

HEAR ABOUTS

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The Free Community Magazine for Eglington Parish
North Charlton | South Charlton | Eglington | & Everywhere Between

From the Editor

Happy New Year to you all!

I hope you have all "Christmased" well and doing ok.

We're back after our Christmas break so we'll be here each month until July and our summer break.

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Help Wanted

I'm not exactly certain, but I think I've edited and pulled this magazine together for 12 if not 13 years now. 10 issues a year each one taking a minimum of 8 hours to put together, excluding the collating and organising time. I love doing it but I can't carry on much longer doing the majority of the work as I need to focus on creating my own business content with diminishing available free time.

So, I and the rest of the Hear Abouts team are looking for some help.

I need someone to take on responsibility for calling for contributions, collating articles and content ready for me piecing them together, managing the hear abouts email, sending out the digital copies and loading onto the website.

If this is something you'd feel you could help with and can work alongside myself and the rest of the team - Malcolm, Ian, Liz, Margaret, Frances, Bill and David - then please get in touch.

Obviously you need to be PC literate...

Andy

Next Issue:

Sometime in March

All content must be received by the 20th of February

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South Charlton Village Hall Committee

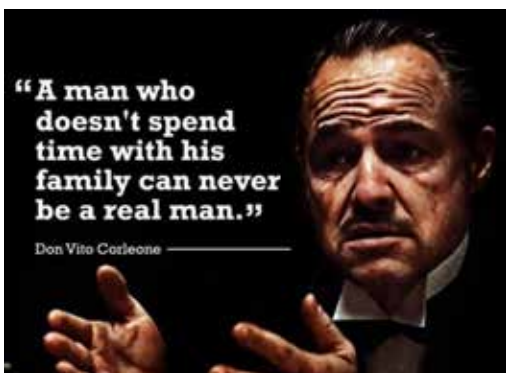
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What do you think?

The Parish Council ('PC') has, amongst a number of other projects underway, two on which it would welcome the views of residents.

First, we propose a second speed warning sign (N.B. not a speed camera) at the south-eastern end of Eglingham, funded by the Community Council, and broadly replicating that at the north-western end of the village. The County Council has already given its in-principle consent. The photographs, below, show roughly where the camera will be located – just before or around the bottom of the Terrace, heading north.



Second, the Eglingham Community Association has sought and received the PC's support for the thorough refurbishment of the Eglingham bus shelter which the PC owns. Again, the Community Association will be asked to fund the works but there is one issue on which there is some apparent disagreement: should the litter bin, presently located within the shelter, stay there or be moved to its previous location, attached to the adjacent telegraph pole (it is envisaged that it would be attached so as to be beside rather in front of the pole – what do you think (again, see the photographs, below)?



Those in favour of moving the bin from inside the shelter argue that, especially in the summer, the bin, which has a fairly wide aperture, attracts wasps and flies to the detriment of those using the shelter – especially, children.

Those wishing to leave the bin inside the shelter argue that it is less obtrusive, there, an important issue in the Eglingham Conservation Area.

By not later than 21st February, please let the PC have your views on both the speed warning camera and its location and on whether the bin should be inside or just outside the bus:

- By emailing the PC's clerk at: eglinghamclerk@gmail.com
- By writing to the PC c/o Mill House, 20 The Village, Eglingham NE66 2TX.

This is an informal consultation to which the PC, while not bound by the results, will have regard in its decisions on both matters.

Festive lights – please notify if interested



You will hopefully have seen the earlier e mail offering residents the opportunity of participating in a 2022 Christmas lighting display.

Following the interest already expressed by a number of residents, The Parish Council are to consider facilitating a grant application to the RWE Windfarm Fund with a view to allowing the purchase of further lighting strings/ancillary kits.

The grant application will need to be put together in the coming weeks and with this in mind, could any more residents who are interested in joining in with the scheme please log their interest by emailing parishchristmaslights@btinternet.com ASAP. Thank you.

Eglingham PC

Eglingham Village Hall Acoustics

The acoustics issue in the hall due to noise echoing around will have been recognised by many, over the years, whether having had difficulty making out what actors are saying at film nights, hearing clearly what is being said into a stage microphone or even hearing clearly all that is said at meetings.

The Committee agreed to employ an independent noise consultant and NOVA Acoustics were chosen from a shortlist to carry out a test with a view to identifying what could be done to improve things. They have an impressive list of previous clients including Universities of Oxford, Leeds and Essex, Unilever, Savills, Persimmon, ITV and Interserve, to name but a few.

Nova Acoustics carried out a test in November. Some of the main points from their report are as follows:

- Reverberation (Echo) times are shown in terms of something called "Tmf" and a satisfactory measure for our multi-use hall would be 0.8 - 1.2 Tmf
- The test showed that there is presently a mid-frequency Tmf of 1.8, clearly much higher than what is recommended. This reading confirms the problem.
- To reduce the Tmf to an estimated 0.93, NOVA's recommendation is to install 35 sq m of Class A Sound Absorbent panels on the walls and or ceilings
- To further reduce the estimated Tmf to 0.8 ie the bottom of the target range a further 10 sq m of panels could be installed.

We are proceeding with the installation of acoustic panels on the walls as per the following illustrative mock-up.

There will also be acoustic panels either side of the stage plus one above the doorway



where the clock is situated. This will achieve in total 34.8 sq m of panels.

We could then see how this improves things and it may well be that no further action is required.

If however it was felt that additional panels were necessary, then NOVA's recommendation is to utilise the ceiling for additional panels.

One side benefit of the panels could be that they have an insulating effect making heating up the hall even quicker!

Nova suggested various suppliers and there are numerous panels to pick from. The supplier that we did obtain a quotation from was JCW who were the only supplier able to provide 3m x 1.2 m panels which is the size shown in the mock-up. The sound absorbent panels are 50mm thick..

In terms of panel colours, it will be a neutral colour called "Lomond" which you can find on the Cara - Camira Fabrics website, should you wish to see it.

The acoustics will also be helped to a degree by the fitting of stage curtains.

The Committee are hopeful that a grant application to the RWE Windfarm Fund would be successful and we are looking forward to the time when poor acoustics will be a thing of the past.

Eglingham Village Hall Committee.

The Parish at Eglingham Village Hall

The Hall hosted a Band Night on Friday 10th December when The Parish, who had performed for us previously between lockdowns at the G & T in the Car Park event, returned to entertain us again.

Attendance was unfortunately hit by some late withdrawals, with several who had intended to come along understandably

deciding that their symptoms should not be disregarded, especially with things as they are now. Covid concerns were of course in the minds of the organisers too and tables were well spaced out to allow the opportunity for folk to sit at a social distance.



This didn't at all dampen the enthusiasm of those who did come along, nor the enthusiasm of the band whose performance was described on the night by some as "excellent", "superb" and "brilliant".

They lived up to their reputation as a party band and the five-piece performed such a wide variety of covers including songs by Dire Straits, Mott the Hoople, Tina Turner, The Traveling Willburys, Tom Jones,

Chris Rea, The Temptations as well as classic Rolling Stones and Beatles.

Many availed themselves of the take-away fayre delivered from The Tankerville and it could have been that, or perhaps a Peroni or two, which seemed to energise some into some dance moves rarely seen on the floor of the Hall. The songs from the fifties, sixties, seventies and eighties seemed to knock years, No, decades off the ages of some. Hopefully there were no strains, cramps or other injuries resulting from their exertions.

The Committee would like to sincerely thank all who supported the event.

Eglingham Village Hall Events Committee.

Eglingham WI

What did we do before Zoom? Because of the number of Covid cases it was decided not to hold our January meeting in the village hall but to enjoy the comforts of home and speak to each other by way of Zoom. Once the usual business had been conducted we were treated to a real treat. Romaine had won third prize in the National WI Lady Denman Literary Competition, which is run in conjunction and judged by the National Gallery. Her entry was entitled A Conversation Between the early 17th century Italian artist Artemesia Gentelleschia and Her Daughter and this was read to us by Romaine.

Previously in December we did not go out for our usual Christmas meal but stayed in the hall. This time Brenda and Joyce showed us how to make a Christmas table decoration. After clearing up we had a variety of soups and desserts, provided and served by the committee.



It is hoped our February meeting will be back to normal in the village hall, when our speaker will be from the Ad Gefrin distillery..

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EGLINGHAM PARISH

A very Happy New Year to you all, and as we continue to fight the pandemic, I send you my warmest regards and wishing you much good health throughout the year.

Checking the sheep on 5th January 2022

Sun glinting off the ice, I crunch and slide my way to the quad on one of those glorious winter mornings you get all too few of. Sharp clear air, no wind and me wrapped and swaddled to keep out the cold.

Away we went, gingers lolloping alongside the bike, past the house heading for open fields. I see a pile of chicken feathers at the side of the road, laid out in a circle. I had a quick look, but could not find a body. Reckon I will have lost one there.



Into the fields, I head up the hill. The gingers stretch their legs, enjoying the morning run on a nice firm surface. Sticking to drain lines and rig crests, the bike moves smoothly over the frost filled ground. Then, out of the little pinewood on my left, a Buzzard rose, languorously unfurling long brown wings. It took a few pulls to get going; then wheeled away over the storm smashed wood

down below, where the chickens make their home. Hmmm. Feathers, eh? There seem to be quite a few Buzzards around. I have seen them all the way to the Herds House turn off, not so much after that. Partridges, I suspect. But my, they are a fine sight. A friend of mine down in the Shipley mires used to watch them through a spyglass, spiralling on thermals higher and higher. Said the most he ever saw was nine.

I am heading to the Top Moor, cunningly named, no? It is a 60-acre field of moorland at the top of the farm. They didn't miss a trick when naming the fields, did they? When did it happen? Was there a naming of the field's day, when MAFF decreed that henceforth you had to give them a name?

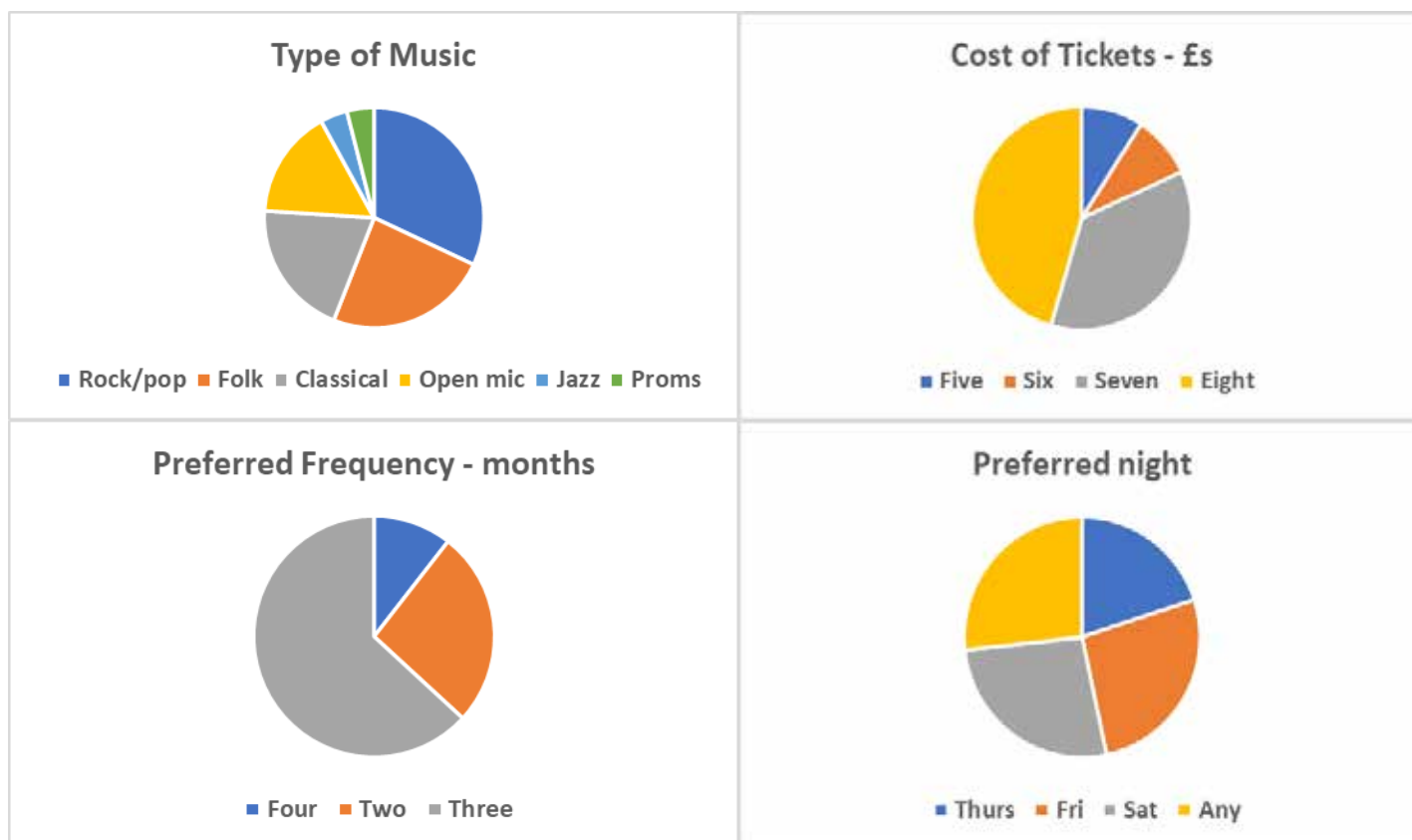
Through the gate with the large pool underneath, frozen solid today. The hounds bounce and slide. A cloud of Oystercatchers lift as one right in front of me, dappled things in all their glory. I have never seen as many together. I just sat on the bike, quietened the dogs and watched as they took themselves a little further up the hill, hovered, and settled down again. They are on the RSPB's Amber watchlist, there being a shortage of them nationally. I don't think they ever look in Northumberland when doing these bird counts. I was in Slaggyford one February a few years back, and the sheer number of migratory ducks, geese, waders, plovers and numerous other species was staggering to behold. Round here, the goose music from the sky of an evening as flocks head off to the coast just makes the heart sing.



Down the hill and off the moor, I am passing alongside a seven-acre wood where once I saw a Green Woodpecker dipping and looping, red cap shining. Nothing today, but several hares dart out of the way of the gingers who thankfully choose not to bother. And that is it for the morning. Back home, where five

hens line the side of the road demanding their breakfast. All present and correct. One of them is moulting and must have been plucking herself. Nothing dead at all. A good morning in the Parish of Eglington.

Eglington Village Hall : Music Nights feedback



Little Chief Wantsahome

Happy New Year, I'm sure that you all hope that this year will be more normal...although, as I am only 18 months old, the last year and a half is all that I have to judge "normal" on. My name is Chief; I am a lurcher with short hair on my body and, if I do say so myself, rather gorgeous curly bits around my ears. I am very affectionate; I like to lean on people or cuddle in to them and I walk well on a lead. I play nicely with other dogs but do have to own up to a bit of a pheasant fixation; if you don't have pheasants and like curly ears, we could be a match made in heaven. Find out more about me at www.alexasanimals.com

If you do follow that link to our website, you will see that the Charitable Trust which runs both the dog rescue operation and Patterson's Cottage Boarding Kennels is going through some changes. We dogs, and the people around us, are confident that it won't make any difference to the important things such as what time breakfast and dinner are served or the amount of play time that we get on the paddock. We are still getting regular visits from our friendly Northumberland County Council Dog Wardens and asked me to remind people to extend their Green Dog Walker membership. The Green Dog Walker scheme has been running for over four years now and they are updating their database – if you get an email asking you to confirm your details, please remember to reply so that you can continue getting your free dog poo bags.

Patch, who wrote to you before Christmas, has really fallen on his paws the lucky devil.



He's only gone and got adopted by a vet so is as happy as can be. One of the things in his article was a call out for new volunteers and we have had a great response – thank you – with seven new people joining the team that supports us dogs and the kennels directly. Annie, the person who gets all the volunteers together and helps them get started, is still looking for people to help with fundraising by staffing the shop in Amble. If you could help with this aspect of our charity, or indeed with anything else such as donations of items to sell, please drop us an email at alexasanimalscharity@gmail.com

Wags and licks,
Chief

DOUBLE BOULDER STONE TWO SISTERS, TWO CHURCHYARDS, TWO GRAVESTONES, TWO BOULDERS

High in the Cheviot hills are two old shepherd's houses. In the late 19 century, Milkhope was the home of the Anderson family (now an outward-bound centre in Kidland Forest), and their great friends and neighbours, the Armstrong's, lived just a few miles away across the moors at High Blakehope (now Bleakhope Farm) in the Breamish Valley.



Two of the Anderson's girls (there were 10 children altogether) have similar, but unusual gravestones. Both went from Milkhope to work as domestic and farm servants at the Armstrong's farm. The younger sister, Isabella (Tibbie), stayed at Blakehope and married one of the Armstrong sons. Tibbie was well known in Cheviotdale for her hospitality and lived to be 88. The couple's gravestone is in Ingram churchyard.

The elder sister, Elizabeth, moved on to work in Eglingham. She died tragically in 1875 of Typhoid fever aged only 22. Caused by poor sanitation and spread by bacteria in contaminated food and water, it can cause serious medical complications, but in Elizabeth's case it was fatal. Elizabeth's gravestone is close to the main gate of St Maurice's churchyard in Eglingham. It has been placed on top of what is thought to be a medieval cross socket base.



Both sister's gravestones were constructed from two huge granite boulders placed one on top of the other. The stones, rounded by thousands of years of water erosion, were carefully chosen by their families from the River Breamish close to the special place where they'd both lived.

Parish Taphophile

Storm Arwen

Who knew that Arwen would be canonised to become St. Arwen the patron saint of wood burning stoves.

The storm that swept across the northern and eastern part of Britain on 26th November has certainly changed the landscape with vistas appearing not seen before and many woods decimated. And a vast amount of damage to buildings, farm and industrial sheds etc. Normally it would be said the damage was incalculable but as I go round my farmer customers, calculations are indeed being made. There won't be a farmer between Aberdeen and Durham that won't be making an insurance claim. I know off, having been marginally professionally involved, of claims in excess of a million. Loss adjusters are being almost bussed into every farm and getting best china treatment. I dread to think what this will do to NFU Mutual's coffers, watch out when premium renewals come in next year! However, it's got to be said that the NFU are being justly lauded for their extremely prompt, fair and sympathetic treatment of insurees.

The stories of Arwen's havoc are becoming legendary:- the farm near Berwick where the slate roof was stripped off the beautiful, listed Victorian steading exposing the traumatised young cattle within to the raining debris and the elements. Fortunately no animals were hurt, but they (80 or so of them) had to be prematurely sold because they were effectively homeless. Slates from this incident were found 100 yards away from the shed. On the same farm a partial asbestos roof crashed down on the contents of the grain store containing 600 tons of oil seed rape valued at £650 per ton. This has all had to go to land fill as it is contaminated and no longer fit for human consumption. Two farms away a roof came crashing down on a tractor and brand new combine costing well over half a million pounds.

Whole woods were flattened in scenes reminiscent of apocalyptic nuclear attacks. At Prendwick near Whittingham five entire woods were flattened. Where some folk can say they've had four or five trees over, the farmer there can say he's had five entire woods blown over! Unfortunately these were only covered for fire damage. Uprooted trees at the edges of woods have caused fences to be 14 feet in the air and obviously fences everywhere have been ruptured. Mayhem.

Nearer to home Eglingham became cut off. We had friends who'd driven up from Taunton, told their daughters they were having a hell of a journey, arriving with us 10 minutes after the electric went off but as far as their frantic daughters were concerned, under a tree. We had a great boozy night with them in front of the stove as Arwen raged, plugged in an old land line phone, which amazingly worked, and were able to reassure their family all was fine. They planned to leave early, and did so only to return in 10 minutes to say the village was entirely blocked off. We went to the top of the village with chainsaws to help Adam and Chris unblock the village and spent the rest of the day helping to cut folk out. Exciting stuff, not the weekend they were expecting.

Many though have much worse tales to tell with electricity being off for, in some cases, nearly a fortnight. National Grid did their best to disseminate information but with electric off, therefore no internet and mobile masts off, they might as well have used town criers. The National Grid men on the ground though, were terrific, and considering the severity of the storm and the remoteness of the terrain, have done a great job. Stories like National Grid sending fish and chip vans to remote communities like Harbottle to distribute free meals are heart warming. Going forward Eglingham



Parish Council would like to encourage our village hall committees to consider buying and installing (using wind farm money to fund it) emergency generators so we have community hubs should weather events such as Arwen happen again which, with Climate Change, is far from impossible. As I write this Storm Malik rages!

The loss of those lovely beeches at the top of the village and elsewhere all over our part of the country would make one weep. This extratropical cyclone came directly from the North, a very unusual direction for 100 mph winds. Apparently, because trees expect (they can think you know!) winds largely from the west, the north side is where their roots are at their weakest. Strangely many pine trees were snapped off like match sticks ten feet up.

Tragically there were three fatalities, but considering the severity of the event, only three. Had the storm taken place during the middle of the day we'd have all been running around like headless chickens trying to shore things up and, as exemplified with the slates near Berwick, people could have been decapitated. It could have been much worse. Luckily we were all mostly tucked up in front of our stoves with a glass of whiskey.

James R. Logan.

Eglingham Parish Council Minutes

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Minutes of the meeting of Eglingham Parish Council held on 24 November 2021

At Eglingham Village Hall

Present: Cllrs D Biesterfeld (DB), J Lawson (JLa), J Hamilton (JH), R Faulkner (RF), J Logan (JL)

In Attendance: Clerk – Angela Meek, County Councillor Wendy Pattison

Apologies for Absence – Aaron Blackmore

In the absence of the Deputy Chair A Blackmore, JL proposed that DB chair the meeting. Seconded by RF.

Election of Chair and Deputy Chair

Following the resignation of Andy Gray as Chair and a member of the Parish Council, JL proposed DB as Chair of the Parish Council. This was seconded by RF. DB was duly elected as Chair.

(Subsequent to the meeting AB confirmed that he was willing to continue as Deputy Chair)

Matters Arising

Henry's Tree: noted the outcome of the consultation on spending the balance of the donations, and that £6.15 remained which would be given to the Alnwick Food Bank as part of the Council's next donation.

Repair of Litter Bin, South Charlton: RF/JLa would liaise with A Gray about progress and report back at the January PC meeting. RF/JLa

Eglingham Village Hall Sign: the Clerk would request an update from Judith Scott. Clerk

Application 21/03872/COU Middlemoor Narrow Boats Chathill: DB had queried with NCC the location of the site. The Clerk would follow up. Clerk

Tree Planting on Community Field: AB's report was received and noted that ECA had drawn up plans on area and design for planting trees which would not disturb the drainage system. AB to submit plans at the next meeting. AB

Demonstrations on use of Defibrillators: agreed that JL would provide options to the January meeting on provision of defibrillator demonstrations to each village and on First Aid courses. JL

Parish Council Insurance: noted the position as outlined in DB's report and resolved to review the PC's insurance position and insofar as appropriate to rationalise it.

Traffic Concerns: noted that DB and JH would meet representatives of NCC on 10 December to see what the scope of action was, and then decide further action. Members raised the need to be aware of the potential impact on trade of any action taken, and of alternative routes used. DB/JH would report to the January meeting. DB/JH

Jubilee Parish Picnic: noted that ECA would arrange an event on 4 June on the Community Field for the Parish.

Meeting with NCC's Leader: Dates of PC meetings have been provided to NCC Civic Heads' PA for scheduling a meeting.

Eglingham Road Signage and Markings: the response from NCC Highways was noted to the effect that no action was possible due to Eglingham being a built-up village with a 30mph speed limit and drivers were expected to know they could encounter pedestrians and should drive accordingly.

Dog Litter Bin at Eglingham: noted the possibility of an added enclosure around the bin at Tarry with a dog litter bin on the outside. DB to explore options and report to January meeting. DB

Great North Air Ambulance Service: agreed donation of £25. Clerk

Certificate of Compliance: noted the PC's Solicitors have advised that they are still waiting to hear back from the solicitor acting for the other party. The Clerk will write GL to advise further action is in their hands. Clerk

Precept Setting for 2022 – 2023

The item was deferred. DB and Clerk to discuss and report to the January meeting. DB/Clerk

Vacant Councillor Positions

The Parish Council agreed that DB and AB would arrange to meet Alyson McGarrigle and invite her to the next PC meeting. DB/AB

The Parish Council agreed to the co-option of Adam Wilson.

Suggestion Boxes

a) First Aid Courses – discussed under item 128/21.

b) North Charlton Bus Shelter – conversion to Library: JH reported for information that Highways England would be willing to consider its refurbishment. A detailed proposal and costings were requested by the PC and JH was asked if she was willing to take the matter forward. In light of her other commitments, the matter was deferred pro tem.

Eglingham Parish County Councillor's Report

The PC received the reports for November and December.

a) The work of Communities Together was noted by the PC and highly commended. The item would be added to Hearabouts magazine. Clerk

b) The A1 proposals were noted and that the Secretary of State was to approve them in January 2022.

c) Queen's Jubilee – there was to be funding available from NCC for a "Big Lunch" on 4 and 5 June 2022 to support street parties. The PC would be able to access funds. The Clerk would inform Eglingham Community Association through Malcolm Angus. More details to follow from NCC. Clerk

Eglingham Local Plan - Report from DB received and noted.

Local History Project – Report from JH received and noted.

Biodiversity Study – JL reported that all 11 residents have granted access to their land and the study would progress. The results would be provided to the PC prior to publication.

Broadband Project – JL reported that he had made enquiries with residents about who had broadband. Investigations revealed that the majority had made their own arrangements. The PC agreed that JL would draft an item for Hearabouts magazine and invite residents to come forward if they needed help in obtaining broadband. If no response was received, it was proposed that the item be closed.

Planning Matters

Planning application 21/03157/FUL – extensions and alterations to bungalow Fernlea 2 Ditchburn Road South Charlton – noted that permission had been granted.

Community Field Goalposts – The PC noted that Gordon Leishman was intending to replace the goalposts by applying for a CF grant. He would liaise with ECA.

Street Lighting in Eglingham – noted that AB had been approached by April Potts about the possibility of reducing the amount of streetlighting in Eglingham.

The PC agreed that DB would make enquiries. DB

JH raised concerns about the lack of community engagement and asked that when considering matters which directly affect residents, such as streetlighting, the PC consulted residents through Residents@ and Hearabouts. This was due to Members not being elected and not having a mandate.

Additional Community Foundation Grant – Tennis Pavilion – noted that there had been a shortfall of £1500 in the original application. The PC agreed that JH would submit the application with the Tennis Club in the PC's name with a copy of the application to be filed with the Clerk. JH

Finances – the PC received the Clerk's Finance report and noted the content. Approval was given for payment of invoices listed.

Other Correspondence – none received.

Any Other Urgent Issues

a) Defibrillator: the PC supported the project to purchase a defibrillator for North Charlton subject to the receipt of firm proposals with exact costs. There were no funds available in the PC's budget and a CF grant would need to be applied for. JH was to provide a report to the January meeting. JH

b) Remembrance Sunday – the PC thanked JH for organising attendance by Air Force representatives.

c) Andy Gray, Chair – the Chairman, supported by all others present, expressed their gratitude for AG's services as Chair and as a member of the PC and regretted his decision to stand down. Particular thanks were recorded for AG's agreement to remain a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

Date and Time of the Next Meeting

Wednesday 12 January 2022 at 7.30pm – South Charlton Village Hall

Future Meetings:

Wednesday 23 February 2022 at 7.30pm – Eglington Village Hall

Wednesday 6 April 2022 at 7.30pm – South Charlton Village Hall

Wednesday 11 May 2022 at 7.30pm – Eglington Village Hall

Doggerel Corner

definition of doggerel: trivial or comic verse composed in an irregular rhythm

Full Circle

I remember the 'Winter of Discontent'
And the 3-day week** when the electrics went,
Meals by candlelight, early bed, no TV,
It seemed so primitive but not a problem to me!
We sat round the fire, and candles were burnt
Our parents were prepared – and that's what we learnt.*

*Fast forward to November 2021
And there it was - Storm Arwen, that's The One!
We in Eglington had no power for days
So we looked back and returned to all of the ways
We coped in The Past, but alas not this time
Decimation all around, trees down with Power Lines!
With more reliance on electricity
We were cut off from all services as well as family.
Phones did not connect, isolation was complete
But thankfully in our house, we had plenty to eat:
With oil fired Aga, and log burner to heat
We were prepared as much as we could,
Candles and batteries and plenty of wood!*

*The future's uncertain as it's always been,
But look forward with hope and think of the Queen
In this Platinum Year- we'll look for the sun
With smiles and laughter, we'll have some fun!
Keep wishing, keep hoping, keep planning each day
Keep believing - we'll survive whatever comes our way!
'Things can only get better'.....
Margaret B *1978/79 **!972*

Fantasy Premier League Hear Abouts Championship Season 2021/22



Current standings are after a partially complete Game Week 23...

- 1st - Andy Gray - 1346 pts
- 2nd - Jon Waters - 1072 pts
- 3rd - Kay Waters - 1017 pts
- 4th - Sarah Henry - 909 pts



Residents @ Email List

A resident of the Parish? Then if you haven't already... Sign up for our community email list!

Our very successful email list is open to any resident within our boundaries, just send an email to david@eglingham.org.uk and you will get added.

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