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Minutes of the meeting held on Friday April 7th 2017 at South Charlton Village Hall.

17/31 Present - Chair D Alston, Cllrs W. Purvis, J Lawson, P McIver, S Wright.

17/32 Apologies for absence. Cllrs A Sutcliffe, Ian Grant, E Stafford and J Robson and County Councillor K Cairns.

17/33 In attendance - Amy Smith (clerk) and Carolyn Brewster.

17/34 Declaration of Interest - The Declaration of Interest was read out by the chair.

17/35 Minutes of the meeting held on Friday March 3rd at South Charlton Village hall. The minutes were proposed and seconded as a true record.

17/36 Matters arising from the minutes;

-Eglingham Community Field: The clerk had received an email from Drew-Carr-Ellison confirming that the metal handrail and concrete path leading from Eglingham Community field to the former gateway with Eglingham school would be removed and the area regrassed.

-North Charlton bus stop; The clerk had checked with Northumberland County Council who confirmed that the bus stop is the responsibility of the Parish Council. Councillors agreed to support the parishioners request for lighting on the bus stop, discussed at the previous meeting, and the chair is to investigate solar powered lighting.

-BT phone box removal; The clerk had contacted BT who confirmed that the public telephone boxes at Eglingham and South Charlton will be removed as no objections were raised at consultation but that the date for their removal would be in the Autumn.

-Website training; Cllr P McIver is liaising with Andy Gray to organise his training session for the Parish website.

-Speeding; The clerk had contacted Northumbria Police regarding residents concerns of speeding through Eglingham Village and had received a return email

from new Neighbourhood Sgt Sharon Wilmore-Greaves. Sgt Wilmore-Greaves is in the process of reviewing the Speedwatch Volunteers and their areas of concern and will contact the clerk following her meeting on April 7. The chair requested that the clerk ask the Sergeant if she would attend a parish council meeting later in the year when the new councillors are in place. Cllr McIver also raised residents concerns regarding receiving regular updates on rural crime in the area. The clerk will also raise this with the Neighbourhood Sgt.

17/37 County Council update; Cllr Cairns was unable to attend the meeting but had emailed an update. To slow down traffic, she has requested that warning signs are placed in South Charlton for children and elderly people. The children warning signs will be placed at the west end of the village at both sides of the hall and elderly people warning signs at the east end, either side of the care home. Cllr Cairns reported that she is hopeful the new signs can be put up fairly quickly as officers are putting together new projects as it is the start of the financial year. Cllr Cairns also reported that following a site visit officers have ordered that 10 potholes and plaster patches be repaired at The Whinney and Humbleheugh.

17/38 Middlemoor Windfarm Community Funds Applications;

-The clerk had displayed notices on behalf of the Community Foundation who are looking for panel members for the Middlemoor Windfarm Community Fund. Applications should be submitted by June 17. For further information contact pb@communityfoundation.org.uk.

-The clerk had received an update from David Marshall regarding the application for the North Charlton Broadband extension. The grant panel had suggested additional funding could be obtained through iNorthumberland. An application was made and iNorthumberland has awarded an initial £6094 with a further £3047 from the Community Foundation and followed by a further sum of £9140 from iNorthumberland on completion of the work.

17/39 Election/nomination process; Nominations had been submitted to the Elections Office of Northumberland County Council for the election of parish councillors for the Parish of Eglington. Following the close of nominations the clerk had received notification that the following persons will be elected as parish councillors without a contest- David Alston, David Biesterfield, Andy Gray, June Lawson, Paul McIver, Julia Robson, Holly Stafford. The Parish Council will then seek to co-opt the three remaining seats to make the numbers of parish councillors to 10.

17/40 Financial;

A Smith (Clerk's remuneration) 19 @ £9.90 = £188.10; Mileage at HMRC rate 45p per mile; Alnwick to South Charlton via North Charlton rtn 1x21 miles (07/04/2017) £9.45, Website hosting fees Squarespace; April 3 £25.73; **Total to clerk £223.28**

Balances as at 07/04/2017 Treasurer's account £ 5863.43 , Business account; £7701.27.

17/41 Planning; Granted: 17/00350/FUL application for proposed change of use from garden store to form a guest suite annexed to existing house, high barn, harehope farm; 17/00342/FUL Proposed construction of new Orangery along with associated garden works and raising of the boundary wall with formation of new arched entrance to the walled garden. High barn, Harehope Farm.

17/42 Correspondence; NALC has organised training dates for new parish councillors following the May elections. The clerk will contact all new councillors with the dates. It was agreed the parish council would pay the £10 per head fee for training.

17/43 Any other business; Councillor Bill Purvis who has served the Parish Council for 30 years made a speech on his standing down. Cllr Grant had also forwarded a message of thanks to all serving councillors on his own standing down. The Chair again thanked Cllrs Purvis, Sutcliffe, Stafford and Grant and Cllr Wright, who has also announced she is to stand down, on their hard work over the years for the parish.

-Lime Trees, Church Lane, Eglingham; The chair David Alston declared an interest on this topic and this part of the meeting was chaired by Cllr Bill Purvis. Carolyn Brewster was in attendance to seek the parish council's support for a proposed application to Northumberland County Council to fell the five Lime Trees in the Church Lane and to replace with four smaller Ornamental trees. Carolyn explained that over the last 35 years the trees, which are the responsibility of Northumberland County Council had been damaged by intrusive management including pollarding. As the trees age they are more susceptible to disease and there is already a possibility that two of the trees are unsafe. There is widespread support in the village for the removal of the trees and, following a failed bid 20 years ago, the County Council's trees officer has indicated that an application made now by the Parish Council to remove the trees would receive a favourable hearing. The Parish Council was in favour of the proposal and the clerk will liaise with Carolyn to submit the Conservation area application.

- Cllr McIver raised residents concerns regarding the condition of the earth bank along the footpath between Eglington Village and Eglington Terrace. It was advised that the earth bank is the responsibility of the landowners rather than the parish council or local authority but that the residents affected could make a collective approach if they were minded to seek action from Northumberland County Council.

- Cllr McIver also raised residents concerns that the dog fouling bin at the bottom of Eglington Terrace is not being emptied. The clerk will investigate the frequency of emptying with the County Council.

17/44 Date of next meeting - The next meeting of the Parish Council and the annual Parish meeting will be held on Friday May 12 at South Charlton Village Hall. The meeting was closed at 8 pm.

Signed:-

Chairman

Clerk

Date

