

EGGLESCLIFFE & EAGLESCLIFFE COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Assembly will be held on Thursday 26th April at 7.30pm in Egglecliffe Community Centre on Durham Lane.



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 winners of the 2017 Community Awards will be coming along to receive their awards and Egglecliffe Village and Eliff's Mill allotment awards for 2017 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 light refreshments and a chance to chat informally with your Councillors

We are hoping to have a guest speaker as in previous years but this has not been arranged at the time of going to print: keep an eye on the parish council website www.egglecliffeand eaglescliffe-pc.org.uk



COUNCIL TAX

A small part of the Council Tax collected by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council from households in this civil parish goes to meet Egglecliffe & Eaglescliffe Council's demand ("precept"). Your local parish council receives nothing from business rates and, unlike the Borough Council and the police and fire services, nothing from central Government, apart from a fixed grant of £5446 passed on by Stockton Council.

Every year your local council considers carefully how much it will need to spend. This can vary according to whether big items are planned, as for many years it has been policy not to borrow money, so as to avoid burdening future council-taxpayers with debt and interest on it. It was hoped to fix the precept so that it would not cause a Council Tax increase. However, the Government announced that it would bring in legislation requiring parish councils to appoint a Data Protection Officer. S/he cannot be our Clerk, so, as the duties and cost of the new appointee were uncertain when the budget for the year ending 31st March 2019 had to be made, an estimated £5000 was provided for this. The effect is that a Band D council-taxpayer will pay for parish services £23.59 (about 45p per week), an increase of £1.07 (2p per week), for the whole year. Households in higher and lower bands will pay proportionately more or less. Since 2012-13 every year this has been less than it was for the four years before that. If you'd like to know more, please contact the Clerk or come to the Parish Meeting on April 26th.



1914-1918 FIRST WORLD WAR

*After more than four years of war, the guns fell silent at the eleventh hour,
on the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918.*

The parish council has set aside a small sum to mark in some way the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1 and would be interested to hear any ideas that residents might have: please contact the Clerk

PLANNING UPDATE

Planning permission has now been given to Great North Air Ambulance for a helicopter base and a centre of excellence on part of the *Elementis* site at **Urley Nook**.

The applicant has appealed against Stockton Council's non-determination of the application for 130 dwellings next to Hunter's Rest Farm, off **Urley Nook Road**, to which your parish council objected. The decision will now be made by a Government-appointed Planning Inspector, but Stockton Council has indicated that it would have approved it.

Egglescliffe & Eaglescliffe Council objected to yet another application for a footbridge across the **River Tees** from Yarm School, together with conversion of farm land on the Egglescliffe bank to playing fields. Stockton Council turned this down, but it is reported that the School will appeal

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A party of local residents and parish councillors is still working on this. They have also commented on Stockton Council's Draft Local Plan. This includes provision for car parking on the west side of Eaglescliffe Station, connected by a new footbridge over the railway. This would relieve traffic and parking on the east side and provide a route to that station and the Station Road businesses for residents of the *Kingsmead* estate etc. The working party supported this, but there is no immediate prospect of finding money for such work.

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Congratulations

2017 COMMUNITY AWARD WINNERS.

In the last Newsletter the public were invited to nominate by 31st December 2017 organisations and individuals to be presented with certificates at the 2018 Parish Meeting. Egglescliffe & Eaglescliffe Council were pleased to give the group award to Egglescliffe Community Association, for their services to local people, including establishing in Egglescliffe Community Centre a library service after the closure of the nearby library run by Stockton Council. No-one sent in a nomination for an individual, so it was decided to make an award to Paul Duck in recognition of the service of the staff of Eaglescliffe Station ticket office.

Please start thinking who might deserve an award for what they are doing for local people and our area in 2018.

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EGGLESCLIFFE COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS & EVENTS

Craft Fair 2 June from 10am till 4pm.

Volunteers are required to help at this event
For further details tel. 07595773141 or email
egglescliffecommunitycentre@outlook.com

Social Group Charity Evening in aid of the Great North Air Ambulance, 24th May with entertainment by Billingham Choral Society, admission £4.

Summer Party, 7 June, admission £2.50.

Carpet Bowls Sessions of Indoor Bowls.
Monday nights from 7pm., admission £2.

Book Service More helpers are needed for this service, if you can help please contact Ray Paris on 07702068074 for more information.

Broadband & Biscuits All welcome at this computer café: 3rd Monday in each month 1.30-3.30pm. Tuition provided on different topics and help for anyone experiencing problems. Enquiries tel. Barbara Martin 01642 767795. This cafe is hosted by Yarm Association for Widowed.

Whist The Whist Section meets on Fridays 2 till 4pm. All welcome!

FUTURE EVENTS Centre Stage presents 'Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' 26-30 June.
Quiz Night – Saturday 17 November



Reports on the amount of dog mess left in the Orchard Estate area by irresponsible owners were passed on to Stockton Councils enforcement team. Failure to clean up after your dog is an offence and authorised Council Officers can issue a £50 Fixed Penalty Notice to anyone that is seen to allow their dog to foul in a public place and not clean up after it.

FORMER EGGLESCLIFFE BRANCH LIBRARY

Stockton Council have sold the building and included in the sale the land to the south and west of the temporary fencing, without going through the statutory procedure for inviting public comments on the sale of public open space. At the time of writing there is a pending planning application to replace the building by a new one with shops and flats above, together with a small new car park on the west side, entered from Butterfield Drive. An objection to the loss of public open space due to the proposed new car park has been put in by Egglecliffe & Eaglescliffe Council. It has also queried whether the temporary fencing needs planning approval. It was erected about a year ago on behalf of the owner of the existing shopping parade, the car parks and most of the footpaths. He claims that the public and the owner of the former Library have no rights over his property.

A LONG-SERVING COUNCILLOR

In January 1993 Maureen Rigg was first elected to Egglecliffe Parish Council. She has served continuously as a councillor since then and has for many years chaired the very busy Recreation Committee. For many years until her retirement in 2015 she also represented you on Stockton Borough Council, who made her an Hon. Alderman.

To mark her 25 years' service, her fellow-councillors made a presentation to her, including an engraved pen. She has also been selected as a representative of parish councils in the Tees Valley at a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace this summer.

2018 SUMMER FÊTE

Sunday 8th July 1.30-5.30pm. Egglecliffe Green



Featuring all the usual fun and games and Los Capitanes will be back with their Latin style acoustic music.



Traditionally, the fete has raised funds for charity. This year's charity is yet to be nominated but we are hoping for your support by donating any items, no matter how small, suitable for prizes for the ever popular tombola stall. If you do have anything to donate please contact the Clerk who can collect the items when it's convenient for you.

BUTTS LANE UPDATE

Egglecliffe & Eaglescliffe Council support Stockton Council's proposals for yellow lines from Yarm Road to Grisedale Crescent end. At the time of writing were legal notices on lamp posts in Butts Lane dated 8th March 2018 giving until 30th March (Good Friday) to object

EAGLESCLIFFE STATION TICKET OFFICE

It was with great regret that the parish council heard of the closure of the Egglecliffe railway station ticket office. The office was modernised and re-opened in March 2012 and since then has been a hub of information for residents. The reason for closure we understand is due to the increasing use of the internet to buy tickets online and also the installation of two electronic ticket machines which are due on site in March. We would like to thank all the staff for their service to the community and wish them every success with future employment. However, reports in the press say that talks are being held to try and keep the facility open in some form.



ORCHARD ESTATE

Since the October 2017 Newsletter was distributed, the parish council has been waiting for confirmation that the proposed information plaque for the Greenfield Drive entrance to Orchard Estate could be mounted on the bus shelter there. We are pleased that the feature is now in place, giving a little historical information on the area which was originally part of Egglecliffe Junction Farm including an orchard.

KINGSMEAD PLAY AREA

The parish council put £10,000 aside in 2017-18 and by adding to it from the 2018-19 budget we hope to be in a position later this year to begin looking at ideas to upgrade the older play equipment for young children



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Residents are welcome at Council meetings, these are held in Eggescliffe School, Urlay Nook Road usually on the first and third Thursdays each month except during school holidays.
Forthcoming dates: April 19th, May 3rd & 17th; June 7th; July 5th & 19th

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Civic Enforcement Service 01642 528439 Email Civic.Enforcement@stockton.gov.uk
Open 365 days a year: Mon. to Thurs 7am - 10pm. Fri. and Sat 7am - Midnight. Sun. 10am - 10pm. The service tackles a wide range of nuisance and environmental crime using a range of legislation to impact on and deter flytipping, waste carrier offences, litter dropping, dog fouling, untaxed and abandoned vehicles, graffiti and noise nuisances.

Anti Social Behaviour 01642 607943 Email: ASBTeam@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 01642 391959 Email: careforyourarea@stockton.gov.uk. Refuse collection, street cleansing, kerbside recycling, horticultural services, highways maintenance, fly-tipping (removal) etc.

Street Lighting 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: Eggescliffe & Eaglescliffe Council, The Old Offices, Urlay Nook, Eaglescliffe TS16 0LA
Or email your comments to: egglescliffepc@btconnect.com