

Eglingham Parish Council

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MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Eglingham Parish Council held on

Wednesday 1 September 2021

at Eglingham Village Hall

Present: Chair – Cllr A Gray (AG), Cllrs D Biesterfeld (DB), J Lawson (JLa), J Hamilton (JH), J Logan (JLo)

In Attendance: Clerk – Angela Meek, County Cllr W Pattison (WP)

102/21	Public Participation: No questions had been received.
103/21	Apologies for Absence: Received from Cllrs A Blackmore and R Faulkner.
104/21	Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 7 July 2021 The minutes of the meeting held on 7 July were received and agreed subject to the following amendment: <i>Item 85/21 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.</i> to be amended to <i>The Church had responded stating they did not want any planting of a large number of trees in the churchyard but would consider the application for a single tree.</i>
105/21	Declarations of Interest: None received.
106/21	Matters Arising a. South Charlton Village Hall Lease: RF, DB and AG had met to draft a response, and a copy would be circulated to councillors. Action RF/AG b. Safeguarding Policy: the document had been finalised and was circulated to councillors for signature. A copy had been posted on the website. c. Henry's Tree Memorial Funds: D Alston would order a single tree (Red Hawthorne) for planting in the churchyard. Consultation on the memorial stone plaque was in progress. d. Tree Planting on Community Field: item deferred to the next meeting

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<p>e.</p> <p>f.</p> <p>g.</p> <p>h.</p> <p>i.</p>	<p>North Charlton request for 30mph signs and village gateway signs: confirmation had been received from NCC that Gateway signs would be provided but not 30mph speed signs.</p> <p>South Charlton traffic concerns: no response had been received to the letter sent to Rob Murfin, despite a reminder being sent. The Clerk would send a further reminder. Action: Clerk</p> <p>Clerk's Equipment: AG was awaiting confirmation from P Barrett that an application to the Fund could be submitted. The deadline was noted as 19 September. AG would follow up. Action AG</p> <p>Broadband Extension Project: discussed under item 107/21.</p> <p>Tennis Pavilion: the Tennis Club was submitting an application to the Community Foundation for funds. The Parish Council noted the response of the insurers in relation to the query about public liability insurance. It was agreed the Clerk would contact the insurers again to query what action was necessary to ensure insurance was provided. Action: Clerk</p>
<p>107/21</p> <p>a.</p> <p>b.</p> <p>c.</p>	<p>Priorities</p> <p>Election of Vice Chair: DB proposed Aaron Blackmore as Vice Chair. Seconded by JH. AB had confirmed prior to the meeting that he would be willing to be appointed. The Parish Council agreed to the appointment of AB as Vice Chair.</p> <p>Future priorities and the division of responsibilities to further support the Chair: AG would ask as and when extra assistance was required.</p> <p>Responsibility for Broadband Project following Gordon Leishman's resignation: it was agreed that JLo would take responsibility for the project and report to the next meeting. The priorities were agreed as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify who was lacking/required a broadband connection. 2. Consider the options to achieve this. Options included contacting Sylvia Pringle at iNorthumberland (funding finishes on 16 September); Aln Comm as proposed by WP and JLo.
<p>108/21</p>	<p>Eglington Local Plan: DB reported that the first draft of the Plan had been sent to NCC and comprehensive comments had been received in return. The working group would be meeting to progress the second draft.</p>
<p>109/21</p>	<p>Management of Wind Farm Funds</p> <p>AG reported that Katherine Harries of RWE had contacted him following receipt of concerns about the management of the fund. K Harries was planning on attending the Parish Council meeting on 6 October (RWE Covid rules permitting) to discuss the issues, and planned on holding consultation events to review the current situation and enable her to gain ideas about future proposals for funding and management of the funds.</p>

	The PC agreed the Clerk would write to KH to invite her to 6 October meeting, and requesting that she provide, prior to the meeting, a short written explanation of the roles and responsibilities of the CF, and the parameters of membership on the Grant Panel. Action: Clerk
110/21	Local Transport Plan Programme 2022-23 Members considered the letter dated 13 July 2021 received from NCC Highways. It was agreed the Clerk would respond on behalf of the Parish Council as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Request the two requests submitted last year be carried forward: (1) installation of red rumble strips to slow vehicles approaching Eglingham; (2) Gateway signs at village entries - Add the heavy vehicles issues about logging routes for lorries - Also highlight the condition of the road between Eglingham and Alnwick which was causing concerns. Action: Clerk
111/21	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 – Review of the Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way Members considered the letter dated 19 May 2021 from NCC, and agreed the draft response prepared by DB, subject to amendment. DB would send the draft to the Clerk for sending to NCC. Action: DB/Clerk
112/21	Proposed Christmas Tree Lights JH reported that Morrison Tate was proposing a pilot in Eglingham of 8-10 properties stringing Christmas lights; all owners had consented; the cost was £1700. Depending on how the pilot was received, the proposal would be rolled out across all three villages in future years. Permission was being sought to apply for CF funding. The Parish Council agreed to the application being made, and JH would circulate a map of the areas affected. Action JH
113/21	Planning Matters 1. 21/03157/FUL – extension and alterations to bungalow at Fernlea, 2 Ditchburn Road, South Charlton NE66 2JU: the application was noted and DB would draft a response. Action DB
114/21	Local History Project: JH reported that three suppliers had submitted proposals for information boards in the three villages and two churches. All permissions were in place.
115/21	Biodiversity Study: JH reported that habitat surveys were underway and due to be completed at approximately the end of September.
116/21	Eglingham Parish County Councillor Report WP provided her reports for August and September. The following was highlighted: 1. Flashing 30mph signs for South Charlton (Eglingham approach): WP had ordered the signs from her Members Allowance. It was agreed that AG would send WP an email cancelling the request. Action AG 2. JLo and DB would check Eglingham residents' views on a flashing sign in Eglingham and consider the location. Action JLo/DB

	<p>3. If action 2. above was not opposed then the Clerk would send WP a formal request on behalf of the Parish Council for a flashing 30mph sign in Eglingham.</p> <p>4. North Charlton Gateway signs would be paid for by WP's Members Allowance.</p> <p>5. Healthwatch information would be publicised in Hearabouts. Action AG</p>
117/21	<p>Suggestion Boxes: No suggestions had been received from Eglingham or South Charlton.</p> <p>North Charlton:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Glass Recycling Bin: the Parish Council agreed to the request for a bin. There was no charge to the PC. The Clerk was to write formally requesting. Action: Clerk 2. Planters: JH had obtained quotes and was applying for funding to the CF. Highways had agreed in principle. The cost was £923 for 3 years plants and compost. 3. Defibrillator unit: requirements of power, siting and volunteer to take responsibility had been met. The PC agreed in principle. The Clerk was to source and provide costs to purchase and install. Action: Clerk 4. Sit-on lawnmower: the PC's view was that this request may tie in later to a maintenance project funded by the CF, which would avoid the need for residents to bear the cost via either lawnmower purchase or contractor.
118/21	<p>Litter Bin Report: The Clerk was to obtain a quote for a replacement lid for the dog litter bin in South Charlton. Action: Clerk</p>
119/21	<p>Trees at Eglingham Cricket Club</p> <p>Hedgeley Parish Council had made a request for the trees to be cut back due to an incident occurring where a vehicle had been unable to drive past. The matter had been reported to NCC and passed to Highways. Response awaited.</p>
120/21	<p>Tree and Hedge Planting Scheme – item deferred</p>
121/21	<p>Eglingham Village Hall Steering Committee Requests:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Village Hall Sign: The PC agreed in principle to a sign being erected, subject to specific details being provided and a planning pre application being submitted by Eglingham Village Hall to NCC. b. Installation of Internet: The PC agreed in principle to the installation of internet in the Village Hall and suggested an application for funding be made to the CF. AG would liaise with Judith Scott. Action AG
122/21	<p>Invitation to Meeting with Northumberland County Council's Leader</p> <p>Following an invitation from NCC for all Parish Council's to meet the Leader or his representative, the Parish Council had requested that its meeting be brought forward in the schedule. Further details of the date were awaited from NCC. Possible agenda items would include:</p>

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	<p>- Lack of process/procedure for Parish Councillors to follow when contacting NCC on behalf of residents</p> <p>All members were requested to consider additional items for inclusion on the agenda and forward to the Clerk for the next parish meeting on 6 October.</p>
123/21	Finances
a.	The Finance Report was received and noted.
b.	<p>The following invoices/expenses were approved for payment:</p> <p>Clerk's Salary for August £214.17</p> <p>Clerk's expenses for August £5.89</p> <p>Information Commissioner's Office, Data protection fee renewal £40</p>
124/21	Other Correspondence: None received
125/21	Any Other Urgent Issues
a.	North Charlton Boundary Settlement: agreed that AG would write to Alison McGarrigle querying. Action AG
b.	Development at The Terrace Eglingham, Indica Homes Development: JH reported that she had received concerns from residents of The Terrace. They felt that the groundworks seemed to be taking much longer than expected and would appreciate feedback from the developers. It was agreed JH would ring Adam Wilson to discuss. Action JH
c.	Wreaths: 2 wreaths needed to be purchased for Remembrance Sunday. Action: Clerk
126/21	Date and Time of Next Meeting
	<p>Wednesday 6 October 2021 at 7.30pm at South Charlton Village Hall.</p> <p>Diary date for future meetings: Wednesday 24 November 2021 at 7.30pm</p>

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