

Egloskerry Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 28 September 2017
in Egloskerry Village Hall at 19.30 hours.

Present at Meeting:

Vice Chairman S Paul, Councillors M Francis, D Emmett, F Colville & P Burden.
D Wilton – Clerk.
Members of the public – Mrs Christine Oliver

Apologies received from: Chairman A Uren, Councillors S Sillifant & A Paynter

Declarations of Interest:

- Councillor Colville with regard to Planning Application PA17/05216 – Erection of two modern farm buildings with new access – Land East of Hole Barton Farm, Egloskerry, and Planning Application PA17/06724 – Replacing existing garage with a two bedroom annex – Prospect Cottage, Egloskerry.

Public participation:

- Prior to Mrs Oliver speaking, the Vice Chairman read out an extract from N.A.L.C. Good Councillors Guide, which had been previously circulated, regarding public participation at Parish Council meetings. Such extract to be attached and form part of these minutes.
- Mrs Oliver raised concerns over the bin in the Play Area as being inappropriate for dog faeces due to it being an open receptacle, and the fact that it had needed emptying recently. Discussion included (a) whether there should be a bin there at all as it was not meant to be used for dog fouling; (b) putting a bin there with a lid; (c) looking in to the possibility of another Council dog faeces bin in the Village. Mrs Oliver was advised that a decision would take place at the next meeting.
- It was mentioned that the Play Area is not a dog exercise area and furthermore dogs on leads are allowed solely for the purpose of accessing the public footpath, and that new signage is planned.

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 13 July 2017 were duly approved and signed by the Vice Chairman as a correct record.

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

(1) Play Area –

- Play equipment from Egloskerry School (boat and tower) to be available. Clerk to contact Carla Barnard.
- Councillor Sillifant to look into new signage.

(2) Railway bridge -

- Regarding the disrepair, email received from Chris Monk of Cormac stating that they are undertaking regular checks but the detailed structural survey was still with their Engineering Design Group.

(3) Planning - (circulated between meeting) -

- Planning Application PA17/05216 – Erection of two modern farm buildings with new access – Land East of Hole Barton Farm, Egloskerry – Approved with conditions. Consultee comment: The requirement of two additional buildings seems appropriate, and their general design is in-keeping with those already present. However concerns have been raised over the proposed site being on the eastern side of the road. There would appear to be room for expansion on the same side of the existing farm buildings. This would have less impact visually. As there are no buildings on the proposed site, the visual impact would be far greater. As the use of the proposed buildings is an extension of the existing farm operations, it would seem appropriate for them to be sited on the same side. A public highway traversing a farm complex is undesirable with machinery crossing and, moreover, with mud and debris being deposited on the road. An objection is raised on the basis of the proposed site being on the eastern side of the public highway.
- Planning Application PA17/06724 – Replacing existing garage with a two bedroom annex – Prospect Cottage, Egloskerry - Approved with conditions. Consultee comment: Planning application supported.

(4) Defibrillator-

- The suggestion of sourcing and placing a defibrillator in the village to be followed up by the Clerk.

Finance:

(1) New signatory –

- The Manager of HSBC informed the Chairman that the mandate, which had been completed to facilitate adding Councillor Emmett as the new signatory in place of Mr Ryall, had been rejected on the basis that an alteration had not been signed by two signatories and the bank account details had been duplicated. Clerk to follow up.

(2) Lloyds Bank Account -

- Letter to Lloyds Bank signed by both the Chairman and Vice Chairman and delivered by the Clerk to close the account, as originally requested but not actioned in May 2016, after clearance of a recently discovered balance of £216.00 relating to a payment from Cormac reference LMP grant dated 11 November 2016. An identical payment was paid into the HSBC account in January 2017 relating to the October claim.

(3) Bank balances -

- Lloyds Bank - as of 11th November 2016 (Parish Council Funds) £216.00
- HSBC No. 1 A/c – as of 7th September 2017 (Parish Council Funds) £4110.19
- HSBC No. 2 A/c – as of 7th September 2017 (Turbarry Funds) £3205.87

(4) Cheques to be signed -

- Egloskerry Village Hall – hire of hall - Mar-Jun 2017 (chq. 100018) £30.00
- Clerk's wages – Jul 2017 – Sep 2017 (chq. 100019) £125.00
- Potter Baker – Accountants fees (chq. 100020) £390.00

Correspondence:

- Potter Baker – Accountants invoice – cheque raised.
- Clerks & Councils Direct – circulated.
- BHIB Insurance Brokers (replacing AON) – noted.
- Parochial Church Council – letter of thanks for the donation of £100 – noted.
- Egloskerry School – Acting Head – reply to letter regarding congestion – read out.
- Egloskerry Village Hall – Invoice for hire – Mar-Jun 2017 – cheque raised.

Any Other Business:

(1) Code of Conduct Training -

- A strong message from the training session was that social media is causing lots of problems. Councillors should not place themselves in situations where their honesty and integrity may be questioned. As a result, a Councillor must ensure that, as far as possible, there is clear separation between what they do in their private life and in their capacity as a Councillor.

(2) Congestion in Village -

- Polite Notice to be put on Notice Boards asking residents, and parents on the School run, to park considerately.

(3) Other -

- Vice Chairman mentioned that a School Newsletter was available to the Parish Council.
- Councillor Francis made a copy of the Lease of the Play Area available for Councillor Sillifant.
- Pot holes, and overgrown laurel hedge by West Lane Farm to be reported to Highways.
- Resident of Well Meadow questioned who was responsible for the maintenance of the footpath.

Meeting closed at 20.40 hours.