

EGLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday October 17<sup>th</sup> 2018 at South Charlton Village Hall.**

**18/92 Present** – Acting Chair Cllr P McIver, A Gray, G Grahamslaw, J Robson, J Lawson.

**18/93 Apologies for absence.** Chair D Alston, D Biesterfield. County Councillor Wendy Pattison.

**18/94 In attendance** - Amy Smith (clerk). Three members of the public; Nicola Bowen, Malcolm Angus and Julian Tyley of ECA.

**18/95 Declaration of Interest** - The Declaration of Interest was read out by the chair.

**18/96** Parishioner Nicola Bowen attended the meeting to ask the PC for support in addressing her concerns regarding planning application 18/03488/COU Change of use of part of farm yard and 2 buildings from agricultural use to mixed use agriculture/woodchip production (retrospective) at Rock Midstead Farm.

Ms Bowen lives at Drythrople Cottage within Eglingham Parish but on the boundary with Rennington Parish. She and her partner are concerned at the “intrusive” level of noise for the last year and a half from the woodchip production which she complains they can hear through double glazed windows. They would like to see measures taken to reduce the noise levels and the operating hours as she says this goes on until at least 7pm on many occasions and from at least as early as 8am. Secondly they are concerned at the increased level of traffic, from lorries transporting woodchip and bringing in logs, on the road directly outside their house, which they say is a direct result of the business. Thirdly, they are concerned that the increased volume and size of traffic is a considerable safety issue on a minor twisty road that was never intended for such use.

Cllrs at South Charlton said that they have been affected by the extra heavy load traffic generated by the business which comes through the village and this has been raised at PC meetings previously. Cllr Gray told Ms Bowen the PC had previously asked the county councillor about a weight restriction on the bridge in South Charlton but this had been refused however the bridge has been strengthened. Cllr Grahamslaw agreed the traffic on the road leading from Rock Midstead was heavy and dangerous. He raised the possibility of the road being widened as part of future works to the A1.

It was agreed that the PC would write to NCC to support Ms Bowen’s concerns. While neither Ms Bowen or the PC would look to prevent the business, the issues of noise, traffic volume and safety need to be addressed.

**18/97 Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup> at Eglington Village hall.** The minutes were proposed and seconded as a true record with an amendment that Cllrs J Robson and J Lawson were both in attendance.

**18/98 Matters arising;**

-A proposal by County Cllr W Pattison to use some of her member's allowance to buy a Christmas tree for each parish had been refused by NCC. Eglington PC had previously declined the offer.

-Hedges/trees cutting back; Hedges at two addresses had been cut back by NCC but hedging at Eglington Village Hall was still overhanging the footpath. The PC will contact the landowner. The clerk had contacted NCC again regarding the cutting back of overhanging branches on Beanley Road and a rotten tree at the entrance to the village but was still awaiting a further response since it was confirmed in August the matters were in hand.

-Traffic speed sign repair; Speed strips; The traffic speed sign at the northern entrance to the village has stopped working. NCC informed the PC it was their responsibility. However as it was originally installed by NCC the PC has no details for the manufacturer. NCC agreed to help in trying to establish the manufacturer. The clerk is waiting for a response regarding relaying of speed strips in Eglington.

**18/99 Middlemoor Windfarm Community Fund; Tennis court-** Malcolm Angus attended the meeting to represent George Lillico. Mr Angus said Mr Lillico had explained that when the tennis court surface was laid the water supply in the village had been compromised and there was limited pressure when he power-washed the surface to clear it of weeds. He also stated Mr Lillico had said the surface can take time to cure. Mr Angus said that Mr Lillico was unhappy with the decision by the PC to retain the final payment of £2400 (having paid an initial £9600) to cover costs of dealing with the potential problem of further weeds coming through the surface. Mr Lillico maintained that as part of his two year guarantee he would continue to observe and treat the surface if needed and that a sum of £500 would be the correct retention. Mr Angus said that in his opinion the surface was usable as it was only one sycamore seed that had pushed up the tarmac and this had been removed and the surface repaired. The acting chair said he felt it was unacceptable that weeds had shown through a new surface, he said in two areas, and the PC stood by its decision taken at the previous meeting to withhold the final payment at present. It was also agreed that the PC will seek advice on issues with tarmac surfaces. Mr Angus said he would report to Mr Lillico.

Julian Tyley of ECA requested that an Information Board could be placed in the village bus stop. It was raised that if this was to be provided in Eglington then South and North Charlton would need to be considered. It was agreed that Malcolm would look into costings and report back. He also queried whether a bench was being provided for the bus stop. The clerk confirmed the PC had agreed to fund a bench on behalf of the ECA at a previous meeting. Cllr McIver also requested that as more children were using the bus stop litter was a problem and a bin required-the clerk will contact NCC on this matter.

**18/10 County Council update;** See attached report.

**18/11 Financial; Payments to make :-**

A Smith (Clerk's remuneration) 18 hrs@ £9.90 = £177.20 Mileage at HMRC rate 45p per mile; Alnwick to South Charlton rtn £7.20 Total to clerk £185.40

Annual website hosting renewal fee Squarespace \$216 (plus applicable taxes) £164.22 (payment to be made to clerk as taken from her credit card - will only accept card payments)

A Gray website domain registration £46.34.

**Payments made between meetings;** Greenfingers (£108 for two cuts) 30/8, 18/9.

Receipts between meetings; Interest September; Precept (2<sup>nd</sup> half) £1850.

**Accounts Balance** TREASURER'S ACCOUNT £14,559.12 BUSINESS ACCOUNT £7,704.44.

**18/12 Planning;** Granted-18/01914/Ful retrospective change of use of agricultural land to mixed use tourism at Wandylaw, Eglington.

The PC had no objections to applications 18/03209/LBC and 18/03208/FUL at Charlton Hall, Eglington for restoration of walled garden and visitor attractions.

Planning template - Cllr McIver had attended a meeting held by the County Cllr Wendy Pattison of the chairs of the Parish Councils. He reported that the clerk to Craster Parish Council had developed a planning template for councillors to refer to when submitting comments on applications to ensure correct concerns were addressed. Cllr McIver thought it was a helpful idea and a good starting point. The clerk will circulate the template.

**18/13 Correspondence;** Great North Air Ambulance had requested a donation. The clerk confirmed the annual budget would be discussed at December's meeting.

**18/14 Any other business;** Dog waste bins - Cllr McIver said parishioners had asked that he request extra dog waste bins for the village in particular one at the bottom of Tarry Road as the commercial bins dog walkers had been using were no longer available. The clerk will contact NCC.

Shipley Road sign - Cllr McIver will chase this up with the chair. Cllr Grant complained about the poor visibility at the junction and the clerk will write to highways on this matter as there have been several accidents at the spot over the years.

**18/15 Date of next meeting** - The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday December 5<sup>th</sup> at Eglington Village Hall.

Signed:-

Chairman

Clerk

Date