

EGERTON PARISH COUNCIL

**The meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 4 December 2012
in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, Egerton at 8.00pm.**

Present: Alison Richey (Chairman), Richard King (Vice Chair), Ambrose Oliver, Tim Oliver, Pat Parr, Bill Smyth and Heather James (Clerk). 6 members of the public were also present.

1. **Apologies:** Roger Harper, Richard Wall, Peter Rawlinson, Geraldine Dyer
2. **Declarations of interest:** None
3. **The minutes of the meeting on 6 November 2012:** The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of proceedings. **Proposed: Pat Parr; seconded: Tim Oliver**
4. The chairman opened the meeting and welcomed Tim Gosden from South East Coast Ambulance Service who gave a talk about Community Responders. Following a very interesting talk it was agreed that Egerton would benefit from the setting up of a Community Responder group.

5. Matters Arising from 6 November 2012

a. Playground and Skatepark: The fencing has been damaged but the new materials have been ordered and repairs are in hand. The wet pour kits and seats await installation when the weather improves. **Action: Bill Smyth**

b. Older Person's Housing: Richard King, Alison Richey and Pat Parr attended a meeting with KCC social services and ABC housing personnel. Following much discussion Alison and Richard are looking into plans and figures and will be meeting in the New year. It is hoped that that the Village will be able to assist in keeping elderly people within the village. **Action Alison Richey, Richard King**

c. Footpaths and stiles: The byway/footpath at Hazeldene Farm has been cleared sufficiently for walkers to pass and the way will be checked again in the spring when horse riders will begin using again. A job action has been raised about the footpath signs at Court Lodge and Rockhill Road opposite Buss' farm entrance as they are both lying on the ground. **Action: Pat Parr**

d. Rural Fires: Kent Fire & Rescue (KFR) had requested a report from the water company which had not yet been received by the clerk, so this will be chased up. Still waiting to hear. **Action: Clerk**

e. Cricket pitch drainage: The drainage on the bank has been noted and KCC have listed an engineer to visit, it is believed that there is a broken pipe. The water running down from Elm Close to the cricket pitch has been so great recently and with the the drainage not working properly it has resulted in the left hand side of the steps becoming sodden. It has been put forward to contact Richard Hopkins to relay a new pipe and to clear away foliage before the start of the new cricket season, this was agreed. **Action: Bill Smyth**

f. Fields in Trust: Roger Harper has sent off paper work and is awaiting a response. Thank you to Tim for collecting papers from Hallett & Co at no cost to ECP.

g. Emergency planning: The insert placed in the Newsletter has been sent out and a few have been received back to the Clerk. It was suggested that Staplehurst PC be contacted about their emergency strategy. **Action Bill Smyth**

h. Village Hall Extension Fund bank account: Alison and Clerk to collate all monies from various fund raising events and then transfer to new account. **Action Alison Richey, Clerk**

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i. Tree surgery: Following a meeting with Southern Water about the track damage following a number of lorries using it when there was a problem with the sewage works, Lee Colvin from S/W advised the Clerk that the hedge cutting of Leylandii around the sewage works is the remit of S/W.

Ash tree pollarding, Graham Howland is awaiting correct insurance to come through for his chain saw work and then he is to submit a quotation for tree work.

j. Hedges: It was noted that the hedging on the left and right hand sides of New Road towards Pluckley had not been cut back, the land on the left belongs to Tom Hills, Tim is to contact him, the land on the right is rented to Tom Downs, a letter will be sent.

Action Tim Oliver, Clerk

k. Snow committee: The snow strategy has been updated and will be placed onto the notice boards. A list of salt bins is available and their position is also available.

l. Finance meeting: The finance committee, Alison, Richard, Peter, Tim and Clerk, had a meeting to discuss the budget prior to setting the precept. Until the Jubilee finances are finalised the final figures cannot be collated, there will another meeting in January.

m. Parish Forum: Roger is checking on who is on benefits and assisted housing.

Accounts and Correspondence for December 2012

Correspondence - All circulated by email in advance unless marked with an *

Action:

Wealden Wheels*-A donation has been requested £1000 for 2013

KALC DCLG consultation

KALC GM 12/12 Peter

Planning for the future 30/11 email all 20/11

KCC Highways & Transportation survey 29/11 Pat, Tim

Faster Broadband- Alison has received an email from Jenny Oliver re: a mast being placed on churches

Smarden Parish Council-Alison has received an email about planning problems with caravans on agricultural land.

Rural news issue 123 29/11 All

Note:

Waste contract promotion 8/11

Towards 2020 KFS*Pat and emergency team

NALC finance briefing 15/11

Kent LINK EGM 29/11 email 23/11 Alison, Bill

KALC finance meeting 14/11 Peter

KHS highway steward 13/11 Pat 29/11 Tim

Local History fund grants 13/11 All

ACRK Training schedule 13/11 All

Film office channel 4 show 20/11 All

Footpaths report-Pat

Localising Support for Council Tax 4/12 All

Precept setting 2013/14 email 4/12 Alison, Richard, Tim, Peter

NALC legal topic note Alison

DCLG Consultation- making it easier to set up new PC-Alison, Peter

CPRE Kent voice magazine*

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Lloyds TSB online banking*
 English Rural Annual Report*
 Parish Forum Wed 23rd Jan 2013*

Accounts:

Approval of the accounts for the month, for cheques to be signed: Proposed Richard King; Seconded Bill Smyth

Cheques for approval:

Expenditure	Cheque No	£
PrintBig newsletter	1140	286.00
CPRE M20 NAG	1141	100.00
KALC Clerk finance event	1142	72.00
Staples Clerk reimbursed	1143	15.19
Christmas tree Glebe	1144	30.00
Clerk salary December	1145	509.09
HMRC N/I and I/T December Clerk	1146	129.51
Hire of Spots pavilion	1147	20.00
Photocopying Parish Plan	1148	24.16
Total expenditure		1,185.95

Income:

N.Cornwall peppercorn rent	5p
Sale of Jubilee DVD'S	137.00
Total Income	137.05

Bank Reconciliation as at 30 October 2012 (Latest statements)

Current Account latest Statement Balance as at 30 October 2012 = 15,799.07 Less unpresented cheques as follows:

Telecottage photocopying	1122	8.05
Clerk (Claire) salary October	1123	318.41
Heber mowing Sept	1125	432.64
Wicksteed playscapes	1126	548.14
Dell ink	1127	70.46
Rob Hopkins A/M/June cleaning	1128	446.25
R James & Sons fencing skate park	1129	727.20
Staples	1130	62.46
Audit Commission	1131	342.00
HMRC penalty	1132	100.00
Clerk salary Heather Oct	1133	509.29
Clerk salary Heather Nov	1134	509.09
Clerk salary Claire Nov last pay	1135	84.00
HMRC Oct	1136	129.31
HMRC Nov	1137	129.51
Telecottage VAT refund	1138	502.45
Louise Mills BBQ	1139	18.35
Total expenditure		4,937.61

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Actual balance = 10,861.46 as at 30 October 2012.

6. Public Discussion

Alison Richey closed the meeting at 9.25pm for public discussion. The meeting re-opened at 9.33pm.

7. 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:

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12/01269/AS	Egerton	Bakers Farm, Link Hill Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9BH Single storey rear sunroom/family room	Support
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Decided planning applications:

12/01207/AS	Turnstone, Forge Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9EJ Permit	Single storey rear extension and conversion of garage into habitable room.
12/01043/AS	Fridd Farm, Forge Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9EJ Permit	New single storey dwelling
12/01066/AS	1 The Laurels, Mundy Bois Road, Egerton, Ashford, Kent, TN27 9ER Permit	Erection of detached double garage

8. AOB

- Richard Wall attended the Parish Plan Committee and enquired if policing and responses would change with the new Police Commissioner, it was decided it would not change.
- Ambrose has expressed concern over the flooding at the bottom of Crocken Hill, it was decided this was probably due to the amount of rain that had fallen recently rather than an actual problem with drainage.
- Pat has requested that a letter box be positioned outside the Telecottage for the use of villagers leaving post for the Clerk. It was decided to look into the cost of providing a post box. **Action: Clerk**
- Following the purchase of a Christmas tree for The Glebe it has been agreed to accept the offer from Scott James to put a permanent metal holder in the ground to be capped when not in use. A letter will also be sent to Scott to Thank him for collecting the tree and erecting on the Glebe. **Action Clerk**

The meeting closed at 9.55pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday : 8 January 2013