

Eglingham Parish Council  
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Draft Minutes of the electronic meeting of Eglingham Parish Council held on Wednesday July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**Minutes**

20/42 **Public Questions** It was requested that any public questions be emailed to the clerk by 7pm on Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup>. There were no questions received.

20/43 **Present:** Chair Cllr Alston, Cllrs P McIver, D Biesterfield, A Gray, G Leishman. County Cllr W Pattison. Clerk A Smith.

20/44 **Apologies for absence:** Cllr J Lawson, G Grahamslaw, J Robson.

20/45 **Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020** had been circulated and were approved.

20/46 **Appointment of new clerk** The chair and Cllr McIver had interviewed a candidate Lesley Long and were impressed. Her C.V. had been circulated to other councillors and it was formally agreed to appoint her from August 20<sup>th</sup>. The current clerk will continue until August 31. It was agreed to invite Mrs Long to attend the August meeting which will hopefully be held at Eglingham Village Hall.

**20/47 Matters Arising**

Update on Neighbourhood Plan Cllr Biesterfield had received the Design Code. It was agreed to publish this in Hearabouts and to put on the Parish website. It was also agreed the clerk will investigate printing costs to have it made into a bound copy for reference and distributed to the village halls and councillors. Cllr Biesterfield also said he was expecting Alison Farmer's draft report in the middle of August.

Speed monitoring signs in Eglingham Cllr Pattison suggested the clerk request a Zoom meeting with Neil Snowdon of the Highways Department to discuss the speed monitoring signs and this was agreed.

30mph signs Cllr Pattison said this had been delayed due to the lockdown but it was hoped the signs would be put in place in the coming weeks by NCC.

20/48 **South Charlton Village Hall Lease year.** Discussions are ongoing between the Parish Council and The Northumberland Estates for the renewal of the lease due early next year.

**20/49 Planning**

- (i) 20/01422/FUL Land East of St James's, South Charlton; The clerk had submitted the Parish Council's response to NCC for the application between meetings. The PC had recorded its support for the application conditional upon the Estate carrying out the development in accordance with the design guide principles agreed with the Parish Council. Cllr Biesterfield queried how it fitted with the finished Design Code and said he would consider this matter.
- (ii) Listed Building Consent to replace flat roof, Ogle House, Eglingham Village, App 20/01783/LBC. Cllr McIver had no objections as he said the roof not visible. No objections recorded.

20/50 **Broadband-**Sylvia Pringle and Cllr Pattison had drawn up a list of addresses in the Parish without access to faster broadband. The clerk will submit the addresses to Openreach to get a quote. Grants are available via iNorthumberland.

20/51 **Coronavirus - Agreed donations to be set in light of the Coronavirus outbreak** It was agreed to split three-ways the usual funds instead this year to Alnwick Hospice, Alnwick Food Bank and the Great North Air Ambulance. The clerk will write to the usual recipients explaining the change in policy and the reason why.

**20/51 Finance** The Financial report had been circulated and payments were approved:

**Payments to make :-**

A Smith (Clerk's remuneration) 24 hours @ £9.90 = £237.60

- HMRC (remainder of payment for first quarter from April up to July 22)  
£47.40

Total to clerk £190.20

Greenfingers 2 cuts on 9/6 & 25/6 £108

Andy Gray Website Domain name £50.47

**Payments made between meetings;**

Greenfingers cuts on 13/5 and 27/5 £108

**Receipts between meetings;**

Interest £0.11

GroundworkUK (repayment of grant) £3350

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT £7411.60

BUSINESS ACCOUNT £2710.05

£10,121.65

(-£3350) Neighbourhood Planning grant

**PC Total: £6771.65**

**20/52 Correspondence –**

- (i) Notification of Certificate of Exemption. The clerk had received confirmation from the auditors PKF LittleJohn and the Annual Return and accounts are available on the Parish website.
- (ii) Letter of resignation The clerk had received a letter of resignation from Julia Robson. The chair and councillors asked that their thanks for Cllr Robson's service and invaluable support over her years as a councillor be recorded and that the clerk send a letter of thanks to her. The clerk will also contact the County Council and a Notice of Vacancy will be displayed. The chair also asked the at councillors have a think before the next meeting of anyone who may be interested in joining the Parish Council.

**20/53 Any other urgent matters**

(i)-Hedge Cutting The clerk had written to an Eglingham resident with a polite request to cut their hedge which is overhanging the footpath in the village to the point where it cannot be used.

(ii) **Tarry Lane** The chair had received a concern from a resident regarding the roadside drainage. The clerk will contact NCC to request that the drains be cleared.

**20/51 Report from the County Councillor:** The July report from Cllr Pattison had been circulated. Cllr Pattison said potholes had been filled at West Ditchburn but the road was in a poor state and she said Graham Bucknall at Highways had said the road between West Ditchburn and Eglingham Terrace is due to be resurfaced. Cllr Pattison is using her allowance to pay for the footpath outside of South Charlton Village hall.

**20/41 Time and date of next meeting:** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday August 26<sup>th</sup> 2020 at Eglingham Village Hall if possible or via Zoom.