**EGLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the meeting held on Friday January 22 2016 at South Charlton Village Hall.**

**16/1**  **Present –**  Chair D Alston, Cllrs W. Purvis , I Grant, J Robson, E Stafford, A Sutcliffe, S Wright.

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**16/3** **In attendance -** Amy Smith (clerk) . 1 member of public.

**16/4 Declaration of Interest**  was read out by the chair.

**16/5** **Minutes of the meeting held on Friday December 11th 2015 at Eglingham Village hall.** The minutes were proposed and seconded as a true record with an amendment to include County Cllr Cairns comments.

**16/6 Matters arising from the minutes;**

* **Eglingham Community Field;** Mr Angus reported that firm quotes were being awaited from two builders for repairs to the tennis court fencing but it was estimated that works would cost around £2000. The Parish Council had written a letter to Mr Prytherch thanking him for his offer of a days labour to repair the sheds and toilet, and the pc will meet material costs.
* **Eglingham school staffroom sale** – Contracts for the sale of the school building had been sent to lawyers but there had been no response as yet.
* **Beanley Road** – the clerk had been informed by NCC’s highways department that an estimate would be sought to look at the cost of rebuilding the wall at Glebe Field and access would be required. The clerk will contact the tenant and the Church Commission.

**16/7 Parish Trust** Cllr Wright reported that 102 residents had responded to the commissioned Parish Trust survey to date. There will be a meeting of the trust following the completion of the survey.

**16/8 Middlemoor Windfarm Community Fund;**

**-Eglingham Village Hall Centenary** Former resident Jean Findley is in the process of passing on some of her village history to help with the celebrations. She had also offered her wider collection of the villages history to the Parish Council for storage and it was agreed that this was a good idea.

**-Tree project;** Further trees have been planted enabled by the VAT recovery from the initial planting, at South Charlton, with invoices provided. Tree pruning work will be carried out in February**.**

**- Superfast broadband.** The chair reported that the Community Windfarm grant to provide superfast broadband at North Charlton could be returned to the fund as David Marshall had confirmed that BT have now agreed to install the service by the end of the year. The clerk will write to Mr Marshall expressing the Parish Council’s thanks for all his efforts.

**16/9 County Councillor update;**

Cllr Cairns sent a report to say that she has requested to NCC that four sections of road in a poor state of repair from Eglingham to West Ditchburn and then West Ditchburn to Shipley be resurfaced rather than pothole filled. They have been added to the priority list to be repaired in the next financial year.

Cllr Cairns also passed on information regarding NCC’s Youre welcome to use our loos scheme.

**16/10 Financial;**

**-Precept;** The clerk had circulated expenditure for this year and a budget for the following year. The Parish Council has reserves, after expected payments, of around £4000. The Chair’s proposal that the Precept should be reduced to £2500 in a bid to reduce reserves was agreed.

-**Insurance;** It was agreed to increase the Parish Council’s insurance to cover all eventualities, as the current policy did not cover storm damage. The clerk reported that this would incur a further £20 cost to the end of the policy in May and on annual renewal an increase of around £70.

**Deposits; H**MRC £382.77 *Of which £234 VAT for PC from Greenfingers vat and £148.77 for South Charlton tree project.***Payments :-** Cheviot trees £196.44, Michael Cotton Fencing £486, A Smith (Clerk’s renumeration) 14 hrs @ £9 = £126, Mileage at HMRC rate 45p per mile; Alnwick to South Charlton rtn 1x16 miles (22/1/2016) £7.20, Black ink cartridge £15.99, Paper £2.50, 6x second class stamps £3.24. **Total to clerk £154.93**

**16/11 Planning; No planning applications had been received.**

**16/12 Correspondence;**

- A resident had requested a grit bin at Harehope Farm junction. It was suggested the clerk ask the council to move one of the two grit bins at Tarry Lane entrance to this location.

**-**The clerk is to attend a training event on Transparency Funding which could provide computer equipment for the Parish Council.

**16/13 Any other business;**

* The clerk will contact highways regarding the sinks at the top of Tarry Road which need to be cleaned out.
* A concern was also raised about the damaged reflector on the bollard at the junction from the A1 to South Charlton in particular north bound. The clerk will contact highways.

**16/14 Date of next** **meeting** – The next meeting will be held on Friday March 11 at Eglingham Village Hall. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.30pm.

Signed:-

Chairman Clerk Date