

# EGGLESCLIFFE & EAGLESCLIFFE COUNCIL

## NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO THE **100th** EDITION OF THE EGGLESCLIFFE & EAGLESCLIFFE NEWSLETTER

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Assembly will be held on Thursday 27th April 2023 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 2022 Community Award will be invited along to receive their award and Egglecliffe Village and Eliff's Mill allotment awards for 2022 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

### Local elections May 4th 2023.....

At the time of this newsletter going to print, the nominations for the Parish Council elections won't be confirmed, however updates will be posted on the Parish website as soon as possible. The website also includes meeting dates including agendas and meeting minutes, the meeting dates are also listed on the last page of this newsletter. Website [www.egglescliffeandeaglescliffe-pc.org.uk](http://www.egglescliffeandeaglescliffe-pc.org.uk) The website will also be updated with details of the various Committees and working groups including the relevant Councillors in each group.

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

For the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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. 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.

Your parish council reviewed carefully their expected expenditure for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, deducting the expected net underspend as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. It was decided that £25,000 was needed for work on play areas. The cost of the problems with lighting and floodlighting in Egglecliffe Churchyard was not known by the deadline for fixing the budget.

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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, of which £21.06 will go to the parish council (compared with £16.73 for the preceding year). The bill issued by Stockton Borough Council says that this is a 25.9% increase. However, in cash terms this is an increase of only 8.3 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 Eric Pott for his wonderful contribution to the community, thank you! 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.

### The Coronation!!! Come and Celebrate as a Community!



Sunday 7th May 1-5pm on The Green

EARA are hosting a community picnic on the Green in Eggescliffe village. You are invited to join in the fun and celebrations. There will be music, a few stalls also for the children some fun activities and a Kings and Queens fancy dress competition. Ooh, I wonder what kind of prize it will be? Wouldn't it be great if the adults dressed up too, just for the fun of it. EARA are expecting it to be a wonderful family event full of fun and laughter for all the community. So come and ENJOY!!!!

### Fairtrade



At the February meeting this year the Council renewed its commitment to support Fairtrade by using Fairtrade coffee, tea and sugar at all our meetings.

Fairtrade certification shows amongst other things that the producers are getting a fair price for their product, that there is no exploitation of children, women or any other group in the production and that decisions around spending the additional premium paid are taken democratically.

Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Sugar and Banana farmers are at the front line of the fight against climate change and Fairtrade prices help them to mitigate the impact and ensure we can still have those things we take for granted.

### REPLACEMENT SEWER

Northumbrian Water in December 2022 began the replacement of about 1 mile of failing combined-sewer pumped main from Aislaby Road Pumping Station to Allen's West Station. It carries sewage from Yarm and the majority of Eggescliffe. The overall project is expected to take approximately 11 months to complete. The route of the new main is in fields and grassed areas and crosses both Aislaby Road and the A67.

Work began in a field on the north side of Aislaby Road near Carr Bridge. The next phase of pipe work (from Yarm School rugby pitch) was installed using directional drilling underneath Aislaby Road and Nelly Burdon's Beck, to be connected to the first length. Construction work in the grassed area of Lartington Way is planned to start in late March.

### NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE

Our local Police Community Support Officer holds drop-in sessions. Dates, times and places appear on the *Facebook* page "[Stockton Neighbourhood Police Team](#)" and their *Twitter* page "@StocktonNPTs". Pop in for a chat about any community issues or concerns you have.

### QUEEN ELIZABETH II GARDEN

The commemorative plaque has now been installed in the QEII Gardens on Uray Nook Road. Cutting Edge Ltd, who maintain the garden on behalf of the Parish Council, kindly installed the plaque free of charge in memory of the late Queen.





## PLAY AREAS

Over the winter we have been discussing possible improvements with companies who provide play equipment. No final decision has yet been taken, but we hope that this year we will be able to install further equipment at Amberley Way, including a suitably positioned ball wall, to discourage some of the anti-social behaviour that's become more prevalent there. Watch out for a consultation notice in the next couple of months if you live close to that play area.

For quite some time we've been considering installing some outdoor gym equipment which can be used by older children and adults as part of efforts to encourage a healthier lifestyle for us all. We have now identified St Margaret's play area as the most likely space for that. Meanwhile we are investing in a new safety surface under the basket swing in an effort to extend the use of that item over the wetter months.

In the last newsletter we gave the telephone number to report Anti-social Behaviour on our play areas. In case you've misplaced it here it is again: **01642 607943** Although of course we want to know what's happening the parish council does not have any powers to deal with ASB so please do use that phone number to ensure that the report gets to where it needs to be.

### FLOODLIGHTING TO ST JOHNS CHURCH, EGGLESCLIFFE VILLAGE

It has become apparent that the six floodlights in St Johns Churchyard, installed by the Parish Council, have come to the end of their maintainable life as have the two original light columns illuminating the public footpath through the churchyard. The Parish Council did not install the two light columns and doesn't have responsibility for lighting of the footpath but, at the time of this newsletter going to press, we're trying to ascertain where that responsibility lies.

To renew the floodlights illuminating the Church will incur costs for their replacement, including new underground cables. These maintenance costs are paid via the Parish Council share of the Council Tax, therefore before committing to future design options & feasibility costs, we would like to ask residents of their thoughts about continuing to support the aesthetic floodlighting to the Church.

You can either respond to the Clerk via email [egglescliffepc@btconnect.com](mailto:egglescliffepc@btconnect.com) or via the response slip below to *The Old Offices, Urlay Nook Road, Eaglescliffe. TS16 0LA* by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

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I would like to see St Johns Church continue to be illuminated

I would not be prepared to support new floodlighting being installed

Comments

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Name & Address .....

## A Date for your Diary!



## Summer Fete 2023!

**Date: Sunday 9th July Time: 1pm-5pm**  
**Venue: The Green, Egglecliffe Village**

It was so great to see you all having fun with your families and friends last year making extra special memories. Shouting at Punch, trying to work out how magic works and enjoying the stalls and music. We were all blessed with good weather and many of you said how you had a brilliant day!

Looking forward to this year's Summer Fete it is going to be packed full of entertainment, activities and stalls. We have the fantastic group The Princes of Montecarlo who will take us on a journey through the decades filling us with nostalgia, magic from the excellent 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. The Three Brothers Brewery have agreed to host a bar on The Green selling a variety of drinks. Some of the stalls include a BBQ by the Parish Hall to help them raise funds again this year, Grace and Mammon with their horse box, the fabulous House of Chocolate, not forgetting the old favourite Tombola and more.

Come along for the afternoon bring your picnics, friends and families and join in this year's fun and frivolity and create your future memories.

## COUNCIL MEETING DATES AND CONTACT DETAILS

Residents are welcome at Council meetings, held 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.egglescliffeandeaglescliffe-pc.org.uk> for full meeting details, including any forthcoming committee meetings and the new Councillor list once confirmed.

Clerk to the Council 01642 785951 Email: [egglescliffepc@btconnect.com](mailto:egglescliffepc@btconnect.com)

### MEETING DATES

THURSDAY 13th APRIL  
THURSDAY 18th MAY  
THURSDAY 8th JUNE  
THURSDAY 6th JULY  
AUGUST - NO MEETING  
THURSDAY 7th SEPT  
THURSDAY 5th OCT  
THURSDAY 2nd NOV  
THURSDAY 7th DEC

## Allotments



The parish council has two allotment sites, one in Egglescliffe 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 from only £15 a year for a half plot! Waiting lists for both sites are open to more applicants. If you would like the opportunity to have an allotment at either site please contact the Clerk on 01642 785951 or email.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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:.....

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