

EGLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019 at Eglingham Village Hall.**

**19/86 Present** – Chair D Alston, G Grahamslaw, A Gray, J Lawson, J Robson and P McIver. County Cllr W Pattison.

**19/87 Apologies for absence.** Cllr D Biesterfield.

**19/88 In attendance** - Amy Smith (clerk). Two members of the public.

**19/89 Declaration of Interest** - The Declaration of Interest was read out by the chair.

**19/90 Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday July 17<sup>th</sup> at South Charlton Village Hall.** The minutes were proposed and seconded as a true record.

**19/91 Matters arising;**

Eglingham Traffic Management – Neil Snowdon of Northumberland County Council Highways Programme had sent through the proposed Eglingham Village Traffic Calming scheme as a result of a site meeting with councillors earlier in the year. It is proposed that a footway will be installed on the West side of the bridge in Eglingham for the safety of pedestrians and with the introduction at the bridge of a priority working system that will also act as a traffic calming measure whilst the narrowing of the bridge will also assist in slowing down traffic. In addition there are proposals for new improved and better located signage at all junctions and entrances to the village including LED signs and refreshed road markings. Mr Snowdon had explained that funding was available in 2019/20 for the bridge works and suggested that other elements of the scheme be proposed by the Parish Council in the Local Transport Priorities for 2020/21. The chair proposed that the Parish Council approve the bridge works to go ahead in this financial year and to consider the other parts of the proposal at a future meeting. This action was approved and the clerk will write to Mr Snowdon to confirm.

Cllr Biesterfield's meeting with Mr Murfin, NCC director of planning, and logging routes- These matters were not discussed as Cllr Biesterfield was absent.

Hedges/trees cutting back; The tree works on Beanley Road are scheduled for Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October with a road closure from 9am to 3pm to allow for the works to take place.

Glen Sanderson response to road resurfacing request; In response to a letter from the clerk highlighting the poor state of the road between Eglingham and Alnwick, Mr Sanderson confirmed that the road does need a lot of money spending on it and that NCC is hoping it can be looked at next year. He suggested the PC put it forward as a Local Transport Priority which was done following the previous Parish Council meeting.

**19/92 Proposal to invite prospective new councillor to next meeting**; The clerk had circulated a CV and covering letter for Gordon Leishmann who had expressed an interest in becoming a coopted member of Eglingham Parish Council. It was agreed to invite him to the next meeting as a new councillor.

**19/93 Eglingham Neighbourhood Plan update**; The chair reported that 4 residents had attended the public meeting at South Charlton on Monday and 8 residents at Eglingham on Tuesday. He reported that those who attended the meetings had seemed engaged and supportive of what the Parish Council is planning to do but no further issues had been put forward to form part of the plan. The chair suggested that something about climate change should be part of the plan as this would become an increasing issue during the life of the Neighbourhood Plan. It was mentioned that some residents had been put off completing the questionnaire because of the need for a signature at the bottom however this had been an advised requirement by the Neighbourhood Planning and Infrastructure Officer.

**19/94 Eglingham Community Field Proposals**; The chair reported the results of both consultations. The initial consultation was on the principle of establishing a children's play area and the provision of adult training equipment. The results of that consultation were that 56% of respondents opposed the idea and 33% were in favour with 11% undecided. A second consultation based on detailed plans and costings put forward by the Eglingham Community Association were published in Hearabouts and solely for a children's play area. The results of the second consultation were 69% opposed, 31% in favour with concerns in both consultations at the cost and in light of the small number of children within the parish. On this basis the Parish Council voted unanimously not to pursue the proposal for a children's play area on the community field, proposed by the chair and seconded by Cllr McIver.

**\* Following the meeting the Parish Council apologised to residents for its mistake in agreeing the results of the consultation prior to the publicised end of the consultation on October 9<sup>th</sup>. The matter will be considered again at the November meeting taking into account all comments and the consultation has been extended to October 16<sup>th</sup> to allow residents time to make any further comments.**

**19/95 Middlemoor Community Windfarm**; It was agreed and minuted in September 2015 that if the Parish Council had to pay a standard charge for the audit because its income and expenditure had exceeded £25,000 this would be reimbursed by the Middlemoor Community Windfarm fund as it is due to grants coming in and out of the Parish Council accounts that it

exceeded the threshold. The Parish Council incurred a £240 cost for the financial year 2018/19 for which the clerk will now put in a claim to the Community Foundation.

**19/96 County Council update;** Cllr Pattison's report had been circulated. She highlighted the free wood service (pilot log bank) being provided for those in need of winter logs, based near Wooler. The logs wood be delivered to homes. For more information contactcontact Kate Thick [katethick@hotmail.com](mailto:katethick@hotmail.com) or telephone 07900963234.

Cllr Pattison had also highlighted that she was chasing the need for an extra bus stop at West Link Hall Cottages, near North Charlton.

Cllr Pattison also said she would chase up the results to the 30mph consultation for South Charlton.

**19/97 Data protection fee** Following advice from NALC that Parish Councils should register as Data Controllers because they are processing data for the provision of local services, it was agreed the clerk will do so and the Parish Council will pay the annual fee of £40.

**19/98 Financial; Payments: Notice of Conclusion of Audit, Financial report; Payments to make :-** Greenfingers Cut 14/8/19, 6/9/19 £108 In addition 17/9/19 £54, Printing for Neighbourhood Plan documents; Questionnaire (Hearabouts) (attached invoice) £39.90

Copies of all documents (see attached invoice from Swansfield Park Primary School) £143

Annual website fee to Squarespace ( \$259.20) (payable to clerk) £210. **Clerk's remuneration**

A Smith 33 hours @ £9.90 = £326.70 Mileage at HMRC rate 45p per mile; Alnwick to Eglingham rtn £7.20 **Remittance for Eglingham Neighbourhood Plan work in addition to clerk's hours;** Four hours photocopying, organising and distributing documents at £9.90 = £39.60 Mileage at HMRC rate 45p per mile Alnwick to Eglingham via South Charlton rtn £8.10. -HMRC payment of tax for second quarter £35.60 **Total to clerk £346**

\*It was agreed the clerk will confirm with Cllr Biesterfield that the printing costs for the Neighbourhood Plan will be reimbursed to Parish Council funds once a grant is received for the Plan.

**Payments between meetings;** Greenfingers Grounds maintenance 23/7 £54, Limited assurance review of Annual Governance & Accountability Return for year ended 31 March 2019 £240 (seeking to reimburse from Community Foundation).

**Receipts between meetings;** Interest 9/8/19 £0.12, 9/9/19 £0.12, 11/9/19 Precept (2<sup>nd</sup> half) £1950

**Accounts Balance Total £7531.40** (TREASURER'S ACCOUNT £4822.37, BUSINESS ACCOUNT £2709.03) Estimated balance following payments £6684.50

**19/99 Planning matters;** Received between meetings and no objections; 19/02001/FUL Proposal for 4no; timber stables, hay-store, feed and tack room, West Mires Cottage, South Charlton. 19/02159/REM; Reserved Matters application for proposed access re 18/01718/OUT – Land South of Yarrow Cottage Ditchburn Road, South Charlton. No other plans had been received. No other plans received.

**19/100 Correspondence;** Eglingham Village Field Maintenance; The Parish Council had received correspondence from Eglingham Community Association requesting increased maintenance of the field. In light of the consultation on the children’s play area the chair felt this was premature and proposed that there should be a discussion at a future meeting regarding a strategy for the use and maintenance of the field. Obstruction of Public Footpath- the clerk and Cllr Pattison had received a complaint that a public footpath was being blocked and Cllr Pattison had referred to the footpaths officer, Tribute to the Fallen 1914-1920 Men of Alnwick, Amble, Rothbury and Wooler districts book copy-the clerk had received a copy of this book from the Western Front Association Northumberland Branch. It was agreed to keep it at Eglingham Village Hall so it could be accessed by those interested. Resignation confirmation; the clerk had received an official letter of resignation from former councillor Holly Stafford. There was no other correspondence.

**19/ 101 Any other business;** Remembrance Day Wreath Cllr McIver explained that the chair had kindly organised for the area to be tidied up. The clerk explained that wreaths must now be ordered from the national Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and donations made directly to them as the local organisers had retired from the role. It was agreed to order a wreath for Eglingham and for South Charlton with the suggested donation for each of £17.

Cllr McIver raised whether the new bin in the bus station was being emptied as regularly as it should be as it is always full although it is nice to see it is being used. The clerk will chase this up with Neighbourhood Services.

**19/102 Date of next meeting;** - The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday November 27<sup>th</sup> at South Charlton Village Hall.

Signed:-

Chairman

Clerk

Date