

Eglingham Parish Council

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MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Eglingham Parish Council held on Wednesday 7 July 2021
at South Charlton Village Hall

Present: Chair – Cllr A Gray (AG), Cllrs D Biesterfield (DB), A Blackmore (AB), J Hamilton (JH), R Faulkner (RF), J Lawson (JL)

In Attendance: Clerk – Angela Meek, Gillian Ridgway and Nicky Dickinson in respect of proposal for new tennis pavilion

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| 80/21 Public Participation | No questions received. |
| 81/21 Apologies for Absence | Apologies were received from Cllr G Leishman and County Cllr W Pattison |
| 82/21 Minutes of the Previous Meeting | The minutes of the 12 May meeting were received and agreed subject to the following amendment: <i>Item 59/21 Matters Arising:</i> <i>d. Response from Speed Assessment Survey South Charlton</i> to be amended to <i>d. Response from Speed Assessment Survey North Charlton</i> |
| 83/21 Declarations of Interest | DB declared the following interests: a) In relation to item 97/21 Eglingham Local Plan Update: DB is a member of the Newcastle and Northumberland Society b) In relation to item 91/21 Suggestion Boxes – Holiday/2 nd home contributions: DB's wife owns a holiday cottage in Eglingham |
| 84/21 Statement by Chair | AG welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that it was good to be back to meeting in person, particularly as this helped with communication. He was honoured to be the Chair, having been born and brought up in South Charlton. The last 6 weeks had been a testing and busy time but hopefully the summer months would be quieter. |

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| | <p>Angela Meek had been appointed as Clerk and started in post on 28 June. Thanks were expressed to GL for his assistance with the recruitment process, and to GL's wife and to Stephen Ricketts for further assistance with employment issues.</p> <p>AG thanked all Councillors for volunteering as Cllrs for the good of the Parish. AG's vision was for a Council run in a semi-informal but professional way, being supportive to one another in working for and supporting the Parish. The intention was for an increase in applications made to the Community Foundation, with the Clerk's assistance to both individuals and groups/organisations. AG hoped that Cllrs would support his vision.</p> |
| <p>85/21 Matters Arising</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. South Charlton Village Hall Lease: DB to review as soon as possible. Action: DB b. Response from Speed Assessment Survey North Charlton: 30mph speed limit had been requested. It was agreed the Clerk would write to NCC Highways requesting this. Action: Clerk c. Safeguarding Policy: had previously been circulated. The Parish Council agreed to adopt the Safeguarding Policy, which was to be reviewed annually. A paper copy would be provided at the next meeting for signature by all Councillors. Action: Clerk d. Community Tree Planting Project: AB confirmed that a bid had been submitted and accepted for a Treescape Grant and a team established, which would visit the outlined sites, and obtain County Cllr W Pattison's consent. A biodiversity report was to be completed. e. High Speed Broadband Strategy for the Parish: GL's report was received and noted. f. Henry's Tree Memorial Funds: noted that the Church had responded to the effect that it did not wish any planting to take place in the Church grounds. It was agreed that AB would progress the Henry's Tree Project by a) consulting with Carolyn Brewster for advice about Henry's preference of tree type, b) liaising with April Potts about the proposal supported by the PC for a memorial stone to be erected using the remaining balance of funds, c) consulting with contributors about the proposal for a memorial stone. <p style="text-align: right;">Action: AB</p> |
| <p>86/21 Proposal for New Tennis Pavilion</p> | <p>Gillian Ridgway and Nicky Dickinson attended for the item and presented their proposal for a new tennis pavilion at Eglington Tennis Club. The proposal was to be funded by an application to the Community Foundation.</p> |

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| | <p>The Parish Council voted to support the application and proceed with the proposal, subject to the following actions being carried out. The PC agreed it was sensible to have solar power and water provided subject to further investigations being undertaken.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Clerk would notify the PC's Public Liability insurers with a view to ensuring that activities within the pavilion are covered by the Parish Council's public liability insurance. Action: Clerk b. The Clerk would forward GR and ND a copy of the email from GL dated 6 July and they would arrange for the Tennis Club to address the remaining issues raised. Action: Clerk, GR, ND c. The Clerk would confirm the PC's agreement to the proposal to Peter Barratt at the Community Foundation Action: Clerk <p>The proposed water supply was to be a separate project, and to be discussed further once details from Northumbrian Water were received.</p> |
| <p>87/21 Application to be Co-opted onto Eglington Parish Council</p> | <p>The Parish Council agreed to James Logan being co-opted onto the Council. The Clerk would confirm and send the necessary paperwork for completion. Action: Clerk</p> |
| <p>88/21 Proposed Christmas Lights in Eglington, South Charlton and North Charlton</p> | <p>The notes provided by Morrison Tate were received and it was noted that an application was to be made to the Wind Farm fund for Christmas lights for Eglington, South Charlton and North Charlton. The Parish Council supported the idea in principle subject to MT working up a full scheme and submitting an application to the Community Foundation. Action: MT</p> |
| <p>89/21 Parish Council Representative on Wind Farm Grant Panel</p> | <p>The Parish Council agreed its representative would be AB following the resignation of GL.</p> |
| <p>90/21 North Charlton requests for 30mph signs and Village Gateway Signs and Planters</p> | <p>The Parish Council noted that the 30mph signs were to be funded by County Councillor W Pattison's funds, if the request was agreed by the Parish Council. The planters were to be provided via an application for Wind Farm funds and costs were being obtained. An application was awaited by the PC.</p> <p>The Parish Council supported the proposals.</p> |
| <p>91/21 Suggestion Boxes</p> | <p>Holiday/Second Home Contributions: a suggestion had been received to request a contribution of £500pa from owners of second homes in South Charlton. The Parish</p> |

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| | <p>Council noted the suggestion but had no power to implement it, and did not support the idea.</p> <p>South Charlton traffic concerns: it was noted that the village gateway signs were already being arranged. The PC agreed that the 30mph flashing signs were not necessary at this stage, the 30mph speed limit only recently having been introduced. The Parish Council felt that the concerns raised about lorry logging routes was an opportunity to engage with Northumberland County Council about wider issues of heavy vehicles in the Parish. It was agreed that DB would write to NCC Planning, copying in WP, to seek changes to relieve the situation. Action: DB</p> |
| 92/21 Eglington Parish County Councillor Report | The report was received and the contents noted. |
| 93/21 Local History Project | JH gave an update advising that three villages had been researching their local history. All necessary permissions had been obtained for interpretation boards. Agreement was needed about where to place them, after which Community Foundation funds would be applied for. |
| 94/21 Biodiversity Study | JH reported that all data had been collated, and Eco North were interpreting it to provide the Phase 1 report. An extension to the June deadline had been agreed, and an update was due to JH by 9 July on when the report would be provided. |
| 95/21 Planning Matters | <p>21/02331/FUL Land South East of the Terrace Eglington NE66 2UA. Northumberland County Council had required the variation (21/01095/VARYCO) to be submitted by Indica Properties under the full application process. The Parish Council agreed the application subject to the comments made in its response to the original application and its variation. DB would draft the formal response. Action: DB</p> <p>21/00369/FUL Construction of building for tourism accommodation at Staff Accommodation Charlton Hall. Noted that the planning application had been granted.</p> |
| 96/21 Tree Planting on Community Field | <p>A commitment had been made by the Parish Council to plant trees on the community field. The suggestion had been made to have a recreational area under the trees as they mature. A discussion took place on the potential for an educational provision as well as a recreational one. The Parish Council supported the suggestion subject to further research being carried out and the provision of a more detailed proposal specifically as to scale. AB was to liaise with Nicky Dickinson. Action: AB</p> |

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| <p>97/21 Eglington Local Plan Update</p> | <p>The Northumberland Sandstone Ridges and Vales – A Valued Landscape – the following resolution was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following its resolution of 24 February 2021, Eglington Parish Council affirms, without further comment, its support of the findings of ‘The Northumberland Sandstone Ridges & Vales – a Valued Landscape’ – Alison Farmer Associates January 2021 (‘the Study’) and adopts its suggested designation of that part of the Parish Area (and the landscapes surrounding it) as advised by the Study, as an Area of High Landscape Value. <p>Eglington Parish Neighbourhood Plan Landscape Assessment Final Report – the following resolution was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to adoption of the Eglington Parish Neighbourhood Plan, Eglington Parish Council resolves to adopt the ‘Eglington Parish Neighbourhood Plan Landscape Assessment Final Report - Alison Farmer Associates May 2021’ and its recommendations. |
| <p>98/21 Finances</p> | <p>a. The following invoices were approved for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Greenfingers invoice 2480 £108 (Grounds Maintenance 7 and 21 June) - HMRC PAYE in respect of L Long £72.20 <p>b. The monthly finance report was received and noted</p> |
| <p>99/21 Other Correspondence</p> | <p>Gilbert Ward Academy Consultation – information had been received in relation to a new special free school being opened in Blyth. Comments were due by 16 July. Further information was available from the Clerk on request.</p> |
| <p>100/21 Any Other Urgent Issues</p> | <p>a. Management of Wind Farm Funds: AG advised that he had been contacted by numerous parishioners about their unhappiness about the management of the funds by the Community Foundation. Similar views had been expressed by some councillors. It was agreed that the management of the funds would be a future agenda item. Action: Clerk</p> <p>AB would make further enquiries into Ellingham’s arrangements and provide details. Action: AB</p> <p>Ideas were discussed for applications – village bus or contract with a provider; telegraph pole removal in Eglington which DB would make enquiries about in relation to the cost of similar work in Rothbury. Further ideas would be discussed at the next meeting.</p> |

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| | <p>b. Action taken on Parish Council assets: it was agreed there should be a future agenda item to discuss putting in place a process for EVH, SCVH & ECA to follow when carrying out actions on PC properties/assets. Action: Clerk</p> <p>c. Representation on EVH Committee: it was agreed that the Parish Council would be the representative on the Village Hall Committee and whichever Parish Councillor was available would attend the meeting.</p> <p>d. Clerk's Equipment: it was agreed that AG would liaise with Pete Barratt at Community Foundation to apply for funds to purchase a laptop and printer as a PC asset for use by the Clerk. Action: AG</p> <p>It was agreed in principle for the purchase of an online document storage system.</p> |
| <p>101/21 Date and Time of the Next Meeting</p> | <p>Wednesday 1 September 2021 at 7.30 at Eglington Village Hall</p> <p>Diary dates for future meetings: Wednesday 6 October 2021 at 7.30pm Wednesday 24 November 2021 at 7.30pm</p> |

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