EGLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the meeting held on Friday February 6 2015 at Eglingham Village Hall.**

**15/14** **Present –**  Cllr Alston, Cllrs W. Purvis, A Sutcliffe, S. Wright, J Robson, I Grant, J Lawson.

**15/15** **Apologies for absence –** Cllr Stafford.

**In attendance -** Amy Smith (clerk), three members of the public.

**15/16** **Declaration of Interest -**  The Declaration of Interest was read out by the chair.

**15/17** **Minutes of the meeting held on Friday January 9 2015 at South Charlton Village hall.** The minutes were proposed and seconded as a true record.

**15/18 Matters arising from the minutes;**

-Highways matters; A replacement sign has been ordered for the entrance to Eglingham on the Beanley Road. The Lime Trees through Eglingham, just past Church Lane, have been added to the winter works list for cutting back, the highways department are waiting to receive information from the land registry before they contact the owner of Rock Lodge at South Charlton regarding overhanging hedges.

-Parish Trust;Cllr Wright handed out an information leaflet produced to explain Eglingham Parish Community Trust and which will go in Hearabouts asking those interested in becoming a trustee to register. There will then be an informal meeting for potential trustees on Tuesday March 17 and then a formal selection process with a panel formed from the parish council and someone impartial. The parish council agreed it was happy to support this process.

-Neighbourhood Plan; Peter Rutherford, rather than David English, from neighbourhood planning will attend the parish council’s next meeting in March. The clerk has also invited Ellingham, Rock and Rennington, Newton by the Sea and Hedgley parish councils.

**15/19**  **Middlemoor Windfarm Community Funds Applications;**

**(Councillors Grant and Wright declared an interest and left the room).**

- Tree planting at North Charlton; Jane Armstrong and Katryna Shell attended the meeting to tell councillors of their idea to plant/extend tree planting alongside the A1 to screen North Charlton from the traffic noise. They would like to apply for funding from the Middlemoor Windfarm Community Fund via the parish council. However first they need to gain permission from the highways agency and their contractor. It was agreed Mrs Armstrong would draft a letter for the clerk to send.

-Village hall celebration;

The clerk reported the application had been submitted to the Community Foundation and should go before the panel this month for discussion, as will the website application.

-Malcolm Angus reported the composting toilet and shed were now in place on the community field and local people involved in putting it in place were doing an excellent job.

- A training event to use the defibrillators is being advertised in Hearabouts for those interested.

-The clerk reported that Karen Daglish was now the contact at the Community Foundation for the Middlemoor Windfarm fund following a reorganisation. Ms Daglish is keen to meet with local residents and it was agreed the clerk would contact her to suggest she attends the Wednesday afternoon craft meeting in the village hall.

15/20 Eglingham School; The clerk now has a copy of the sale plan which will be sent along with the sales particulars to Mrs Pott’s solicitors.

**15/21 Financial;** The clerk had circulated the financial report and the clerks cheque was signed for £144.70.

. **15/22 Planning matters;** 14/03796/LBC Tankerville Cottage, Eglingham, change of use; granted.

**15/23 Correspondence;**

- Northumberland County Councillor Kate Cairns is to hold a surgery in Eglingham for parish residents on Monday February 16 between 5-6pm.

- A Town/Parish Council meeting will be held in Northumberland Hall, Alnwick on Monday March 11, 6pm.

-The clerk had received a letter from Bailliffgate Museum regarding a request for funding. This will be discussed in October when the PC considers donations for the following financial year.

**15/24 Any other business;**

- Trees; Cllr Grant reported a tree branch which had blown down in winds blocking the Beanley Road near the cricket field. He raised concern that other trees were very close to the phone wires and it was suggested the clerk write to BT to see what precautions could be taken to prevent a potential loss of power if other branches were to come down.

- Superfast broadband; Cllr Sutcliffe reported that superfast broadband was now connected to South Charlton although those wanting to make use of it had to ask to be connected. In Eglingham Cllr Wright said she is now connected and had noticed an impact on her internet speed. It is believed other properties in Eglingham will be connected from February 9th.

**15/25 Date of next** **meeting** - The next meeting will be held on Friday March 13 at 7.30 pm at South Charlton Village Hall. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.10pm.

Signed:-

Chairman Clerk Date