

EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 6th March 2018
in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, Egerton at 8.00pm.

Present: Richard King (Chairman), Claire Foinette, Ambrose Oliver, Tim Oliver, Pat Parr, Rob Walker, Geraldine Dyer (Ward Councillor) and Heather James (Clerk).
8 members of the public were present, also Lois Tilden planning advisor.

1. **Apologies:** Peter Rawlinson (vice Chairman), Jennifer Buchanan, Alison Richey.
2. **Declarations of interest:** Pat Parr, Gift of land
3. The minutes of the meeting on 6th February 2018: The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings. **Proposed:** Tim Oliver; **Seconded:** Pat Parr
5. **MUGA:** Martin and Lisa Wilkinson, Rob Walker, Richard King, Jonathan Elworthy and others had a meeting which was chaired by Nick Fox to discuss the proposed Muga. It had initially been suggested locating it between the football pitch and Rock Hill Road but this idea had subsequently been dropped after opposition was expressed. Richard had also spoken to Oliver Peel, ABC's Principle Planning Officer, who confirmed that a Muga located close to Rock Hill Road would be unlikely to be granted planning consent. It was suggested that the Muga could be positioned nearer to the skate park, discreetly away from the road but within the play area, either moving the football pitch about ten metres towards Rock Hill Road, or possibly using part of the lower field, which the Parish Council supported. The location would have to be agreed with the Playing Fields Committee. Other locations should also be considered. The MUGA working group would apply to Sports England for funding and the Fete Committee were considering donating all proceeds raised at the Fete to the MUGA fund. The Parish Council were concerned by this, as the principle behind the Fete was that the funds raised should be shared by a range of worthy causes within the village, the only exception to this had been when funds were being raised for the Millennium hall, which all villagers would use.
Richard closed the meeting at 8.22 so the public could give their views. Richard re-opened the meeting at 9.05. After a lengthy discussion members agreed in principle to support the Muga proposal, subject to an acceptable location.

SID: The Clerk has contacted the Clerk of Headcorn PC about obtaining a speed indication device, similar to the one used in Headcorn but she was unable to give any helpful solution. She suggested contacting www.kent.gov.uk. Richard didn't think it was worth pursuing at this time.

4. **Matters Arising from 6th February 2018**

a) **Report No. 95 of the Egerton Footpaths Representative – March 2018**

Outstanding Footpath Issues:

1. **PROW362453 and PROW470933.** AW72. Between Forstal Farm and Poplar Farm broken fingerpost. *Signposting will be done when other works are required in the area.*
2. **PROW946600.** AW86. The footpath at Stonebridge Green Road, coming down from the Court Lodge orchards onto the road the descent or ascent is very steep with nothing to hold onto. *Inspected - Work Scheduled.*
3. **PROW972246.** AW84. A footpath from Court Lodge orchards veering off at the track leading towards Egerton House Road the path leads to woods with a stile and very steep descent or ascent into the woods with nothing to hold onto. *Allocated, Awaiting Inspection.*
4. **PROW797714.** AW90 (Green Wickets Animal Sanctuary). Received a complaint from two male ramblers experiencing verbal abuse and harassment in passing through the property on the public footpath. *Allocated - Awaiting Inspection.*
5. **PROW137944.** AW174 Hazeldene Farm to Coach Road byway has been blocked at the lower end by a fallen tree. *Awaiting Allocation.*
6. **PROW356466.** AW80 Britcher Farm. Newly-installed gate and footbridge (KCC) leads into a triangular copse supposed to join AW81 (Greensand Way) from Stone Hill to Greenhill, no exit out of the wood to join up! *Awaiting Allocation.*

New Footpath Issues:

1. **PROW773666.** As reported at the last PC meeting, further intimidation at Green Wickets when 3 of us went through. *Awaiting Processing.*
2. A resident of Forge Lane reported damaged stiles on AW72 Forge Lane towards Newland Green. I met the new owner of the fields and Poplar Farm and together we put in indicators and waymarkers to identify the correct path as the stiles mentioned were not on the footpath.

b) **HIGHWAYS**

Outstanding Highways Issue

1. **Report 318949.** (Pat). Reported to KCC 4 deep potholes at Stonebridge Green between Old Orchard Cottage and Bramley Farm. KCC say *Completed* but a resident says they've only done 1 of the 4, the others "are not deep enough". Pat has photos to use when re-reporting it.
2. **Report 326925.** (Pat). The Chairman asked for the multiple potholes in Iden Lane to be reported. *Works Completed.*

New Highways Issues

1. **Report 332695.** (Heather). Request for 'unsuitable for HGV lorries' or similar signage from Munday Bois crossroads (Greenhill Lane) down towards Smarden Woods. Requested by the owners of Mundy Bois House. *Enquiry Under Investigation.*
2. **Report 333713.** (Heather). Multiple potholes in Coach Road. *Works Completed.*
3. **Report 337830.** (Pat). Request from residents at Greenhill Lane for signage restricting access of HGVs after a massive mobile home attempted to get down there causing delays and having to cut many overhanging branches because it was so tall.

Richard showed a number of pictures as requested by Ruth Shrubbs of the dreadful state of Stonebridge Green Road.



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Richard requested that the Clerk checks KCC winter maintenance item which said some farmers could be provided with gritting machinery as well as snow ploughs and to ask who clears Egerton's roads and ask if this farmer could be given a gritter, as no gritting had taken place in the village during the snow.

The Clerk will write to thank Richard Hopkins for clearing Millennium hall car park and keeping salt bins filled.

Action: Pat Parr, Clerk

- c) **Entrance signs/Village gateways:** Charlie Simkins has been in touch with KCC to get some funding. A survey will have to be carried out by KCC hopefully by the end of March to let Charlie know the costs involved. Julian Swift is to have a site meeting with KCC and then he will submit amended designs to KCC. Pat hopes to be involved when the site meeting takes place.
Action: Pat Parr
 - d) **Mobile phone signal:** Will check if Peter has any more information at April meeting.
Action: Peter Rawlinson
 - e) **Notice boards:** Julian Swift will start work on the notice board later in the Spring.
 - f) **Gift of Land:** The paperwork still has not arrived. Sorting out the access road is moving along slowly.
 - g) **New roof for play area house and other areas in need of refurbishment:** The Clerk has instructed Tim Kent to carry out the work and the Clerk will buy all paint necessary for work to be carried out.
Action: Clerk
 - h) **GDPR:** General Data Protection Regulation, the Clerk has an annual meeting with David Buckett (auditor) and will check who he thinks would be the best company to use.
Action: Clerk
 - i) **Parishes in bloom:** Claire will follow up on this and report the next step at the April meeting.
Action: Claire Foinette
6. **PCSO:** Katherine Richards 46059656 was unable to attend the meeting and there was no crime to report.
7. **Neighbourhood Plan Update:** In Peter's absence Richard had chaired an informal meeting of the group on 17th February. Peter stepped down as chairman due to pressure of other work and Jane Carr agreed to take the chair with Lois as secretary at a meeting on 3rd March. The next meeting will be Thursday 22nd March. The Parish Council thanked Peter for all his hard work as chairman. Lois will send minutes to Clerk to be put onto web site.

8. **Sale of shop:** Due to the snow the meeting due to be held on 1st March was postponed. The new date will be 21st March at 7.30pm in the Millennium hall. The Clerk will put out posters, inform clubs and Pat will put on Egerton nextdoor site. Alison has asked an architect to draw up plans of the shop and house and plans for all proposals. The Finance Committee proposed the Parish Council should pay the £500 fee for this from the contingency fund. Richard proposed, Tim seconded and all agreed to this. The Finance committee will hold a meeting to discuss details before the 21st. Peter has a power point presentation ready for the meeting and has put out boards in various places within the village advertising the date.

9. **Correspondence**

All circulated by email in advance unless marked with a *

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Event Announcement: An Introduction to Planning For Local Councils, 10 March 2018 **No one wishes to attend.**

*Letter from Jim Stears: **Jim would like to apply for access from his garden via new gates across PC land to take a caravan/motorhome out onto Rock Hill Road. His neighbour Mr Cornwell already has access and pays rent annually to EPC. Members agreed he should be given access on the same terms as the Cornwell's. The Clerk will write to Jim to clarify.**

Note

Young people & volunteering: All 13/2

Chilmington Green report added to the Planning Committee agenda for 14th February: All 13/2

Cross Sector Networking Event, 27th March KentCan: Ambrose 13/2

Gypsy and Traveller Issues and Options consultation: All 13/2

Urgent Road Closure - The Pinnock, Pluckley – 26th February 2018: All 13/2

Inside Track Issue 251: Ambrose 15/2

Kent PCC Newsletter - February 2018: All 20/2

KALC PARISH NEWS - FEBRUARY 2018: All 22/2

Have your say on South East Water's draft Water Resources Management Plan 2019: All 1/3

Cross Sector Networking Event, 27th March: Ambrose 1/3

COLD WEATHER ADVICE FROM THE KENT RESILIENCE TEAM: All 1/3

Leader Briefing Note for Parishes: All 6/3

Important winter water advice from South East Water

KCC highways Lisa Willoughby bus gritting roads: All 6/3

123 bus route threat Charlie Simkins: All 6/3: **Richard has been in correspondence with Charlie as to when the consultation was to be carried out, Charlie replied that the consultation had been cancelled and further discussions were taking place between KCC and the bus company. Geraldine reported there would be no reduction in services.**

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Web Items

January minutes
 March agenda
 Draft February minutes

10) Accounts:

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

Proposed Claire Foinette; **Seconded:** Ambrose Oliver;

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
ACRK	Membership renewal	BACS	50.00
James Boyle	Street cleaning	BACS	106.25
Mrs H James	March salary	BACS	635.39
HMRC	March	BACS	178.92
Les Rumjahn	Plans re: alterations to shop		500.00
			1470.56

Income			

Bank Reconciliation Balance as at 28th February 2018 £9,325.49 less un-presented cheques as follows:

Actual balance = £9,325.49 as at 28th February 2018

Village Projects fund	
Pre-school move	= £ 9,261.15
Village Hall	= £ 8,756.82

Total	= £18,017.97

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Accounts for Egerton update magazine

Expenditure		Cheque No	£
Alan Arthur	delivery	000009	100.00
			100.00

Income			
Advertising			2120.00
			2120.00

Bank Reconciliation: Balance as at £28th February 2018 £4,078.95 Less un-presented cheques as follows:

Alan Arthur		00009	100.00
			100.00

Actual balance = £3,978.95 as at 28th February 2018

Accounts for Egerton Neighbourhood Plan

Expenditure		Cheque No	£

Income			

- a) Total Budget and Precept 2017-2018 £32,840
Actual amount spent to date is £19,328.94

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11) Public Discussion

Richard King held the closed meeting at the start as the people from the public gave their thoughts on the Muga.

12) 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:

18/00167/AS	Egerton	Weald North	<p>Skidd Farm, Stone Hill Road, Egerton, Kent</p> <p>Prior notification for the proposed change of use of agricultural building and land within its curtilage to a residential dwelling and associated operational development</p>
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18/00282/AS	Egerton	Weald North	<p>Little Mundy Farm, Green Hill Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9EY</p> <p>Application for lawful development - existing - use of the main barn at Little Mundy Farm has continuously and solely been in agricultural use</p>
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Awaiting decision:

18/00053/AS	Egerton	Weald North	<p>Coldharbour Farm, Barhams Mill Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DD</p> <p>Change of use of existing bed and breakfast accommodation to residential annexe and erection of a glazed link</p>
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18/00054/AS	Egerton	Weald North	<p>Coldharbour Farm, Barhams Mill Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9DD</p> <p>Erection of single storey glazed link between main house and outbuilding and formation of new opening in existing brick wall of main dwelling</p>
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17/01315/AS	Egerton	Weald North	<p>Land north of Wanden Mead, Wanden Lane, Egerton, Kent</p> <p>Change of use of land for the stationing of 3 static mobile home holiday lets.</p>
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Decided planning applications:

<p>18/00034/FC</p> <p>Withdrawn - Inappropriate procedure</p>	Egerton	Weald North	<p>Frith Wood to the South of, Newland Green Lane, Egerton, Kent</p> <p>Forestry Commission Licence 019/503/17-18, felling coppice 40 no.Hornbeam in cpt 1a and felling of 10 no.Oak trees in cpt 1b (Grid ref TQ899452)</p>
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Lois and Geraldine are to look into this

<p>17/01887/AS</p> <p>Permit</p>	Egerton	Weald North	<p>The Coach House, Green Hill Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9EY</p> <p>Removal of hard standing to be replaced with new hard standing and new timber framed cart lodge and fencing. Widen foot path and create porch. Re-position oil tank from rear of garden to front of the plot behind the front boundary fence.</p>
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<p>18/00045/AS</p> <p>Permit</p>	Egerton	Weald North	<p>Woodlands Farm Caravan, Newland Green Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9EP</p> <p>Erection of replacement dwelling and detached garage (revision to permission granted under 16/00329/AS to incorporate accommodation in the roof space with dormer windows)</p>
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Lois and Geraldine are to look into the conditions relating to the permission

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17/00195/CONA/AS Permit	Egerton	Weald North	Land North East of 5 Brook Gate abutting, Forstal Road, Egerton, Kent Discharge condition 4, 7
16/00329/CONA/AS Grant Consent	Egerton	Weald North	Replacement dwelling at, Woodlands Farm, Newland Green Lane, Egerton, Kent Discharge condition 2, 4 & 5
17/01869/AS Permit	Egerton	Weald North	Agricultural Building South West of Amherst Court, Amherst Farm, Bedlam Lane, Egerton, Kent Proposed conversion of existing concrete framed barn, creation of residential garden and driveway (amendment to application 16/01490/AS).

13) Any other business/information:

- Fly the flag for Commonwealth Day 12/3-**Pat Martin Chapman will raise the flag on Sunday 11th**
- Trim tree in car park- **The Clerk will arrange to have the tree crown lifted.**
- Parish Assembly 12th April- **Ambrose The Clerk had problems securing a date for the Parish Assembly when the Millennium Hall was not booked. There is a legal requirement for the Parish Assembly to be held between 1 March and 1 June. 2019 is election year so it would be best to have in March if possible. The Clerk will contact Jim Cook hall bookings and try and secure a date.**
- Felling tree adjacent to playing fields – **John Smith asked if a tree surgeon could fell a dying ash tree in his hedge onto the recreation ground and if he could pollard a tree on the recreation ground to increase light to his garden. Members agreed subject to Rob Walker having a look, and the agreement of the Playing Fields Committee.**

The meeting closed at 10.30pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 3rd April 2018 at 8.00pm