

Eglingham Parish Council

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MINUTES

Of the meeting of Eglingham Parish Council held on 13th October 2022 in the side room at St Maurice's Church, Eglingham

Present: Councillors L. Turner (LT), J. Angus (JA), J. Lawson (JLa), J. Hamilton (JH), P. Davies (PD), C. Leishman (CL), J. Logan (JL).

In Attendance: County Cllr W. Pattison. Clerk – Jan Anderson. Rev Tracey Usher

49/22	Tribute to the late HM The Queen The Chairman thanked the late HM The Queen for her dedication, and read out an appropriate entry from the Parish book of condolence. God Save the King.
50/22	Public Participation: No questions.
51/22	Apologies for Absence: Cllrs J.Scott (JS), A.McGarrigle (AM).
52/22	Minutes of the Previous Meeting: To consider approval or amendment of the minutes from the previous Parish Council meeting 1 st September 2022. The minutes were agreed.
53/22	Declarations of Interest: Members are invited to disclose any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or other personal interests they may have in any of the items of business on the agenda in accordance with the Code of Conduct. Cllr Leishman declared an interest in connection with item 55/22a proposed children's play area.
54/22	Matters Arising: To receive updates on matters not appearing elsewhere on the Agenda; 41/22a – Local History Project (Cllr Hamilton) update. JH said that draft interpretation boards have been put together and showed the PC an example. 12 boards are being prepared as part of the project. There will be a lectern style board in the churchyard and others around the Parish. The drafts will be ready soon for the PC to approve. Metalwork has been ordered. Funding remains for a booklet to be printed for the church, brochures and a launch event. 41/22b - North Charlton Defibrillator windfarm application (Cllr Hamilton) update. JH has put together a quote which includes consumables for all the defibrillators in the Parish so the PC won't be left without the necessary funds if replacement pads (for example) are needed. Grant is for £2571 and the closing date is 26 th October – It was agreed that the application should be submitted. 41/22c - 1st Aid/Defibrillator courses (Cllr Logan) update. JL has provisionally booked Doug McEwan from the Stephen Carey Fund. Thursday 1 st December was suggested as a suitable date. The session will be open to residents in

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	<p>Eglingham Village Hall. Tea and biscuits to be provided, with donations invited to the Stephen Carey Fund.</p> <p>41/22d – Insurance/SCVH Lease – (Cllrs Turner and Scott) update. LT said that the PC is no longer the custodian for South Charlton Village Hall. Cllr Scott has a copy of the lease and will bring it to the next meeting so Cllrs can check it.</p> <p>41/22e – Tree planting project – LT has had an email from Aaron who is organising the planting of the NCC trees. A table of trees/locations has been produced. Locations are the sides of roads, near bridges and the planting will take place in the Spring 2023. It is hoped that an ‘all age’ team will do the planting. LT thanked Aaron for his work on the project.</p> <p>41/22f – Second speed camera at Eglingham windfarm application (Cllr Logan) update. JL said the application was in hand to be submitted. He has a list of documents needed and will liaise with the Clerk.</p> <p>42/22a – Christmas Lights windfarm application (Cllr Hamilton) – JH was pleased to confirm that the application had been granted. Contract accepted. There was a query about payment /issue of invoice. There is also an issue about VAT being included/excluded for the grant – this is to be discussed at a meeting with Grantscape.</p> <p>42/22b – Biodiversity Report – Update on meeting with EcoNorth. Need to sort out the recommendations/action plan. The PC was clear it didn’t want any recommendations for landowners unless they had agreed to this. JH said that the landowners surveyed have agreed to received recommendations. There are no obligations to do any works. JL said the snapshot of biodiversity is useful for the Parish Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>42/22e - Refurbishment of bus shelter and bin relocation – Update on whether funding would be available.</p> <p>Motion 1 – Cllr Turner proposed the litter bin should be removed from the bus shelter. A vote was taken and 5 Cllrs (majority) were in favour.</p> <p>JA said she would make the necessary arrangements. The relocation of the bin needs to be agreed with NCC (Bob Hodgeson) possibly with a black heritage style bin.</p> <p>CL asked if she could have permission to temporarily store two stones under the bench in the bus shelter. This was agreed.</p> <p>42/22g – Litter bin beside North Charlton Recycling bins – NCC are providing a wheeled bin on site free of charge to the PC.</p> <p>42/22h - Planning Training for Councillors – It was agreed the session would be before the next PC meeting starting 6.30-7.30 pm on 24th November 2022 at South Charlton Village Hall.</p>
55/22	<p>Requested Agenda Items:</p> <p>a. <u>Suggestion boxes</u> – For discussion and decision if any suggestions have been received. Details previously circulated.</p> <p><u>Village landslide</u> – This was an anonymous complaint. There is confusion over who owns the land at the bottom of The Terrace and Ferneylea, but Cllrs agreed it looked a mess. The issue is mainly the road verge. Cllrs wanted to meet with NCC to discuss – Bob Hodgeson, Neighbourhood Services.</p> <p><u>Overhanging tree branches</u> – It was agreed that JA would speak to resident about overgrown hedges in Eglingham.</p>

Access issues from bridge to bottom of The Terrace – see village landslip above.

Playground in Parish Field – Suggestion from Ali Wrangham (Parish Cllr in a nearby Parish). Cllrs thought this would be worth exploring for a ‘modest’ installation. JL to look at possibilities for the next meeting. CL said that the Pc needs to be mindful of the location near to neighbouring properties. Clerk to advise AW that the PC is considering her suggestion at the next PC meeting.

b. Review of Code of Conduct – For further discussion. Code of Conduct previously circulated – to next meeting.

c. New Parish Clerk – For discussion and decision on appointment of New Parish Clerk. CV of applicant has been circulated. It was agreed that the new Clerk could be appointed subject to a satisfactory informal interview. LT to arrange.

d. Interim report from External Auditors 2021/22 – An interim report has been received just asking for an advert stating the availability of the PC accounts to be put on website + audit documents. This has been done.

e. Parish Council Budget/precept 2023/4 – Cllrs said inviting suggestions for the PC budget/windfarm applications would be proactive. Residents could be encouraged to a make their own applications depending on what was suggested. Cost of training for new Clerk will need to be included in precept. PD will speak to Andy re: Hearabouts advert.

f. Neighbourhood Plan - Update on activity and arrangements for PC training. LT said the draft NP (10th draft) was an impressive piece of work largely down to the efforts of David Biesterfield who, however, has resigned from the steering group. LT though there wasn’t much more to do on the draft plan apart from absorbing the biodiversity report. Remaining members of the steering group are Cllr Logan, Andy Gray and Peter Ridgeway who have said they are happy to continue. Could add more Cllrs to the steering group . JA said she would be interested in joining. Training to be arranged ASAP.

g. Bins at the bottom of The Tarry – Decision on action to be taken – to next meeting.

h. RW Energy – update from Cllr Turner. JL will be the PC Rep.

i. Community Field/Green/Potential Allotment – (Cllr Turner) Proposal to put together a project and seek windfarm grant to manage these areas. Item for decision. LT with drew the proposal to bring the areas under one umbrella. LT has draft lease for the allotment to sign. Cost is £70 per annum. The allotment has a poly tunnel on it which is used by the other allotment holders. Cllrs were minded to agree to sign the agreement subject to it being checked over by legal person/NALC.

JH suggested asking Martin Conway about applying for a grant for a parish warden to cut hedges and clear footpaths perhaps 2 days/month. It was agreed to wait until after the Hearabouts advert for budget ideas.

j. Community Resilience – (Cllr Turner) proposal to set up a steering group to look at community resilience eg storms/power cuts/water shortages. For discussion and decision. LT said the recent slow cooker demonstration from CAN also gave info on looking after yourself, registering for priority helplines, syndicate for buying oil etc. An article has been done for Hearabouts. South Charlton Village Hall is registered as an energy hub but Cllrs didn’t know about Eglington Village hall, Martin Conway (Community Builder) is looking into this.

	<p>Northern Powergrid meeting Belford 4th Nov, and Rothbury 8th Nov. Martin is researching this and will work with village halls to make sure they are ready.</p> <p>k. <u>Viewpoint seating and fingerposts</u> – (Cllr Angus) Request for support from the PC for windfarm grant application to be made by Eglington Community Association. ECA have asked for a letter of support from the PC to go in with their grant application for this project. Project is very much wanted by residents and benches will be owned by the PC Cllrs discussed this and agreed the letter should be provided subject to an informal chat with the ECA to clarify details of the application such as list of works, locations, who will own items etc.</p> <p>9.40pm At this point the Chairman moved that standing orders be suspended so the meeting agenda could be completed. This was agreed.</p>
43/22	<p>Report from County Councillor: The report for October 2022 has been previously circulated. Cllr Pattison referred to a recent report by Cormac Russel who is an expert on inequalities. People in Berwick and Ashington on average die 12 years before residents elsewhere in the County. Communities have to take more responsibility for themselves with NCC as an umbrella such as taking on painting on local schools and other projects. During Covid, Rock started a Whats App group with phone numbers to help each other, collection of shopping and prescriptions etc. Cllrs thought this was the sort of thing that the ECA did in this Parish.</p>
44/22	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a. Clerks payment: Clerk's salary and expenses 28/8/22-5/10/22 16.25 hrs x £11.73 £190.61 + Expenses £34.59 = Total £225.20 (Cheque to Newton on the Moor & Swarland PC).</p> <p>b. Receipts: NCC precept 2nd 50% £2967.00</p> <p>c. Payments: MGH Consultants (Eglington Parish Interpretation boards) Invoice 1 £4200.00 inc VAT Invoice 2 - Balancing amount due 25th Nov £6408.00 inc VAT + production cost increase of £372.00 inc VAT = £6780.00</p> <p>PC requested to agree approaching Windfarm Grant for additional amount and agree payment of invoice 2 in full subject to work being completed.</p> <p>Andrew S Gray Design – PC domain name renewal £60.08. ECO North Phase 2 and Phase 3 draft report (50%) £4575.60 inc VAT Wilson Taylor (Picture Framing) £204.70 Repayment to Cllr Turner for 2 wreaths. £34.00 Squarespace PC website (\$252) £227.33</p> <p>d. Account balances: At 9th September 2022 Treasurers account: £37,203.44 Business savings Account: £2,710.93</p>

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	All the above payments were agreed/noted with the addition of agreeing the payment for the new lights £1660.00.
45/22	<p>Planning Matters</p> <p>Planning Decisions</p> <p>22/01757/FUL – Land south of Garden Cottage, Charlton Hall, Eglington. Extension and retention of temporary dwelling. Application withdrawn by applicant 30.8.22.</p> <p>Applications Awaiting decision.</p> <p>22/02447/FUL - The Old Stables Eglington Village Eglington Northumberland NE66 2TX. Proposed sun room extension. As at 5/10/22 still awaiting decision.</p> <p>22/02448/LBC - The Old Stables Eglington Village Eglington Northumberland NE66 2TX. Listed building consent. Proposed sun room extension. As at 5/10/22 still awaiting decision.</p> <p>Applications for comment.</p> <p>22/03448/FUL - Tankerville Cottage 17 Eglington Village, Eglington, Northumberland NE66 2TX. Change of roof material from glass to slate over conservatory. Comments invited until 24th October 2022.</p> <p>22/03422/FUL – Lavender Cottage, 13 The Cottages, North Charlton, Chathill, NE67 5HR. Single storey extension to rear of property. Comments invited until 21/10/22.</p> <p>Councillors had no objections to make to 22/03448/FUL or 22/03422/FUL. Clerk to advise NCC.</p>
46/22	<p>Other Correspondence: previously circulated - no action required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCC Consultation on identifying sites for Gypsies, travellers and travelling show people – identification of reserve sites for additional pitches if needed by 11.11.22.
47/22	Any Other Urgent Issues :
48/22	<p>Date and Time of the Next Meeting Thursday 24 November 2022 at 7.30pm – South Charlton Village Hall.</p> <p>Future Meetings:</p>

Meeting finished 21:58

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