

Eglingham Parish Council

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Minutes

Of the meeting held on the 28 Jun 2023 held at Eglingham Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Clerk - Andy Gray. Wendy Pattison (WP) - NCC Councillor. Members of the Public - Carolyn Brewster

1. **Public participation:** none
2. **Apologies for absence:** Jamie Logan (JLo)
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** To consider approval or amendment of the minutes from the previous parish council meeting 17 May 2023 . The minutes were agreed and approved.
4. **Declaration of interest:** none declared at the outset of the meeting.
5. **Matters Arising:**
 - a. **Verge Issue in Eglingham** - LT updated the meeting with the overall history of the issue that has run for multiple years. After extensive research by the PC, the solution of this issue is outside of the remit of the PC as the area affected is not under its ownership or responsibility. It was unanimously resolved that the PC ends its involvement with discussions on the matter.
 - b. **Bin in Eglingham** - JA reported. Having secured an agreement with NCC of positioning the bin on the Give Way sign at the Tarry road, after greenery was trimmed back, NCC has gone silent. WP suggests Clerk to email Bob Hodgson about the matter.
 - c. **BioDiversity** -
 - i. NALC Workshop - Nalc are arranging a Zoom session on Biodiversity responsibilities in the near future. Details to be forwarded to councillors once available.
 - ii. BioDiversity project - JH updated. For the outstanding funding, EcoNorth will produce 2 sets of reports. One for PC records and grant compliance only, detailing all of the work performed i.e. Phase I, All Phase II Habitat Surveys and Phase III for the three landowners who had agreed to an action plan. The second report for publication on the council's website and with agreement from the 3 landowners who had agreed to an action plan with recommendations. This will comprise Phase I, Phase II for the three landowners and Phase III for the same 3 landowners. Clerk to confirm exact funding remaining and pass onto JH.
 - d. **GoFibre** - GoFibre, the company who have won the latest round of contracts for delivering extensive fibre internet to Northumberland have agreed to attend the next meeting on 6th of September. Interested Parishioners to be invited to attend.
6. **Main Agenda:**
 - a. **Eglingham Neighbourhood Plan (ENP)** - JA delivered a synopsis of the circulated report from the ENP Steering Group (SG), noting the 40 responses mainly supportive and also noting comments and requests from some landowners to amend the settlement boundary. The report from the SG stated the need, for the benefit of the PC remaining impartial and neutral, that the post consultation report which forms a

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part of the ENP submission should be produced by an independent planning consultant. The SG recommends Ludman Planning Ltd (LTL) who has provided significant guidance to the SG to this stage.

Groundworks (the government fund for neighbourhood plans) have not “opened” yet thus creating a funding issue for this required work.

The SG asks that the PC support the SG in applying, on their behalf, to the Windfarm fund for this stop gap funding.

With regards to the actions the SG ask the PC to sanction:

- i. The SG to apply for £2500 from the windfarm fund for LTL to carry out the next step - Resolved
 - ii. On successful application for funding, to accept LPL’s fee proposal on the PCs behalf and to instruct LPL to proceed as set out in report - Resolved
 - iii. To engage with NCC to resolve the hopefully minor issues raised in regard to LGS and non-designated heritage assets - Resolved
 - iv. Should the grant ‘window’ reopen, to submit a further application for such funding as may be available to cover LPL’s fees which, at the date of the application, have not been incurred as well as those that may incurred beyond the current fee proposal - Resolved
 - v. If requested by the SG to call a dedicated meeting between the PC and SG before the next PC meeting if necessary to continue progress of the ENP in a timely manner - Resolved
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- b. **Speed Sign, Eglingham** - LT, via JLo, updated. The installation of the speed sign is expected to happen in late September.
 - c. **Local Transport Priorities (LTPs)** - The PC are asked by NCC to list the top 3 priorities to be assessed and possibly actioned by NCC. A discussion was held after which, the state of the road between North Charlton and Hebburn, the road between South Charlton and Shipley crossroads and the road between Eglingham and Bannamoore were decided upon as priorities.
Among others raised was the state of the path in South Charlton. WP said that she could contribute to its resurfacing, but not until after April 2024.
LT raised the subject of if windfarm funds could be used to carry out these types of works to enhance each of the villages. The Clerk to call Grantscape to see if this is possible.
 - d. **Suggestion Boxes** - One submission from a named individual was received with a number of items the person wanted remedied. A new bin at the end of the terrace. Considered. Declined. A traffic mirror, NCC deems them unsafe and are not supported. It is noted that any DIY installation would run the risk of the installer being liable in the result of an accident. A fallen tree, which has already been cleared. Painting of a fence, noted.
 - e. **Wildlife Crime/Rural Crime** - JH to contact the Police regarding their availability to speak to councillors at a future meeting

7. **County Councillor Report:** Noted as received. WP had nothing further to add.

8. **Finances:**

- a. Receipts: £1.73 interest on Business Acct.
- b. Payments were approved for: Andrew S Gray (Clerk) £123.71, Andrew S. Gray (domain name renewal) £60.03. SA Douglas (Grasscutting) £225.00, BHIB Ltd (Insurance) £508.99
- c. Balances - Treasurers Acct £18410.68, Business Acct £2720.77

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9. **Planning Matters:**

Planning Decisions

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) on approved application 21/02331/FUL to clarify site section plan. Location Land South East Of The Terrace The Terrace Eglington Northumberland NE66 2UA - GRANTED

Applications for comment

None

10. **Other Correspondence:**

11. **Any Other Urgent Business:**

- a. A bench on the Community Field looks to be damaged. JA to pass onto ECA.
- b. With Hear Abouts reducing its publication frequency, JH asked if the clerk can post the minutes and agendas on the residents@ email service.
- c. Following this, the PC's Communication Policy will be reviewed at the September meeting.

12. **Date and Time of Next Meeting:** 6 Sept 2023 at South Charlton Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9:00pm

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