g EGLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the meeting held on Friday May 15th 2015 at Eglingham Village Hall.**

**15/60** **Present –**  Cllr Alston, Cllrs W. Purvis, A Sutcliffe, J Lawson, E Stafford, S Wright, I Grant, J Robson.

**15/61** **Apologies for absence**. None.

**15/62** **In attendance -** Amy Smith (clerk) .

**15/63** **Declaration of Interest -**  The Declaration of Interest was read out by the chair.

**15/64** **Minutes of the meeting held on Friday April 17 2015 at Eglingham Village hall.** The minutes were proposed and seconded as a true record.

**15/65 Matters arising from the minutes** - The clerk had written to Northumberland County Council regarding littering on the A1 and was awaiting a response.

**15/66 ECA report-** A report by Eglingham Community Association with recommendations rergarding Eglingham Community Field had been circulated prior to the meeting. The chair recorded the thanks of the parish council for work the ECA have done over the past year. The ECA had made some recommendations in the report and the Parish Council agreed that there should be a tighter cut for the football pitch area but other grass could be left a little longer. The PC also agreed that there should be a one-off maintenance on hedges agreed for the Autumn and it had no problem with a signpost being erected for the Community Field but suggested the ECA would need to consider where this would be possible. The chair will contact Geoff Osmond to arrange a meeting with Greenfingers regarding grass/hedge cutting. It was also suggested that an article should be prepared for Hearabouts by the ECA explaining the benefits to the community of the community field and setting out the costs of grasscutting.

**15/67 Parish Trust;** No update.

**15/68** **Middlemoor Windfarm Community Funds Applications;** (Cllr Grant/Cllr Wright left the room). **North Charlton broadband;** The chair had contacted Ellingham Parish Council to inform them that Eglingham PC would be making an application for £40,000 funding on behalf of North Charlton but that the broadband would also benefit Brownieside and suggesting that Ellingham PC may wish to consider making a contribution. Ellingham PC were due to meet later this month. Cllr Alston is meeting with David Marshall who is leading the bid and Karen Daglish of the CommunityFoundation next week to discuss the bid.

**- Tree planting;** The PC agreed with plans put forward by John Rutherford to spend the money reclaimed on VAT from the tree planting scheme on additional tree planting. Mr Rutherford had also suggested spending the amount of the expected VAT reclaim on the additiotal tree planting with the Parish Council covering the cost until the VAT is reclaimed.

**15/69 Financial;** Cheques were signed for the annual donations agreed last November (see financial report) , Greenfingers £108, the clerk’s renumeration £106.20,NALC subscription £109.55, and Eglingham Village Hall cost for Parish Trust meeting (£20).

**15/70 Planning matters;** -The application for the single wind turbine at South Charlton had not been listed for discussion at NCC this month. Both Cllrs Alston and Sutcliffe will be unable to attend a meeting at the beginning of June if it were to be listed so the clerk will write asking for the application to be delayed until July.

-Ditchburn CLG. The clerk had received posters for exhibition dates regarding the proposed application for a windfarm at Ditchburn. These will be displayed; Monday June 1 Eglingham Village Hall 4-7.30pm, Tuesday June 2 South Charlton Village Hall 2-7.30pm, Wednesday June 3 Rennington Village Hal l4-7.30pm.

**15/71 Correspondence;** The clerk had received notice of consultation on NCC’s street trading policy and also pocket guides on where to eat local produce in Northumberland.

**15/72 Any other business;** -Cllr Robson had viewed a copy of the draft contract for the sale of Eglingham School staff room to April Potts. She was happy with the terms and clauses and will continue these negotiations.

-The chair asked that all councillors review our annual donations before they are set again in November.

**15/73 Date of next** **meeting** - The next meeting will be held on Friday July 10 at South Charlton Village Hall. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.10pm.

Signed:-

Chairman Clerk Date