

Eglingham Parish Council

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MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Eglingham Parish Council held on 24 November 2021

At Eglingham Village Hall

Present: Cllrs D Biesterfield (DB), J Lawson (JLa), J Hamilton (JH), R Faulkner (RF), J Logan (JL)

In Attendance: Clerk – Angela Meek, County Councillor Wendy Pattison

123/21	Public Participation – no comments received.
124/21	Apologies for Absence – Aaron Blackmore In the absence of the Deputy Chair A Blackmore, JL proposed that DB chair the meeting. Seconded by RF.
125/21	Minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2021 – the minutes were approved.
126/21	Declarations of Interest – no declarations made.
127/21	Election of Chair and Deputy Chair Following the resignation of Andy Gray as Chair and a member of the Parish Council, JL proposed DB as Chair of the Parish Council. This was seconded by RF. DB was duly elected as Chair. <i>(Subsequent to the meeting AB confirmed that he was willing to continue as Deputy Chair)</i>
128/21	Matters Arising Henry's Tree: noted the outcome of the consultation on spending the balance of the donations, and that £6.15 remained which would be given to the Alnwick Food Bank as part of the Council's next donation. Repair of Litter Bin, South Charlton: RF/JLa would liaise with A Gray about progress and report back at the January PC meeting. RF/JLa Eglingham Village Hall Sign: the Clerk would request an update from Judith Scott. Clerk Application 21/03872/COU Middlemoor Narrow Boats Chathill: DB had queried with NCC the location of the site. The Clerk would follow up. Clerk Tree Planting on Community Field: AB's report was received and noted that ECA had drawn up plans on area and design for planting trees which would not disturb the drainage system. AB to submit plans at the next meeting. AB Demonstrations on use of Defibrillators: agreed that JL would provide options to the January meeting on provision of defibrillator demonstrations to each village and on First Aid courses. JL

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	<p>Parish Council Insurance: noted the position as outlined in DB's report and resolved to review the PC's insurance position and insofar as appropriate to rationalise it.</p> <p>Traffic Concerns: noted that DB and JH would meet representatives of NCC on 10 December to see what the scope of action was, and then decide further action. Members raised the need to be aware of the potential impact on trade of any action taken, and of alternative routes used. DB/JH would report to the January meeting. DB/JH</p> <p>Jubilee Parish Picnic: noted that ECA would arrange an event on 4 June on the Community Field for the Parish.</p> <p>Meeting with NCC's Leader – Dates of PC meetings have been provided to NCC Civic Heads' PA for scheduling a meeting.</p> <p>Eglingham Road Signage and Markings: the response from NCC Highways was noted to the effect that no action was possible due to Eglingham being a built-up village with a 30mph speed limit and drivers were expected to know they could encounter pedestrians and should drive accordingly.</p> <p>Dog Litter Bin at Eglingham: noted the possibility of an added enclosure around the bin at Tarry with a dog litter bin on the outside. DB to explore options and report to January meeting. DB</p> <p>Great North Air Ambulance Service: agreed donation of £25. Clerk</p> <p>Certificate of Compliance: noted the PC's Solicitors have advised that they are still waiting to hear back from the solicitor acting for the other party. The Clerk will write GL to advise further action is in their hands. Clerk</p>
129/21	<p>Precept Setting for 2022 – 2023</p> <p>The item was deferred. DB and Clerk to discuss and report to the January meeting. DB/Clerk</p>
130/21	<p>Vacant Councillor Positions</p> <p>The Parish Council agreed that DB and AB would arrange to meet Alyson McGarrigle and invite her to the next PC meeting. DB/AB</p> <p>The Parish Council agreed to the co-option of Adam Wilson.</p>
131/21	<p>Suggestion Boxes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) First Aid Courses – discussed under item 128/21. b) North Charlton Bus Shelter – conversion to Library: JH reported for information that Highways England would be willing to consider its refurbishment. A detailed proposal and costings were requested by the PC and JH was asked if she was willing to take the matter forward. In light of her other commitments, the matter was deferred pro tem.
132/21	<p>Eglingham Parish County Councillor's Report</p> <p>The PC received the reports for November and December.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The work of Communities Together was noted by the PC and highly commended. The item would be added to Hearabouts magazine. Clerk b) The A1 proposals were noted and that the Secretary of State was to approve them in January 2022.

	<p>c) Queen's Jubilee – there was to be funding available from NCC for a “Big Lunch” on 4 and 5 June 2022 to support street parties. The PC would be able to access funds. The Clerk would inform Eglington Community Association through Malcolm Angus. More details to follow from NCC. Clerk</p>
133/21	Eglington Local Plan - Report from DB received and noted.
134/21	Local History Project – Report from JH received and noted.
135/21	Biodiversity Study – JL reported that all 11 residents have granted access to their land and the study would progress. The results would be provided to the PC prior to publication.
136/21	Broadband Project – JL reported that he had made enquiries with residents about who had broadband. Investigations revealed that the majority had made their own arrangements. The PC agreed that JL would draft an item for Hearabouts magazine and invite residents to come forward if they needed help in obtaining broadband. If no response was received, it was proposed that the item be closed.
137/21	<p>Planning Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planning application 21/03157/FUL – extensions and alterations to bungalow Fernlea 2 Ditchburn Road South Charlton – noted that permission had been granted.
138/21	Community Field Goalposts – The PC noted that Gordon Leishman was intending to replace the goalposts by applying for a CF grant. He would liaise with ECA.
139/21	<p>Street Lighting in Eglington – noted that AB had been approached by April Potts about the possibility of reducing the amount of streetlighting in Eglington.</p> <p>The PC agreed that DB would make enquiries. DB</p> <p>JH raised concerns about the lack of community engagement and asked that when considering matters which directly affect residents, such as streetlighting, the PC consulted residents through Residents@ and Hearabouts. This was due to Members not being elected and not having a mandate.</p>
140/21	Additional Community Foundation Grant – Tennis Pavilion – noted that there had been a shortfall of £1500 in the original application. The PC agreed that JH would submit the application with the Tennis Club in the PC's name with a copy of the application to be filed with the Clerk. JH
141/21	Finances – the PC received the Clerk's Finance report and noted the content. Approval was given for payment of invoices listed.
142/21	Other Correspondence – none received.
143/21	Any Other Urgent Issues

	<p>a) Defibrillator: the PC supported the project to purchase a defibrillator for North Charlton subject to the receipt of firm proposals with exact costs. There were no funds available in the PC's budget and a CF grant would need to be applied for. JH was to provide a report to the January meeting. JH</p> <p>b) Remembrance Sunday – the PC thanked JH for organising attendance by Air Force representatives.</p> <p>c) Andy Gray, Chair – the Chairman, supported by all others present, expressed their gratitude for AG's services as Chair and as a member of the PC and regretted his decision to stand down. Particular thanks were recorded for AG's agreement to remain a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.</p>
144/21	<p>Date and Time of the Next Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 12 January 2022 at 7.30pm – South Charlton Village Hall</p> <p>Future Meetings:</p> <p>Wednesday 23 February 2022 at 7.30pm – Eglington Village Hall</p> <p>Wednesday 6 April 2022 at 7.30pm – South Charlton Village Hall</p> <p>Wednesday 11 May 2022 at 7.30pm – Eglington Village Hall</p>

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