

Eglingham Parish Council

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Minutes

Of the meeting held on the 11th January 2023 held at Eglingham Village Hall

Present: Lorna Turner (LT), Joanne Angus (JA), Jane Hamilton (JH), Jamie Logan (JLo), June Lawson (JLaw), Clair Leishman (CL), Judith Scott (JS), Alison McGarrigle (AM)

In Attendance: Clerk - Andy Gray, Wendy Pattinson NCC Councillor

1. **Public participation:** none
2. **Apologies for absence:** Paul Davies
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** To consider approval or amendment of the minutes from the previous parish council meeting 24th November 2022. The minutes were agreed and approved.
4. **Declaration of interest:** none declared at the outset of the meeting.
5. **Matters arising:** to receive updates on matters not appearing elsewhere on the agenda;
 - a. Verge Issue in Eglingham - Bob Hodgson at NCC had been contacted. Not likely to be his department. JS to do further investigation into the history off the long standing issue. Suggested that they speak to former councillors Ian Grant and David Alston.
 - b. Bio Diversity Report - Correspondence had been sent to the landlords or tenants of the areas involved in the survey. Some responses had been received, both positive and negative towards the publication of the reports regarding their land.
 - c. Bus Stop Bin Relocation - JA updated awaiting reply from NCC via email for costs. JH also informed the meeting that a resident had mentioned increased litter and dog waste in Eglingham.
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 - a. **Suggestion Boxes** - None received
 - b. **Parish Council budget and Precept 2023 to 2024** - LT presented a quarterly breakdown of expected cost of PC business for the coming year. A precept of £5955 was agreed. Clerk to submit to NCC asap. CL agreed to track finances to ensure the PC is "on track" through 23/24.
 - c. **Eglingham Parish Neighbourhood Plan (EGPNP)** - Update received from project lead David Biesterfield and distributed to members prior to meeting. The PC agreed to a meeting with the steering group regarding the Regulation 14 consultation and await further updates from the steering group to arrange.
 - d. **Community Preparedness** - Discussion held. LT had spoken to Community Action Northumberland (CAN) regarding energy audits/EPCs. There was a desire from the PC to begin the process of aiming to increase the efficiency of all housing in the parish as the housing stock sits below the national average. This would be a multiple phase project eventually using funding from the windfarm fund and other schemes. Offering EPCs to residents would be phase 1.
 - e. **Community Field Proposals** - Further discussions had. Noted as a sensitive subject. It was argued that whatever changes are made to the field in the form of additional equipment, changes to areas of use and maintenance would need to be evidenced before being investigated. It was thought a drone image of the field would be helpful for the PC and residents to understand the scale of the space.

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7. County Councillor Report: Report had been circulated. Wendy asked for feedback on the effects of the withdrawal of the service bus from Eglington. JA noted that there was an issue at weekends especially due to holidaymakers having no alternative than their own transport for getting out of the village and around. Clerk to email NCC officer with views of the PC. JH asked about advertising usage of the library van in Eglington, and widely in the parish.

8. Finance:

See attached spreadsheet for current balances and list of payments authorised and receipts as of 10/01/2023.

9. Planning Matters:

LT to write to Rob Murfin thanking him for the presentation to councillors prior to the November meeting.

Planning Decisions

22/03891/LBC Listed Building consent for Repairs and Refurbishment of Chathill Signal Box - GRANTED

22/03960/LBC Listed Building Consent for proposed new electricity substation. Charlton Hall Ellingham - GRANTED

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Applications for comment

22/04397/LBC Chathill Station Chathill Northumberland NE67 5JP - Listed Building Consent for repairs and refurbishment to Waiting Shelter at Chathill Railway Station - comments due by 10th January

22/04774/FELTPO Land West Of The Byre Ellingham Hall Lane Ellingham Northumberland NE67 5EY - Tree Preservation Order Application - comments by 27th January

10. Other Business: LT brought up the need for accountability and PC policy updates which are due to be reviewed in May. Asked councillors to read the policies on the website with a view to alter to meet desires/needs of the PC and residents.

11. Next Meeting:

22nd February 2023

Meeting Closed 8:55pm

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Date:.....

Finances - January 11th 2023 Meeting				
		Gross Cost	VAT @20%	Description
Clerks Payment:				
	Clerks Salary	£93.84		
	Expences	£0.00		
		£93.84		
Reciepts:				
	Interest on Bus. Saving Acct.	£0.62		
	Interest on Bus. Saving Acct.	£1.16		
Payments to be made:				
	North'd CC	£1,277.23		By-election costs (Jan Payment)
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History Boards	MGH Consultants	£6,780.00	£1,130.00	Balancing amount of £6408 inc VAT plus production cost increase of £372.00 inc VAT (pro-forma)
	Sue Rudge	£345.32		South Charlton Church history board work
	Sue Rudge	£460.62		EG Church Panels
Tennis Pavilion	Custom Homes Ltd.	£2,940.00	£490.00	Works in and around Pavilion inc. Landscaping (approved by email between meetings)
Festive Lights Proj.	The Tankerville Arms	£120.00	£20.00	Refreshments for Christmas Lights Event
	NALC	£10.00		For clerk to attend "Introduction to Parish Finance" course
Account Balances:				
	Treasurers Account	£23,189.87		As of 10/1/23
	Business Savings Account	£2,711.96		As of 10/1/23