

PARISH OF EGGINGTON
MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH
COUNCIL
Held on the Tuesday 2nd September 2025

PRESENT: Chair Craig Ramsay. Vice Chair Simon King, Councillors Lee Hayes, Kerry Gorton, Martine Tournay. David Parkinson

1. Apologies
None

2. Public in attendance

Chair Craig Ramsay

Chair Craig Ramsay opened the meeting by thanking the residents for attending and explained the reason for the meeting was the Parish Council are looking to take on the lease for the village hall which has previously been held by Linda Sear for 45 years and run by a committee. Linda Sear feels now is the right time to hand it on.

We now have an opportunity from CBC to acquire a 25-yr lease, with an option to increase, at £700 per annum on the same terms and form a new committee. The Parish Council believe this to be a good offer as it feels that the Hall is not used to its potential.

In the view of CBC there are only a finite amount of people who would be able to acquire the lease on the village hall. It would have a body that had representation.

The Parish Council funded a survey of the hall. It found that there are approximately £11,000- £16,000 costs for works to be done to bring it up to a standard for Health and Safety reasons. The Parish Council will be negotiating with CBC to pay a proportion of the costs. There are some funds of £9,000 in the bank account of the Village Hall. There also funds of approximately £36,000 in the S106 Solar farm funds which could be used as this would be considered a relevant project. The solar farm fund is estimated to reach £130,000 by 2030 which could be invested in the Village Hall.

It is proposed that the Parish Council will be looking at investing in a new kitchen, new toilets, wifi and blinds or curtains.

We have yet to sign the lease but felt it was appropriate to consult the public, as a Parish Council we act on behalf of our residents.

We would also like to thank Linda and Harry Sear and People involved in the village hall committee for all their hard work over the years.

The Public

Chair Craig Ramsay was asked if the Parish Council have a business plan, he replied there will be. We will be looking to be employing a caretaker/ Cleaner, and to set up a subcommittee to run the hall. The Parish Council will be looking for volunteers.

A resident asked about the parking facilities and Chair Craig Ramsay pointed out the pub has public parking and there is parking along the road. It was also pointed out that there is a limit on the number of people that the village hall can hold.

It was proposed by a resident that the back of the Village Hall could be made a pleasant area with planting.

The Public were asked if with the current usage, has there been any recent examples of inconvenience caused.

The reply was, there have been times with party's that a lot of cars parked in the high St, but Chair Craig Ramsay pointed out 50 yards up the road there is public parking that future events can be directed to.

Chair Craig Ramsay asked as a community what are your concerns and ideas as the Parish Council have been discussing having new toilets, new kitchen and, WIFI installed. A resident has asked that regular cleaning needs to be done. Also, noise issues were brought up and a few residents have a problem with the band practice and asked

if the sound can be turned down. Chair Craig Ramsay replied that people who hire the hall need to be aware it is in a built-up area.

A resident remarked that it is better that the Parish Council will be running it than CBC keeping it inhouse is a much better idea, as CBC are too remote.

A member of the church and village resident stated that the village hall is a very important part of the community as it is used for many Church and Village events.

Linda Sear pointed out the fact that at some time there has been subsidence and a good idea to continue with the same insurance company. Also, the reason that a cooker had never been installed was the fact that the kitchen would have needed complete tiling. A resident pointed out that instead of a new kitchen, outside caterers are used more often now for events.

A resident asked the question of the fees and will they be going up. Chair Craig Ramsay replied that we have not got to that stage yet.

Chair Craig Ramsay concluded the meeting by saying we would like to acknowledge as a Parish council that we will be responsible for the village not an individual and will set up a subcommittee with volunteers.

Close of Meeting 7.30 pm

This a true and accurate record of the meeting

Signed

(Chairman)

Dated 5th September 2025