

Eglingham Parish Council

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MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Eglingham Parish Council held on 12 January 2022

at South Charlton Village Hall

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

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

1/22	Public Participation – no comments received.
2/22	Apologies for Absence – Aaron Blackmore
3/22	Minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2021 – the minutes were agreed as an accurate record.
4/22	Declarations of Interest – none declared.
5/22	Matters Arising – none raised.
6/22	<i>The Parish Council resolved to exclude the press and public from the discussion under this item under the Public Bodies (Access to Meetings) Act 1960 S1(2) due to the item involving confidential financial and staffing information.</i>
7/22	Managing Clerk's Time - The contractual hours had been increased by 3 hours to 15 hpm as agreed by A Gray when Chair. DB and Clerk would hold liaison meetings regularly to monitor workload with the intention that, in so far as possible, the Clerk's workload be contained within her planned 15 hpm, and the intention was that any requests for work by the Clerk should be made via the Chair.
8/22	To receive reports on the following:
1)	Suggestions Boxes – none received.
2)	Eglingham Parish County Councillor's Report – January's report was received. The PC resolved that the report would be circulated by the Clerk to residents via residents@eglingham.org.uk email. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted that funding is available to claim for Jubilee planning, and should be circulated on 14 January. PCs are recommended to apply as soon as possible. - North Charlton Gateway signs – to be funded by WP. The installation plans are in hand and due for Spring/Summer 2022.
3)	Eglingham Neighbourhood Plan – Noted that a revised draft had been submitted to Northumberland CC. The Non-Heritage Assets work had been undertaken by D Alston. The SEA five-week consultation was underway and, it was hoped, might be completed by end of February.
4)	Local History Project – Noted the Project comprised the history of the churches and the history of villages. The board proposed for the Coach House Eglingham requires listed building consent to mount it on the gable end wall. There is also a

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	<p>small church services board on the front wall of the house which we want to remove and re-site on the church gates/wall. Removal of the small board had been granted. The conservation team wanted more detail about the style of the board to be mounted on the gable end. An extension to 3rd March has been granted to allow a more detailed proposal to be submitted. The consultant is producing a mock-up within the accepted timeframe.</p> <p>JH reported that all other planning and listed building applications had been granted. JH to send copies to Clerk for filing. Action JH</p>
5)	<p>Biodiversity Study – update report received and noted that all farmers’ biodiversity plans held by Natural England are believed to have been lost by NE. JL would endeavour to obtain copies from farmers as they were thought to be a valuable asset [N.B. post meeting, it became clear that these plans are likely to be very difficult to source and are, anyway, likely to be out of date, so it is no longer intended to pursue them]. Action JL [cancelled]</p>
6)	<p>Broadband Project - deferred</p>
7)	<p>Second Speed Sign for Eglington – JL has received two quotes (£2894 plus VAT, and £4600). The PC resolved to progress the proposal to informal consultation via Hearabouts and then JL would consider the quotes and submit a proposal to the PC for agreement to make a CF application. DB/JL to provide information to A Gray for Hearabouts. Action DB/JL</p>
8)	<p>Bins on Tarry – a quote of £885.39 has been obtained for putting the bins in an enclosure and with a dog litter bin on the outside. AB had previously via email declared an interest in the item, two of the four bins belonging to him. The PC resolved to approve the submission of a CF application by M Angus.</p>
9)	<p>Tree Planting – the LATF planting had been postponed until next planting season due to the amount of work needed following Storm Arwen. Noted that the trees donated by the Woodland Trust for community space area and to be planted in the Community field had been delivered. A commitment had had to be made to plant the trees by the end of March, as per an aerial photo. The PC resolved that AB would liaise with D Alston to agree the location and planting to ensure the timescale was met and agree the way forward. Action AB [N.B. post meeting, AB has indicated that there is greater flexibility as to where the delivered trees may be planted]</p>
10)	<p>PC’s Insurance and New Lease for SCVH – DB had met Sue Courty, Michael Stafford and Lorna Turner for productive discussions. Report received on current position and noted.</p>
11)	<p>Logging Routes & Heavy Vehicles – update report received and noted.</p>
12)	<p>Storm Arwen – EPC Response – the PC noted that both sets of VH management committees had indicated that they were not in favour of installing generators (potentially at a cost of £9000 to be fully funded by the CF). After consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EVHSC had decided to reject generators on the grounds of size (which would include a shed and safety barriers), value for money and need.

	<p>They felt they could be better prepared to help the community if needed by providing gas heaters, gas bottle camping stoves and the community spirit of the village.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCVH were considering advice on how community groups could assist people in emergencies. <p>The PC expressed its disappointment in the VHC's decisions regarding generators (and by a majority of 4 to 1, the PC favoured their provision as a valuable means of enhancing the use of the VH's as community hubs in future emergencies) but recognised that the issue is entirely a matter for the respective VH Committees to decide.</p> <p>The PC resolved, otherwise, to liaise with and support the VHC's in terms of their forward, emergency planning. JH stated that she understood the VHs decision and felt it was reasonable to have concerns about location and cost.</p> <p>13) Finances – report received and all payments listed were approved for payment. A payment to M Tate of £230.46 was agreed as refund of additional expenditure for the Christmas Lights, payable from the remainder of the CF award.</p> <p>14) ECA Requests and Suggestions as per email from ECA Chair – noted the proposals from the ECA about Eglington Bus Shelter and 70th Jubilee Party. A quote of £532.71 had been obtained for the work to the bus shelter to be done via CF award. The PC resolved: 1) to agree to all matters in the ECA's email with, pro tem, the exception of the item on re-locating the bin (see 2) below); 2) to note the decisions previously made by the PC regarding the location of the bin inside the shelter (6 October 2021 item 118/21 and 13 March 2019 item 19/20), and to seek residents' views via Hearabouts on re-locating the bin in view of the ECA's advice about the bin attracting wasps and flies and creating an unpleasant environment for the children and others using the bus shelter; 3) Otherwise, to accept M Angus' offer to prepare a CF application on behalf of the PC. Action DB</p> <p>15) Publication of PC Minutes and Reports – the PC resolved that the minutes would 1) continue to be sent to A Gray for publication in Hearabouts, with links to the PC's website; 2) be posted on the PC's website (together with background reports - which would be too long for inclusion in Hearabouts); 3) be placed on noticeboards together with the reports; 4) be circulated to residents as a PDF version with reports. The PC noted D Alston's reminder that there was a commitment in the draft Neighbourhood Plan and in the Communications Strategy for the PC minutes to be published in Hearabouts.</p> <p>16) Planning Matters – NCC Planning had confirmed to DB that it had a backlog of planning applications so a delay in the PC responses was not of concern. The following permissions were noted to have been granted: - 21/02331/FUL Permission Granted – 2 new dwellings land SE of the Terrace Eglington - 21/03701/FUL Permission Granted – Demolition and replacement of garage at 11 The Cottages North Charlton NE67 5HR DB would draft responses to the following: Action DB</p>
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17)	<p>a) 21/04783/REM Land South of Yarrow Cottage Ditchburn Rd South Charlton b) 21/04693/COU Middlemoor Narrow Boats Chathill NE67 5HP</p> <p>First Aid Courses & Defibrillator Training – the PC had previously agreed the need for both defibrillator training – in view of defibrillators being installed in the parish - and for first aid courses – following a resident’s suggestion. JL obtained quotes from St Johns Ambulance for a 4 hour course for 40 people at £600; and from Red Cross for course for 12 people at £340 which covered only heart issues and defibrillator demonstration. The PC resolved that JL would submit an application to CF for an award to fund both courses, and invite attendance from residents via residents@eglingham.org.uk on a “first come first served” basis. A copy of the online link to be sent to DB. Action JL</p>
9/22	<p>Updates on:</p> <p>1) Proposal to Adopt NALC National Model Standing Orders and Financial Regulations – deferred, pending consideration of requisite amendments.</p> <p>2) Co-option of Parish Council Members – Adam Wilson had withdrawn his application for co-option for personal reasons. The meeting with A McGarrigle was postponed by mutual agreement and was to be rearranged on her return to the Parish. Nikki Dickinson’s CV was to be submitted to the next PC meeting for consideration. JH expressed her concerns about any lack of routine process for co-option of members but it was noted that the process was essentially consistent but required the PC to meet candidates who were less well known to prospective colleagues.</p>
10/22	<p>Any Other Urgent Business</p> <p>1) Defibrillator Costs for North Charlton – the PC received JH’s report and resolved that JH would make an application to CF for the purchase of the defibrillator, and send a link to the online application to DB. Action JH</p> <p>2) Christmas Lights – M Tate was seeking approval for costs to be obtained on the basis of what residents would like in the future. The PC agreed costs could be obtained for discussion at a future meeting.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 9.26pm</p>
11/22	<p>Date and Time of the Next Meeting Wednesday 23 February at 7.30pm – Eglingham Village Hall</p> <p>Future Meetings: Wednesday 6 April 2022 at 7.30pm – South Charlton Village Hall Wednesday 11 May 2022 at 7.30pm – Eglingham Village Hall</p>