EGLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the meeting held on Friday March 13th 2015 at South Charlton Village Hall.**

**15/26** **Present –**  Cllr Alston, Cllrs W. Purvis, A Sutcliffe, S. Wright, J Robson, I Grant, J Lawson, E Stafford.

**15/27** **Apologies for absence –** No apologies.

**15/28** **In attendance -** Amy Smith (clerk) Cllr Derek Gerrard (Newton by the Sea Parish Council), Cllr Heather Cairns (chair, Ellingham Parish Council), County Councillor Kate Cairns.

**15/29** **Declaration of Interest -**  The Declaration of Interest was read out by the chair.

**15/30** **Minutes of the meeting held on Friday February 6 2015 at South Charlton Village hall.** The minutes were proposed and seconded as a true record.

**15/31** Invited speaker Jonathon Nicholson senior planner at Northumberland County Council, gave an informative talk on the purpose of Neighbourhood planning and how parish councils could work together. Councillors from Ellingham and Newton by the Sea had also attended at the invite of Eglingham PC. It was agreed that the chair would write a piece about the presentation for Hearabouts and then consider any response.

**15/32 Matters arising from the minutes**

- The clerk had written to Nigel Brannen at NCC requesting an update on the Eglingham road sign an the Lime Tree in the village but had not received one. Cllr Grant said the sign had not yet been replaced. The clerk will contact Mr Brannen again.

-Eglingham School; Mrs Potts’ land agent had requested amendments to the sales particulars for Eglingham Community Field regarding access onto the PC property and alterations to Eglingham School by any purchaser. It was agreed by the parish council however that no access routes onto the PC property were to be agreed as part of a sale although the PC would work with the new owners in the event of any temporary access being required.Cllr Robson was going to liaise with the land agent on this matter.

- Internet banking; The clerk and account signatories had completed and returned the relevant paperwork.

- The clerk had not as yet received any further communication from Mrs Armstrong regarding plans to fund a tree planting scheme at North Charlton.

**15/33 Parish Trust;** Cllr Wright reported that five people had expressed an interest in becoming trustees and seven in becoming members. She was concerned that there may not be enough interest to get a trust off the ground and she asked whether the parish council would still be willing to support a trust. It was agreed to await the outcome of the meeting for prospective members and trustees on March 17th.

-It was also agreed in principle that some of the funds expected from the capital receipt payment for the field could be made available to a parish trust.

**15/34** **Middlemoor Windfarm Community Funds Applications; (Cllrs Grant and Wright declared an interest and left the room)**

-Tree planting at North Charlton; the clerk had returned the completed moderation form to the Community Foundation.

-There had been a good turnout for the defibrillator training event.

-An application to fund the parish website was to be submitted under the fast track system as it is for under £2000.

-The Community Foundation has agreed the money in principle for the Eglingham Village Hall celebrations.

-Work at Eglingham Community field had been completed however an additional request for £100 for a light battery to be paid by the Parish Council was refused. Councillors agreed that the Community Foundation grant should have covered all expenses as any extra payment by the PC could set a precedent for further projects. It was also agreed that £1851 of an invoice for £1900 works would be signed as this was the remaining Community Foundation grant for Eglingham Community Field. The shortfall would need to be agreed by Eglingham Community Association.

**15/35 Financial;**

* David Leslie £16,986.00 Village Hall Heating (paid between meetings); Henry Prytherch (work done at Eglingham Community field) £1851.02; Ordernance Survey map of Eglingham School £30; Eglingham Village Hall (rent 11 hours) £102; Clerk’s payment £169.55.

**15/36 Planning matters;**

-The committee hearing for the application for a wind turbine at South Charlton was delayed at the last minute as planners wanted to consider concerns about noise levels.

- 14/04011/FUL Installation of 50kWp of ground mounted solar photovoltaic panels. South West of Mill Farm.

- 14/03864/FUL Dwelling, Land South of 1 The Terrace, Eglingham. Granted.

**15/37 Correspondence;**

**-**The chair will attend a meeting on changes to the NCC’s planning controls system.

**15/38 Any other business;**

**-**The chair reported that an application had been made by Eglingham Church to central government to fund its roof repairs.

-It was agreed in principle the parish council would support an application by David Marshall to the Community Fund for a grant to install superfast broadband at North Charlton.

-Cllr Cairns brought information about an event for free online training for small businesses which the clerk will distribute.

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**15/39 Date of next** **meeting** - The next meeting will be held on Friday April 17 at Eglingham Village Hall. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9pm .

Signed:-

Chairman Clerk Date