

EGGLESCLIFFE & EAGLESCLIFFE COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Assembly will be held on Thursday 28th April 2022 at 7.30pm in Egglecliffe Community Centre , Durham Lane, Egglecliffe TS16 0EH

Your Councillors will report on the work of the Council during the past year and you will have the opportunity to ask questions and air your views on any topic which concerns you. If you haven't been before why not make it a first this year and find out what's happening and what's not in your community.

The winner of the 2021 Community Award will be invited along to receive their award and Egglecliffe Village and Eliff's Mill allotment awards for 2021 will also be presented at the meeting. The meeting will be followed by the Chairman's Social Evening and you are cordially invited to join us for

A Word From the Chair, Councillor Michael Snaith

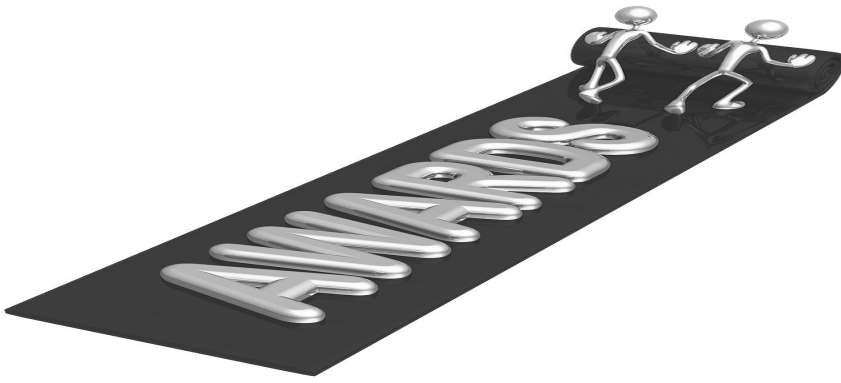
I'm delighted and honoured Egglecliffe and Egglecliffe Council have chosen me as Chair for the current period. I have lived in Egglecliffe since 1985 with my Partner joining me in the Parish in 1999. Our teenage children have both studied in the local Primary and Secondary Schools and spent much of their life in the parks and green spaces I represent as part of the Recreation Committee. I was co-opted to the Council 2016 as a chap who had a passion for the local area with some transferable business skills; the financial and I.T. skills have certainly been a benefit I've been able to rely on over the last two years with the challenges of the pandemic. As we hopefully enter brighter days the objective remains the same as it did 6 years ago, can we continue to deliver the best outcomes for our local residents while remaining fiscally responsible, whatever those outcomes I shall do my best to serve you during my term of office.

And the Money Side of Things..... Council Tax

Last year your Parish Council had the pleasure of informing residents that less of their money would be taken in the year ending 31st March 2022 for parish expenses than in previous years. For the year ending 31st March 2023 the parish share of Council Tax has been increased. Why?

Local authorities in the early months of the calendar year fix their budgets for the forthcoming financial year, which is the 12 months beginning on April 1st. Your Parish Council works out how much money it will need out of the Council Tax, which is then collected from households in Egglecliffe Civil Parish on the same bill as tax for the Borough Council, the Police and the Fire Service. In addition to reviewing carefully the expected expenditure for the year ending 31st March 2023, the Parish Council's Finance Committee calculated the expected net underspend as at 31st March 2022. This amount is used to cover some of the budget for the following year. Money which had been budgeted for events and activities had remained unspent during the Covid-19 pandemic, so that money was carried forward to reduce the money collected from householders in the year ending 31st March 2022. Obviously, this money was not available for the following year. For many years the Parish Council's policy has been neither to charge more tax than is necessary nor to borrow money. Nothing is received from business rates; nor, apart from a fixed grant, from the Government.

The net result of all the calculations is that Band D households in the Civil Parish of Egglecliffe will be charged Council Tax for the year ending 31st March 2022, of which £16.73 will go to the parish council (compared with £12.35 for the preceding year). The bill issued by Stockton Borough Council correctly states that this is a 35.5% increase. However, in cash terms this is an increase of only 8.4 pence per week. If you'd like to know more, please ask the Clerk or one of your parish councillors.



Who Makes A Difference ?!

Our Parish Council Community Award is given every year to individuals and/or groups who have made a worthwhile contribution to our life within the Parish Community.

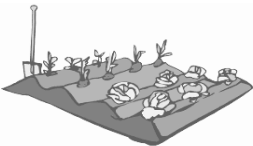
We are delighted to announce this year's winner for the Community Award is Mr Bruce Burnell for his wonderful contributions to the community, thank you! His supportive work with our residents was recognised as an outstanding submission for this year's Award. Congratulations and we will award this formally at our annual meeting!

For anyone to be nominated for the Award, they don't necessarily have to be resident or based in the Parish, but they need to simply meet at least one of the following criteria: to have achieved something particularly noteworthy within the Parish; to have enhanced the reputation of the parish – physically or metaphorically; to have made a significant contribution to the conservation and protection of the natural environment of the Parish.

We want to know more about our residents who deserve to be recognised for what they do, so we are taking it upon ourselves to reach out to more organisations and individuals within our Parish Communities, as well as hosting a stall at the Summer Fete, to not only inform our community on all the work Eggescliffe & Eaglescliffe Council does, but to also continue to promote this year's Community Awards; so that we all get to know more about the many wonderful people who make a real positive difference in our lives and to allow them to be recognised and celebrated. So, if you know of an individual or group that deserves recognition for their efforts in 2022 to make the Parish a better place to live, then please do nominate them for the Parish Council Community Award 2022!

The closing date for 2022 nominations is January 31st 2023. If you would like to nominate someone, please put the name and phone number/email or address (if known) of the person you wish to nominate as well as your own (and the same information of any additional supporters) in writing to the Clerk to the Council, stating the reasons why you think they deserve the award. Hand these into the Eggescliffe & Eaglescliffe Council stall at the Summer Fete on 10th July, or send your nominations by post or email to the address on the comment sheet on the back page. Details of winners will be published in the April 'Newsletter' and awards presented at the Annual Parish Meeting in 2023.

Allotments for You!



The parish council has two allotment sites, one in Eggescliffe Village and another, known as Eliff's Mill, on the A67 next to the new development at Hunter's Rest. Both sites have very low rents at only £15 a year for a half plot! The village site is oversubscribed but, at the time of writing, there are no names on the waiting list for our Eliff's Mill site where there is a vacant plot just waiting for a keen gardener! If you would like the opportunity to have an allotment at either site please contact the clerk, contact details on the back page.

Charity Run

22nd May 2022 Stockton & Darlington Railway
1st Rail Trail Run

Organised to commemorate the North East's contribution to establishing the world's first passenger railway and to raise funds for the Butterwick Hospice.

Race entry website:
locomotioncharityrun.webstarts.com

All Change!

Not quite all, but there have been some changes to your council over recent months.

A huge thank you goes to Felicity Wray who worked hard on the Neighbourhood Plan and the Summer Fete as well as trying to make the Annual Assembly of the Parish and the Newsletter more interesting and engaging but whose other commitments mean she has stepped back, we hope not for ever. Many thanks also to John Mason, a stalwart member of the Allotment management and finance committees, who's moving out of Eaglescliffe. We wish them both well for the future.

This year we have welcomed Robert Richardson as a co-opted member of the council. He applied after reading in the last Newsletter that we needed new members and was formally coopted at the February meeting. The council now has 4 vacancies so please do think about whether you could fill one of those places. Council meetings are monthly, except August, usually on the first Thursday of the month at 7pm in All Saints Church meeting room and are relatively informal. Committee meetings are currently on line or hybrid meetings with some people in the office at Urray Nook, times being arranged to suit the members of the particular committee.

Are you 18 or over and live or work in the parish? Do you want a say in how the summer fete is organised? Or how the allotments are run? Or the maintenance of the Green, the memorial gardens and other open spaces? Or play areas? Or how the Parish Precept collected alongside council tax is spent? Why not speak to a councillor or the clerk about what's involved? As you can see it's not a life-long commitment. There are elections every 4 years at which time we all have to decide whether to put ourselves forward for another term or whether we want to retire at that point. And even if we decide to stand for election it's perfectly OK to resign part way through a 4 year term if we feel that circumstances have changed.



Play Areas

Our play areas all continue to be well used and enjoyed.

The very wet weather at certain times this winter has overwhelmed the drainage on them and, particularly at St Margarets, caused problems with mud and puddles. Unfortunately there's very little that we can do to alleviate the drainage problems but we decided to try a new form of safety surfacing under one of the swings at St Margarets to see how it performed. It seems to be a great improvement on the previous surfacing so next year's budget is likely to include the replacement under the remaining swings. As reported in November, the timbers of the play sculpture at Amberley Way had to be removed. After a great deal of research and discussion the decision was taken to remove the timbers but leave the grassy mound in place until a suitable replacement is decided on. Stockton Council seeded the mound but then removed the fencing with the result that the seed was wasted and the youngsters playing there looked as though they'd been in a mud bath. In early summer the Recreation committee will look into alternatives for that area of land before putting a budget proposal to full Council. The school children who use the play equipment will be consulted as well as the residents of the houses near to the play area in the hope of being able to provide a facility which will be enjoyed for at least as long as the sculpture was.

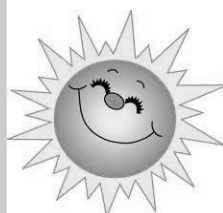
As always, if you have concerns about any of the play areas please get in touch directly with the

It's Back!

Summer Fete 2022!

Date: 10th July Time: 1pm-5pm
Venue: The Green, Egglecliffe Village

It seems like an eternity has gone by since the 2019 Summer Fete, a day which was filled with fun and frivolity. After two years of lockdowns, self-isolations and the loss of some of our precious loved ones that many were unable to visit or be able to have friends and family around us for support. The Parish Council would like to pay our respects to you all and your loved ones. You may think what a strange thing to say in an article about the Summer Fete, but it is exactly the right article because the Summer Fete is all about community, this community that we live and work in. It is a time for friends and family to relax, have fun and create memories that will last a lifetime. This year's Fete is packed full of entertainment, activities and stalls. We have the fabulous group Los Capitanes, magic from Tom Rolfe and Punch and Judy. We will be having some fun sports games which all the family can join in such as egg and spoon, three legged race and more. Egglecliffe Area Residents Association is organising another Scarecrow trail; who do you think will win this year? There will be a variety of stalls including Tombola, crafts, face painting and food. There will also be a bar on The Green compliments of the Pot and Glass and so much more. Come along for the afternoon bring your picnics, friends and families and join in this year's fun and frivolity



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Residents are welcome at Council meetings, these are held on the first Thursday each month except in August, at All Saints Church, Dunnotar Avenue, Eaglescliffe.

You are welcome to observe from 7pm-8pm and at 8pm you are welcome to speak. So, if you have something you want to discuss with YOUR COUNCILLORS please come along.
Check our website <http://www.egglescliffeand eaglescliffe-pc.org.uk> for full meeting details, including any forthcoming committee meetings.

USEFUL CONTACTS



Anti-social Behaviour: If you are experiencing anti-social behaviour in your area, contact the Civic Enforcement Service or in an emergency contact the police:

Civic Enforcement Service Tel: 01642 607943 Email civic.enforcement@stockton.gov.uk

Your concerns will be passed on to a dedicated officer for that area who will be able to offer advice and information, and take action where necessary.

Neighbourhood Policing Call 101. In an emergency or if a crime is actually taking place, ring 999

Care For Your Area Tel. 01642 391959 Email: careforyourarea@stockton.gov.uk.

Refuse collection, street cleansing, kerbside recycling, horticultural services, highways maintenance, fly-tipping (removal) etc.

Street Lighting Tel. 01642 391959 Damaged or defective street lights - quote the identification number from the light, bollard or sign and the address of the closest building or road name

Samaritans 116123 Free any time from any phone. Local branch **01642 217777** (charges apply)

COMMENT SHEET

You are invited to complete and return this section with any comments, suggestions or complaints about anything happening in the Parish (or even anything not happening!)

COMMENT:

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Please print your details to enable us to respond: your details will be used only for the purposes of responding to your comments and will not be shared with any third party without your prior consent.

NAME: ADDRESS:.....

EMAIL ADDRESS:.....

Please return to: Egglescliffe & Eaglescliffe Council, The Old Offices, Urlay Nook, Eaglescliffe TS16 0LA
Or email your comments to: egglescliffepc@btconnect.com