EGLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the meeting held on Friday May 19th 2016 at South Charlton Village Hall.**

**16/46**  **Present –**  Cllr Alston, Cllrs W. Purvis, J Lawson, S Wright, I Grant. County Cllr Kate Cairns.

**16/47** **Apologies for absence**. Cllr J Robson, Cllr A Sutcliffe, Cllr E Stafford.

**16/48** **In attendance -** Amy Smith (clerk), Paul McIver.

**16/49**  **Declaration of Interest -**  The Declaration of Interest was read out by the chair.

**16/50** **Minutes of the meeting held on Friday April 29 2015 at South Charlton Village hall.** The minutes were proposed and seconded as a true record.

16/51 County Cllr update; Cllr Kate Cairns gave an overview of her work in the past year which has included the successful campaign to keep Branton school open, and pushing for repairs to local roads in the parish. The clerk reported that parishioners in South Chartlon were pleased with repairs to East Ditchburn Road.

16/52 **The Annual Parish Meeting** had been scheduled to be held immediately after the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council however as no members of the public were present it was agreed not to hold a Parish Meeting this year. There being no further business the annual meeting of the Parish Council was closed.

**16/53 Casual Vacancy;** It was proposed and seconded that Paul McIver be appointed to Eglingham Parish Council to fill the Casual Vacancy. There were no other applications.

**16/54 Matters arising from the minutes;**

-Paul McIver gave an overview of where different areas of responsibility lay in the Parish for the outcomes of the Parish Trust survey.

-Eglingham Community Field; the clerk reported instructions had been given for repair works to go ahead with the quotes discussed at the last meeting.

-The damaged bollard at the South Charlton entrance to the A1 is to be replaced.

-Street lighting; The chair will write an article for Hearabouts setting out the potential costings for new LED streetlighting, having obtained figures from Northumberland County Council.

**16/55**  **Middlemoor Windfarm Community Funds Applications;** (Cllr Grant/Cllr Wright left the room)

Owls-The clerk gave outline details of a proposed project by Paul Jackson to secure funding to site owl nesting boxes. It was felt more detailed information with three quotes and costings aswell as written landowners consent would be required before the Parish Council could consider acting as a conduit.

Eglingham Village Hall – the chair reported that quotes were being sought for potential extensive work to the village hall including redecoration, draughtproofing, serving hatch, sound system, skimming of floor and semi double glazing, with plans to put application for a grant of around £45000 before the Community Foundation at its June meeting.

South Charlton- Funds are being sought to carry out work to the kitchen at South Charlton village hall as well as reroofing however it was felt that quotes were needed and more details of material to be used needed before the PC as leaseholders could seek the agreement of the landowner.

**16/56 Financial; HMRC vat repayment £1070 for Parish Trust survey and of which to be returned to Community Foundation (-£30 PC administration fee) £1040.**

**Invoices :- Paid between meetings; Eglingham Village Hall rent invoice (for Parish Trust and from their CF funds) £75.**

**A Smith (Clerk’s renumeration) 11 hours @ £9 = £99,** Mileage at HMRC rate 45p per mile; Alnwick to South Charlton rtn 16 miles (19/5/16) £7.20, total £106.20.

Greenfingers for cuts £162.

**16/57 Planning matters;** Planning applications; proposed single storey extension into walled yard, The Old Stables, Eglingham. No comments.

**16/58 Correspondence;** NCC is considering reducing the number of opening hours at household waste disposal sites including Wooler.

**16/59 Any other business;** The chair asked that anyone invited to Eglingham Village Hall Centenary Party RSVP for numbers.

Cllr Grant asked that the clerk will write to Nigel Thompson thanking him for a great job cutting the grass and hedgerows between South Charlton and the main road.

Cll Sutcliffe had also emailed to say it had been mentioned that the gutters and pavements in South Charlton had not be cleaned for some years. He attached photographs which the clerk will forward to NCC and Cllr Kate Cairns.

**16/60 Date of next** **meeting** - The next meeting will be held on Friday July 1 at Eglingham Village Hall. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.30pm.

Signed:-

Chairman Clerk Date