

EGLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 26th February 2020 at South Charlton Village Hall.

20/16 Present – Chair D Alston, Cllr Biesterfield, A Gray, J Lawson, G Grahamslaw and P McIver. County Cllr W Pattison. Four members of the public.

20/17 Apologies for absence. G Leishman, J Robson.

20/18 In attendance - Amy Smith (clerk).

20/19 Declaration of Interest - The Declaration of Interest was read out by the chair.

20/20 Invited guest Sylvia Pringle, Business and Community Engagement Officer, iNorthumberland to discuss broadband in the Parish. Ms Pringle explained the rural gigabite voucher scheme and other grants available to residents without broadband. She said there was an opportunity to bring broadband to East and West Ditchburn but this would require the Parish Council to act as a representative for those residences. She explained the first step would be for the PC to contact residents to see if they would be interested and she would be willing to do a drop-in session. It was agreed the Parish Council would contact residents to see if they are interested. Ms Pringle also addressed the lack of fibre broadband at two properties in Eglingham on a different exchange and which she said was an issue that would be difficult to resolve due to potentially high costs.

20/21 Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday January 15th at Eglingham Village Hall. The minutes were proposed and seconded as a true record.

20/22 Matters arising;

Invites to NCC's head of planning Rob Murfin and Director of Services Paul Jones. The clerk said Mr Murfin had confirmed he will attend the PC meeting in April. Mr Jones will be invited following this.

Land to East of St James Church, South Charlton; Cllr Biesterfield, Cllr Alston and Cllr Gray were due to meet with Barry Spall, Development Planner at Northumberland Estates, at the Estate office on Friday February 28th to discuss the forthcoming plans.

Eglingham Traffic Management Plan; A number of residents attended the meeting as they were against plans for a footpath on Eglingham Bridge and accompanying signage. The chair clarified that the consultation had only been to consider a footpath on Eglingham bridge with two additional road signs indicating priority. The Parish Council had not been considering

wider signage, road markings, nine reflective signs or two interactive solar powered signs within the village. One resident addressed the PC putting forward that he felt the footpath was unnecessary and that the accompanying signage would “look ugly” in a Conservation village. He argued that it was not the amount of traffic (which he felt had if anything decreased since the village school closed) but the speed of it. He suggested that a reduction to the speed of the traffic would be better served by signs at the entrances to the village.

Councillors discussed the issues of speed and safety before a vote on whether to pursue the development of a footpath on Eglington Bridge. Two were in favour, 2 against and 2 abstained. The chair used his casting vote to vote against the proposals and explained that he did so in light of what councillors had heard at the meeting from residents and due to the inappropriate materials suggested by Northumberland County Council. It was agreed instead that the Parish Council will urge the County Council to spend the money allocated to the footpath to provide illuminated flashing signs which alert drivers to their speed at the East and West entrances to the village. Cllr Pattison has agreed to fund one of the signs. Advice will be taken from Highways on exactly where to locate the signs.

20/23 Eglington Neighbourhood Plan update; Cllr Biesterfield said there had been some progress on the Design Code with a framework in place, which he said would also inform discussions with Mr Spall of Northumberland Estates and in terms of the Landscaping assessment this should be undertaken by the end of March which would need to be followed by consultation.

Cllr Biesterfield also updated councillors on the Examination in Public for the Northumberland Local Plan which he said was well attended by those against NCC’s intention to “Identify as Suitable for Wind Turbine Development” 66% of the land area of the county. He said it was a matter he intends to raise with Mr Murfin at next month’s PC meeting.

Cllr Biesterfield requested that the PC to subscribe to Parish Online for a year to provide access to necessary documents in preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan and this was agreed.

20/24 Middlemoor Community Windfarm; position on Community Foundation grant, any ongoing/future applications. The chair again asked parish councillors to consider who might represent the PC on the Windfarm board when he steps down at the end of March. It was agreed to leave this until the next meeting.

20/25 County Councillor update; (report circulated). Cllr Pattison is aware of the potholes in the villages and reports them when seen, but, it would help enormously if residents and the Parish Council also reported them on the pothole section on the NCC website. She said she is hoping MP Anne-Marie Trevelyan will consider the issue of small business rate relief at a Nine Parishes meeting to be organised in May. Parish Councils want to speak to our MP in

regard to the anomalies regarding small business rate relief and in particular regarding holiday lets.

Cllr Pattison also highlighted that Longhoughton PC has set up a climate change group. The chair said this was an issue councillors had recently considered and it was hoped to set up a group in the Parish which he hoped would encourage young people to get involved.

Cllr Pattison said the 30mph signs to be introduced in South Charlton should go up in the coming months.

20/26 Financial; Financial report (circulated) and invoices approved. Payments made :-

Andy Gray Parish Website Domain name £49,

Clerk's remuneration; A Smith 18 hours @ £9.90 = £178.20, Mileage at HMRC rate 45p per mile; Alnwick to Eglington rtn £7.20 (26/2/2020)

-HMRC payment for final quarter £77.20

Total to clerk £108.20

Receipts between meetings; 24/1/20 Community Foundation £240 repayment of audit fee; 10/1/20 Groundwork UK £6925 (grant for Neighbourhood Plan), Interest (Jan 0.12, Feb 0.12). **Accounts Balance Total £12972.47** (Treasurer's account £10262.87 Business Account £2709.60).

20/27 Planning matters; The following two plans had been circulated between meetings with no objections; PA 20/00145/FUL Proposed rebuilding of cart shed for holiday accommodation using salvaged materials, Land North of The Whinney, Alnwick and meetings; PA 19/05010/MAST Installation of a smart metering mast and ancillary equipment, Eglington Hill. In addition PA 19/04682/LBC for replacement windows Old School House, South Charlton and PA 19/04681/FUL Replacement windows, had been Granted.

20/28 Highways Matters; Eglington pavement replacement work; The clerk reported Highways have scheduled work to replace a section of pavement kerbs at Eglington. The clerk is chasing up a request for pavement work at South Charlton. The clerk was waiting a further response from Highways detailing when drainage work at Tarry Road will be undertaken. Potholes at various locations in the Parish had been reported to Highways since the January meeting.

20/29 Correspondence; The clerk reported a donation request for Alnwick Playhouse.

*NALC Anti-Social Behaviour and Petty Crime Survey; in response to the survey questions councillors agreed that crime had remained at the same levels as in previous years and that the three main concerns would be poaching, Fly-tipping and scam emails/telephone calls.

*NCC had asked the PC to consider whether a Public Spaces Protection Orders Alcohol consumption in designated public spaces was necessary for the Parish but councillors agreed it is not. *The clerk had received confirmations for the Wildlife and Countryside Act Definitive Map Modification Order (No12) 2019-Byway Open to all traffic No 48 and Public Bridleway No23 (Parish of Eglingham)- NCC confirmed the Order. (No11) Byway Open to all traffic No46&47 Public BridlewayNo10 and Public Footpath no18 (Parish of Eglingham).

20/30 Any other business; Cllr McIver raised a concern that recent flooding of the stream by the B6346 below Eglingham Terrace could have caused damage to the road. Cllr Grahamslaw also highlighted the blocked manhole cover on the road outside Craig's House. The clerk will report both matters to Highways.

20/31 Date of next meeting; - The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday April 8th at Eglingham Village Hall.

Signed:-

Chairman

Clerk

Date