

EGLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday January 24th 2017 at South Charlton Village Hall.

18/1 Present - Chair D Alston, Cllrs J Lawson, D Biesterfield, P McIver, J Robson, A Gray, G Grahamslaw, County Councillor W Pattison.

18/2 Apologies for absence. Cllrs H McIver,

18/3 In attendance - Amy Smith (clerk), Nicky Dickinson, Sylvia Pringle of iNorthumberland.

18/4 Declaration of Interest - The Declaration of Interest was read out by the chair.

18/5 A resolution was made to co-opt Geoff Grahamslaw onto Eglington Parish Council. This was agreed and seconded.

18/6 Invited speaker Sylvia Pringle of iNorthumberland; Sylvia gave an informative talk on iNorthumberland's community fibre project which is due to finish at the end of the year. She provided a map of Eglington Parish setting out where Superfast broadband is available, under evaluation and currently not in plan. Ms Pringle urged residents who had expressed an interest but done nothing further to contact iNorthumberland. The chair agreed to speak to two properties in Eglington where Superfast broadband was not yet provided but could be set up.

18/7 Tennis Court; Nicky Dickinson spoke to ask Eglington Parish Council to ask them to confirm it would submit the application she had prepared and circulated for a £12,000 grant from the Innogy Middlemoor Windfarm Community Fund for the refurbishment of the tennis court surface at Eglington Community Field. It was agreed that the PC would submit the application.

18/8 Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday December 13 at Eglington Village hall. The minutes were proposed and seconded as a true record.

18/9 Matters arising; Eglington Village Hall soil removal- Cllr McIver explained that Adam Wilson, who had quoted for the work, was looking at ways

to access the back of the hall with his mini digger. The clerk confirmed she had not received any objection from the landowner to the work going ahead.

Community Asset Registration- As a member of Eglingham Village Hall Committee, Cllr McIver spoke on their behalf to give agreement to plans by the Parish Council to seek to register the village hall as a community asset. The next step will be to write formally to the landowners of the village halls and Eglingham Village pub, informing them of the PC's intention.

18/10 Middlemoor Windfarm Community Fund; South Charlton Village Hall refurbishment- The clerk reported that following guidance of the reclaiming of VAT , the application would be made by the South Charlton Village Hall committee instead of Eglingham Parish Council.

18/11 County Council update; (See attached report). Lime Trees, Eglingham - County Councillor Pattison had received an update from NCC's trees officer Barry Wilson who had made an assessment of the health of the Lime Trees in Eglingham Church Lane. He found that although there was some decay "they all have sufficient sound wood to indicate there is no requirement to recommend their removal due to health or condition." He said some pruning to clear low branches from near adjacent properties could be carried out if required.

Speed checks -Cllr Pattison also reported that speed checks carried out in the village had shown speeds over 30 miles per hour but it was considered that a further assessment should be carried out following the winter months with speeding equipment in a different position away from the 30 miles per hour signs.

Potholes- Cllr Pattison and the clerk will contact NCC regarding the state of roads in the parish due to existing potholes with particular mention to the Eglingham to Alnwick road near the Shipley Road turn off and on the road from Eglingham to Beanley.

18/12 Financial; The clerk had circulated the financial report. The clerk's remuneration was agreed; 14 hrs @ £9.90 = £138.60, Mileage at HMRC rate 45p per mile; South Charlton to Eglingham rtn £7.20, **Total to clerk £145.80.** The clerk had submitted the agreed precept request to NCC.

18/13 Planning; Listed building consent for construction of walls and gates to enclose land within curtilage of Tankerville Cottage, Eglingham; granted permission.

18/14 Correspondence; The clerk had received a letter from Eglingham W.I. inviting two members of the Parish Council to the organisation's Centenary celebration meal and entertainment on May 10. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

18/15 Any other business; Bus Shelter- Cllr Pattison had raised the concerns of a North Charlton resident about potentially protecting a disused wooden bus shelter on the old A1 in light of plans to further dual the A1. The Parish Council felt it would have no objection to the parishioner seeking to apply for funding to protect the bus stop.

18/15 Date of next meeting - The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday March 7th at Eglingham Village Hall from 7.30pm.

Signed:-

Chairman

Clerk

Date