

## Eglington Parish Council

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### MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Eglington Parish Council held on 6 October 2021

at South Charlton Village Hall

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

**In Attendance:** Clerk – Angela Meek, Claire Leishman

		Action
102/21	<b>Public Participation:</b> No questions had been received.	
103/21	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> Received from County Councillor Wendy Pattison and Cllr J Logan.	
104/21	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 1 September:</b> The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.	
105/21	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> No declarations were made.	
106/21	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
a)	<b>South Charlton Village Hall:</b> an update was received from AG and noted.	
b)	<b>Tree Planting on the Community Field:</b> the trees had been ordered. AB would liaise with David Alston.	<b>AB</b>
c)	<b>Clerk's Equipment:</b> noted the response from the Community Foundation. Alternative methods of funding to be considered in the future.	
d)	<b>Henry's Memorial Tree:</b> AG confirmed that the tree and plaque had been ordered by D Alston. The Parish Council <b>agreed</b> to hold the balance of £6.15 until a time when it would normally donate to various organisations and add this to an amount it decided to give to the Alnwick Food Bank.	
e)	<b>Community Field Insurance:</b> DB would clarify the position with BHIB Insurance representative on 13 October.	<b>DB</b>
f)	<b>Traffic Concerns – Logging Routes:</b> The Parish Council <b>agreed</b> that the Clerk would write to Councillor Glen Sanderson and cc County Councillor Wendy Pattison about the lack of response to the communication with Rob Murfin at NCC requesting a meeting.	<b>Clerk/ AG</b>

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g)	<b>Flashing Speed Sign – Eglington:</b> an update report was received from DB and noted.	
h)	<b>Defibrillator Unit – North Charlton:</b> a unit was being sourced by the Clerk.	<b>Clerk</b>
i)	<b>Litter Bin Repair – South Charlton:</b> arrangements were being made to replace the bin.	<b>Clerk</b>
j)	<b>Trees at Eglington Cricket Club:</b> a response from Highways was awaited about liability for cutting the trees.	
k)	<b>Eglington Village Hall – Internet and Sign:</b> AG reported that following discussions with EGVH, Covid grant funds will be used for installing internet. Judith Scott would provide the Parish Council with more information about signs.	
107/21	<p><b>Management of Windfarm Funds</b></p> <p>The Parish Council received the update report from AG and noted the contents which provided details of arrangements for the consultation process to be carried out by RWE from the 8 to 10 November, commencing with a meeting with Parish Councillors on the evening of 8 November.</p>	
108/21	<p><b>Suggestion Boxes</b> - No suggestions had been received from South Charlton or Eglington.</p> <p>North Charlton: <i>Can we look at the possibility of a Jubilee Parish Picnic or similar event next year. We could do a combined event in one of the villages or individual events under the same banner.</i></p> <p>The Parish Council <b>agreed</b> that it would approach ECA to possibly arrange an event(s) on behalf of the Parish.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
109/21	<b>Eglington County Councillor Report</b> - The report for October had been circulated and was noted.	
110/21	<p><b>Eglington Local Plan</b></p> <p>The report from DB was received and noted. The Parish Council <b>agreed</b> that subject to Sarah Brannigan providing an explanatory leaflet (to be approved by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group) about a proposed settlement boundary for North Charlton and noting Alyson McGarrigle's offer to distribute the leaflet to all North Charlton residents, that the leaflet should be sent out in the PC's name.</p>	
111/21	<p><b>Local History Project</b></p> <p>The report from JH was received and noted. The Community Fund grant application was inclusive of VAT which would be reclaimed from HMRC</p>	

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	by the Parish Council and repaid to the Community Foundation on an annual basis. The Parish Council <b>agreed</b> that this would be the process in relation to VAT for all CF applications submitted by the PC.	
<b>112/21</b>	<b>Biodiversity Study</b> - The report of DB was received and noted.	
<b>113/21</b>	<b>Broadband Project</b> – item deferred to the next meeting for report from J Logan.	
<b>114/21</b>	<b>Planning Matters</b> a) <b>Application No. 21/03701/FUL Demolition of existing garages and outbuilding and replacing with new garage – 11 The Cottages North Charlton NE67 5HR</b> – the Parish Council saw no objection to the application. It was <b>agreed</b> the Clerk would respond accordingly. b) <b>Planning Permission 18/01718/OUT Land South of Yarrow Cottage Ditchburn Road South Charlton NE66 2JU. Reserved matters – approval of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for Plot 3</b> – the Parish Council noted the withdrawal. c) <b>Application 21/03872/COU Retrospective – Change of use of agricultural land to mixed use tourism and agricultural land. Middlemoor Narrow Boats Chathill NE67 5HP</b> – discussed and the Council <b>agreed</b> DB would draft the response on behalf of the Council.	<b>Clerk</b>      <b>DB</b>
<b>115/21</b>	<b>Planning Validation Checklist Consultation</b> – the Parish Council had no comments to submit in response.	
<b>116/21</b>	<b>Climate Emergency Declaration</b> – the Parish Council <b>agreed</b> to seek advice from Northumberland County Council on what contribution it could make.	<b>AB</b>
<b>117/21</b>	<b>Meeting with Northumberland County Council’s Leader</b> – the following were noted as items for an agenda: - Request a list of key contacts in each department to be held by PC clerks - Request an escalation process for each department if no response received to a query.	
<b>118/21</b>	<b>Eglington Road Signage and Markings</b> – the report of AB was received and noted.  The Parish Council <b>agreed</b> to request NCC to provide a) information about providing road markings and/or signs at the bus stop to warn drivers that there are children waiting for the school bus and b) the process for achieving this. Residents would then be consulted.  The Parish Council <b>agreed</b> that the dog litter bin in the bus stop should remain where located, and be marked as not for use for dog poo bags.	<b>Clerk/ AG</b>

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	An additional litter bin should be arranged for the bottom of Tarry and DB would contact NCC to query the possibility.	<b>DB</b>
<b>119/21</b>	<b>Finance Report</b> – the report was received and noted. The Council <b>agreed</b> payment of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clerk's salary for September £275.83</li> <li>- Clerk's expenses and mileage for September £62.30</li> <li>- Refund to David Alston for Henry's Memorial Tree £153.85</li> </ul>	
<b>120/21</b>	<b>Other Correspondence</b>	
<b>a)</b>	Great North Air Ambulance Service – the Parish Council <b>agreed</b> that the Clerk would check the timing of when a grant had previously been provided and report back to the Council for consideration.	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>121/21</b>	<b>Any Other Urgent Business</b>	
<b>a)</b>	<b>North Charlton Settlement Boundary</b> – discussed under item 110/21.	
<b>b)</b>	<b>Certificate of Compliance – Community Field / Deed of Covenant:</b> Claire Leishman attended the meeting and provided the Parish Council with information about the requirement for a Certificate of Compliance with a positive covenant which was in place on Whin House, Eglingham. The Parish Council <b>agreed</b> that it would endeavor to provide the certificate before the end of October, on receipt of a copy of the covenant from C Leishman. The Parish Council <b>agreed</b> that authority was delegated to A Gray and D Biesterfield to issue the certificate. It was <b>agreed</b> that the cost of obtaining the certificate would be reimbursed by G and C Leishman and the Clerk would inform them of the cost when known. [Post the meeting, AG agreed with DB to put the matter to the PC's solicitors to protect the PC's position but otherwise to expedite the requisite Certificate]	<b>AG/DB Clerk</b>
<b>c)</b>	<b>Christmas Lights Project</b> – the Parish Council <b>agreed</b> that Morrison Tate should purchase the lights and obtain a VAT registered invoice in the name of the Parish Council to be paid by the Parish Council. The VAT element would be reclaimed from HMRC and repaid to the Community Foundation.	
<b>d)</b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b> – AG would contact D Alston about the laying of the wreath in Eglingham.	<b>AG</b>
<b>122/21</b>	<b>Date and Time of Next Meeting</b>  Wednesday 24 November 2021 at 7.30pm at Eglingham Village Hall  Future Meetings: Wednesday 12 January 2022 at 7.30 – South Charlton Village Hall Wednesday 23 February 2022 at 7.30 – Eglingham Village Hall Wednesday 6 April 2022 at 7.30 – South Charlton Village Hall Wednesday 11 May 2022 at 7.30 – Eglingham Village Hall	

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