multiple Potholes</b>
<b>Logged</b>	25/05/2022
<b>Status</b>	Works completed
634285	Iden Lane – Multiple Potholes and road edge collapse
Logged	30/04/2022
Status	Works completed

### Outstanding Issues

Reference	Description & Status
589193	Stonebridge Green Road - Blocked drain/gully
Logged	2 <sup>nd</sup> August 2021
Status	Enquiry attended - more work required
<b>60002069</b>	<b>Green Hill Lane – Potholes</b>
<b>Logged</b>	24/05/2022
<b>Status</b>	Works being programmed
<b>No reference</b>	<b>Pembles Cross/Barham Mill Road – Road repair</b>
<b>Logged</b>	Unknown
<b>Status</b>	Order raised
646549	<b>Egerton House Road near The Coppice – Dip/Depression</b>
Logged	20/07/2022
Status	Works being programmed
655998	<b>Egerton House Road/Link Hill Lane Blocked Drain/Gully</b>
Logged	21/09/2022
Status	Enquiry under investigation
655201	Chapel Lane Forstal Blocked Drain/Gully
Logged	15/09/2022
Status	Enquiry under investigation
60002710/659473	Mundy Bois Road – Multiple Potholes
Logged	09/08/2022
Status	Works being programmed



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**New Issues**

Reference	Description & Status