

Eglingham Parish Council

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**Minutes**

Of the meeting held on the 17 May 2023 held at South Charlton Village Hall following the AGM

**Present:** Lorna Turner (LT), Judith Scott (JS), Alyson McGarrigle (AM), Jane Hamilton (JH), June Lawson (JLaw), Joanne Angus (JA), Paul Davies (PD)

**In Attendance:** Clerk - Andy Gray. Members of the Public, Julian Tyley & Rev. Tracey Malthouse

**1. Election of Officials:**

- a. Chairman - Lorna Turner was retained. Proposed by JA, Seconded by AM
- b. Vice Chair - Joanne Angus was retained. Proposed by AM, Seconded by JS

**2. Public participation:** none

**3. Apologies for absence:** Jamie Logan (JLo), Clair Leishman (CL)

**4. Minutes of the previous meeting:** To consider approval or amendment of the minutes from the previous parish council meeting 5 Apr 2023 . The minutes were agreed and approved.

**5. Declaration of interest:** none declared at the outset of the meeting.

**6. Matters Arising:**

- a. Verge Issue in Eglingham - JS has spoken to the resident whose property it relates. LT asked if the long standing matter could be integrated into further discussions around long term village maintenance.
- b. Bin Relocation, Eglingham - JA updated after contact with NCC. NCC is to fix the bin to the Give Way sign once bushes were cut back.
- c. Drone Photo of Community Field - No update
- d. Biodiversity Project - Again, an extensive discussion was held based on legal arguments around the specific need for authorities as minor as Parish Councils needing to have biodiversity policies. JH presented a Gov document stating local authorities had "a duty to enhance & preserve" and an example of a PC in the south of England that had a policy.  
It was noted that the PC had received, via JH, written agreement from three landowners originally surveyed for their parts of the final report to be published. A vote was taken on whether to carry through the project to Phase 3 for these three landowners. The vote passed with 5 for and 2 abstentions.  
JH to contact EcoNorth to complete Phase 3
- e. South Charlton Noticeboard - Deferred
- f. Street Lighting in Eglingham - Deferred
- g. Mini Library/Book swap - Deferred
- h. Charles III Coronation Commemorative Tree - JH had investigated costs for the proposal. A 2 year old Oak tree - £25 and plaque - approx. £150. To be discussed further before the next planting season ends.
- i. Charles III Coronation Events. JH reported on successful events held in all 3 villages. £373 had been secured from the windfarm fund. Approx 40 people attended in Eglingham, 35 in South Charlton and 6 at North Charlton.

**7. Main Agenda:**

- a. Eglingham Parish Neighbourhood Plan (ENP) - The Steering Group & PC held a meeting on 18th of April to approve commencement of the Reg. 14 consultation. Minutes of this meeting to be put into the public record.

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The PC unanimously agreed the application of a grant to Groundworks for fees needed to take the ENP forward following the Reg. 14 consultation.

- b. Suggestion Boxes - Noted the receipt of a suggestion regarding condition of a style near Eglington and the provision of a finger post sign. It was noted that this would be covered by the repair scheme already approved with NCC.
- c. GoFibre - GoFibre have won a contract for further provision of fibre internet in rural Northumberland. With some properties still not able to connect to fibre internet it was proposed that they be invited to a future meeting, or an extra "meeting" for public attendance.

8. **County Councillor Report:** Noted as received

9. **Finances:**

- a. Receipts: £3.26 interest on Business Acct.
- b. Payments were approved for: Andrew S Gray (Clerk) £204.30, J Hamilton £248.76 (reimbursement for Coronation event provisions), Eglington Village Hall £45.00 (Hire for Coron. Event kitchen use), Penny Blackmore £80 (coronation cakes), NALC £111.51 (subscription)
- c. Balances - Treasurers Acct £18727.20, Business Acct £2719.04
- d. Audit of Accounts to Year End 31/3/2023
  - i. Internal Auditor Report - Approved
  - ii. Governance Statement - Approved & Signed
  - iii. Draft Annual Accounts for year 2022/2023 - Approved
  - iv. Accounting Statement & explanation of variances - Approved
  - v. Exemption Certificate - N/A
  - vi. Publication of 'Public right of inspection dates' on 26th June 2023 - Approved

10. **Planning Matters:**

**Planning Decisions**

Replacement of wooden outbuilding, on existing footprint. Patterson Cottage Boarding Kennels Charlton Mires - GRANTED

Change of use of existing rear extension to 4no. self contained holiday lets with addition bins/recycling and bicycle stores. Change of use of existing

listed buildings from C2 to C3 use. Grovewood House, South Charlton - GRANTED

Advertisement consent for 3 x No roadside advertisement signs. Charlton Hall Ellingham - GRANTED

**Applications for comment**

- a. **23/01532/FUL** - Proposed rear sun room extension. The Old Stables Eglington Village Eglington Northumberland NE66 2TX - No Comment from PC
- b. **23/01533/LBC** - Proposed rear sun room extension. The Old Stables Eglington Village Eglington Northumberland NE66 2TX - No Comment from PC

11. **Other Business:**

- a. JH asked about inviting some org. or the Police to talk about wildlife crime. To be discussed at future meeting.

12. **Other Correspondence:** Email received from NCC on the day of meeting regarding LTP priorities. To be discussed at next meeting.

13. **Any Other Urgent Business:** None

14. **Date and Time of Next Meeting:** 28 Jun 2023 at Eglington Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9:10pm

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