

EGGLESCLIFFE & EAGLESCLIFFE COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

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Things moved so quickly back in March when our Newsletter was due out for circulation that, despite it being ready to print and deliver, we were unable to go ahead as planned. We have decided to put this very much abridged version of our Newsletter on our website to keep residents informed about some things that are still appropriate. We've had to take out many of the original articles which were no longer relevant (such as cancelled events like the Annual Parish Meeting, VE Day Anniversary Celebrations and Summer Fete).

At the moment our Clerk is working from home and the council is holding meetings by video link as we are still discouraged from holding face to face meetings. However, please be assured that your parish council is not "closed for business". All your parish councillors are still busy working on your behalf via email, phone and video, from home.

We will keep you updated about any further developments

THE LOCAL COUNCIL AREN'T PUTTING UP THE COUNCIL TAX

Every year householders see increases in their total Council tax bills, the bulk of which go towards paying for the services supplied by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, Cleveland Police and Cleveland Fire & Rescue Service. A small part of the bill funds your local parish council – Egglecliffe & Eaglescliffe Council – who fix the amount, although it is included in what Stockton Council collects. Our local parish council cannot alter the budgets of the Borough Council, Fire and Police – and *vice versa*.

Members go carefully through Egglecliffe & Eaglescliffe Council's budget for the coming year. Apart from an amount for contingencies, all money held or to be collected is for a specific purpose. No money comes from Business Rates, nor, apart from a fixed grant, from the Government. Some items vary greatly from year to year – in the year ending 31st March 2020 little was needed for the parish election (because it was uncontested), but a lot of unplanned work on trees was found necessary. 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 2021 of £1668.18, of which £17.57 will go to the parish council (compared with £17.88 for the preceding year).

If you'd like to know more, ask the Clerk or one of your parish councillors.

COMMUNITY AWARDS

Congratulations!

The parish councils awards for 2019 go to Mrs Lynne Walton and Mr Bruce Burnell.

Lynne is heavily involved with **Evergreen**, a voluntary run club for the over 65's to socialise.

Bruce can often be seen around the area, picking up litter and sweeping up dead leaves. He puts great effort into keeping the streets tidy, especially around Eaglescliffe War Memorial, known locally as Tittybottle Park.

Remember—You can nominate a person or organisation for an award by contacting the Clerk

GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE MOVES TO EAGLESCLIFFE

GNAAS provide pioneering pre-hospital care to the scene, rescuing hundreds of severely injured or ill patients every year. The non-NHS funded registered charity and its helicopters performed 1,173 call outs in 2018.

In January 2019, work began at the former Elementis site at Uraly Nook, to build the new home for the GNAAS team. In April 2019, the charity's staff moved into Progress House. A new hanger for the helicopters is almost finished and soon the critical care team will move from Teesside International Airport to the new base at Progress House. This move sees all staff under one roof for the first time and will save £120,000 per year on rent and rates at 3 previously separate locations. The new site will also be a world class training facility.



**Beware of scam emails and post.
Is someone asking you to send money in response to mail?**

A prime example: The parish council email account was hacked in January resulting in contacts being sent a message purportedly from the council asking for money gift cards. The parish council would never ask for money in this way and we apologise to anyone who received the message. The situation has now been rectified but please be aware of such fraudulent mail.

Report fraud and cyber crime: 0300 123 2040
www.actionfraud.police.uk/reporting-fraud-and-cyber-crime

Contact Royal Mail scam mail team 0800 0133 466
scam.mail@royalmail.com FREEPOST SCAM MAIL



TITTYBOTTLE PARK

As part of our work the council had a tree survey carried out across the open spaces cared for by the parish council. Several trees in Tittybottle Park, jointly owned by this council and Preston on Tees Parish Council, were shown to be diseased and in danger of falling in high winds so they have been removed. Replanting will take place in the Autumn planting season and prior to that the council's recreation committee will look at suitable replacement species to enhance the park.

Thank you to Preston on Tees Parish Council for their contribution to the cost of the work.



Defibrillator

The parish council was successful in obtaining funding from the British Heart Foundation (BHF) to add to the funds raised at the summer fete for a defibrillator. We have purchased a defibrillator and cabinet which were installed at the

Best Western Parkmore Hotel on Yarm Road: thank you to the hotel management for their assistance.

Once things get back to normal, the parish council plans to arrange some training sessions and has a limited number of copies of the BHF Call Push Rescue DVD available for local groups.

For more information call the Clerk on 01642 785951

PLANNING

The Parish Council has sent comments to Stockton Council on the reserved matters application for Allens West. The principle of building housing there and the number of dwellings was agreed in the outline application but the detail is now to be agreed. The council is very concerned at the lack of community facilities and therefore the distance to shops, doctors and frequent public transport from the site, as well as the changes that have taken place in the last decade which mean traffic assessments are out of date.

One element of the original application approval was a condition that there would be some off-site play provision for older children. Discussions have taken place with Leven Athletic which leases a field from this council for football provision, but which has problems with the drainage on that field. One section of the field is useless for football, being unlevel and undrained. By allowing use of that section by the developers for a Multi Use Games Area there is the strong possibility that the football club can get a grant to improve the area they use. The council has agreed to this, should the planning application be approved by SBC. This does not mean we agree with the planning application. It is incumbent on us to try to make sure that any approval brings some benefit to our parish.

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You might notice that we are 3 councillors short!

The vacancies have been advertised and we hope to co-opt new members at our remote meeting on 3rd September. If we do not get enough new members to fill the vacant seats, we will advertise again on our notice boards and website.

So, if you are interested in being a councillor, keep an eye out.

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)

COMMENTS : You are invited to contact the council with any comments, suggestions or complaints about anything happening in the Parish (or even anything not happening!)

Please email egglescliffepc@btconnect.com. Or, you can write to Egglecliffe & Eaglescliffe Council, The Old Offices, Uraly Nook, Egglecliffe TS16 0LA (Please supply your postal address for a response)

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.

