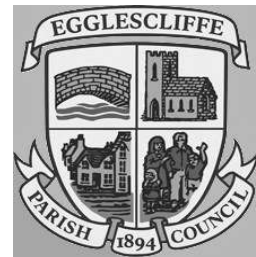


EGGLESCLIFFE & EAGLESCLIFFE COUNCIL

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Assembly will be held on Thursday 23rd April 2026 at 7.30pm in Egglecliffe Community Centre, Durham Lane, Eaglescliffe 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. The winners of the 2025 Community Award will be invited along to receive their award and Egglecliffe Village and Eliff's Mill allotment awards for 2025 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. 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.

A Welcome Message from the Chair

As we approach the anniversary of my becoming Chair of Egglecliffe and Eaglescliffe Council, the spring newsletter seems like a good opportunity to review what has happened, so far, under my tenure. We have celebrated the bicentenary of the world's first passenger railway (that ran through this parish) with a fête on the village green; we have said goodbye to our wonderful clerk, Norma, as she retired, and welcomed a new clerk, Jenny; we have completed the installation of new, additional play equipment into the Amberley Way play area; and added a new councillor to our ranks.

For the coming year, we continue to investigate the historic issue of flooding in St Margaret's play area, update our new website and explore a more permanent celebration of the bicentenary of the S&DR.

We still have five vacant councillor positions, so, if you've got ideas you'd like to share and the desire to make a positive contribution to your community, drop a line to the clerk explaining who you are, what you do, and why you'd like to join the council. If you're not sure, why not pop along to one of our meetings (usually the first Thursday of the month) and see for yourself? Members of the public have the opportunity to speak at 8pm, if they wish.

The council exists for the betterment of our community, so if there's something about the area that's bothering you, or you have an idea for an improvement or enhancement, please, get in touch (details on the back page).

Kathryn Roebuck - Chair

Welcome to the New Clerk



In the last newsletter, we were preparing to say goodbye to our previous clerk, Norma, who had chosen to retire. We can now introduce our new clerk, Jenny, who lives in Shildon. Jenny comes to us, with a strong financial background and a special interest in policies and regulation. She has previous experience

with a smaller council in Darlington, and shows vintage tractors with her husband. Jenny will be available in the council office on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

20... for the Fourth Time

Recently, our longest serving councillor celebrated a milestone birthday. Councillor John Fletcher first joined E&E Council, in 1983 and he has seen many councillors come and go since then. Some of you may remember John as a ward councillor for the (then) Eaglescliffe ward, to which he was successfully elected in 1987, and held until 2011, when he retired from the Borough Council.



John was also Stockton's mayor for the civic year of 2008-9. His extensive commitment and service to local government earned John the title of Honorary Alderman. He continues to serve the parish council, where his dedication and encyclopaedic knowledge are invaluable. Happy Birthday, John! May there be many more of them.

Allotments

Allotments are important community assets which offer benefits to health and wellbeing, providing sustainable spaces to grow produce and encourage biodiversity. They are known to be an integral part of our heritage, but they can play an important part in our future too.

The Parish Council owns and manages two allotment sites; one in Eggescliffe Village; the other, Eliff's Mill is located on the A67 next to the new Hunter's Rest development.

Both sites have low rents and waiting lists are open to Eggescliffe and Eaglescliffe residents. If you would like to apply for an allotment please contact the clerk (details on back page).

PARISH COUNCIL FUNDING



Eggescliffe & Eaglescliffe Council (EEC) is funded directly through a "precept" collected via the council tax on the residents of the parish. Councillors of EEC prepare a budget which includes the salary of the parish clerk, grants and donations to local groups, local events, insurance and general maintenance of the open spaces, war memorials and play areas. This year, EEC carried out a refurbishment of Amberley Way play area at a cost in excess of £25,000 and has plans for the refurbishment of Leven Close play area, remedial work at St Margaret's play area and the purchase of Christmas lights. In 2026 the tax base is 3598 Band D households, and the 2026 Precept for Band D is £27.55 per household up from £23.93 in 2025. Our financial information is available to view on the Councils website www.ee-pc.org.uk.



Summer Fete

The Parish Council with Eggescliffe Area Residents Association (EARA) will be holding this year's Summer Fete on the 12th July on the village green.

Come along for the afternoon, bring a picnic, friends and family to join in this year's fun, frivolity and enjoy the various stalls, family entertainment and live music.

If anyone would like to join the Summer Fete working group to help arrange the 2026 event then please contact the clerk.

CHECK WHAT'S ON & SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL VENUES

This newsletter cannot carry details of all coming events due to its twice yearly issue, so it's worth keeping your eyes open on notice boards, social media and the local press. We are privileged to be served here by community halls, with charitable status, run by volunteers.

They are:

Eggescliffe Parish Hall, Butts Lane:

<http://www.eggescliffeparishhall.co.uk/what-s-on.html>

Eggescliffe Community Centre, Durham Lane

<https://www.eggcomctr.co.uk/upcoming-events>

Enquires and bookings: ☎07583 465295

Eggescliffe Village Hall, 590A, Yarm Road

<http://www.teesvalleyvillagehalls.net/eaglescliffe.html>



Community Awards



Every year we make a community award to an individual and/or group who have made a worthwhile contribution to our life within the Parish Community.

We are delighted to announce that our two winners for this year's award are 18 year old Sophie Dacombe, for enhancing the parish's reputation with her Deaflympic, bronze-winning performance for the England Deaf Women's football team and Tony Harrison for his voluntary work on the upkeep of maintenance in the parish.

Congratulations and we will award these formally at our Annual Parish Meeting!

Community Partnership



Stockton Borough Council is inviting residents to join their Community Partnership and help shape the future of our area. The Partnership brings together residents, community groups, councillors and local organisations to discuss local issues, share ideas, and work together on practical solutions.



By joining, you can play an active role in identifying local priorities, strengthening our community voice, and making sure the things that matter to you are heard. Everyone is welcome, and your views are vital. Come along and help make a positive difference.

If you are interested in joining, please contact engagement@stockton.gov.uk for dates, times and locations.

Parish Website

The more eagle-eyed among you may have noticed that our website address and e-mail addresses have changed.

Our new website contains information about the parish's general area, play areas, councillors, meetings, policies and minutes, useful links and includes an interactive map showing the locations of our play areas, allotments and the area's community centres.

While we mentioned we were looking into doing this last year, this situation was forced before we were ready. As such, our new site is live and functional, but is still in the process of having content added. If there is something you would like to see on it, that currently isn't, please let the clerk know, via the usual contact methods (see back page) and we will consider it.

You can now find us at the much snappier www.ee-pc.org.uk

Snippets

Railway News

In our Autumn 2024 issue we reported that engineers were investigating whether Yarm Tunnel (which is under **Urlay Nook Road**, not Yarm) could be adapted to take trains with sea-going containers. "Electrification is not planned as one of the changes", we had been told.

However, in January 2026 the Tees Valley Combined Authority awarded a £800,460 contract to Network Rail to draw up a business case for electrifying the railway between Northallerton and Saltburn. Combined with changes elsewhere, this would enable electric passenger and freight trains to run through to Teesside from places like London, Leeds and Manchester. The line

comes over Yarm Viaduct, through Yarm Tunnel and Eaglescliffe Station.

More Houses?

Aislaby Road

There has been a planning application to build a new estate of 248 houses just outside our civil parish boundary – off **Aislaby Road** just west of Nelly Burdon's Beck. If allowed, this would affect traffic etc, in Eaglescliffe.

Urlay Nook

A developer has asked Stockton Council whether an environmental impact assessment would be needed (and what matters it should cover) if a planning application were made for 1800 homes and other developments covering the former chrome works site at **Urlay Nook**,

the wooded area between there and **Durham Lane** and land between there and **Coatham Beck**.

There is no certainty yet that such a planning application would be made or what would be its outcome. Literally, watch this space!

Durham Lane

Work has already started on the new cycle- and footpath alongside Durham Lane south from the **A66** interchange at Elton. This was originally planned to go all the way to Egglecliffe School. However, in January 2026 Stockton Council announced that it would be built as far as the entrance to Durham Lane Industrial Park, where it would go alongside **Cleasby Way** to the new western car park of Eaglescliffe Station.

Eaglescliffe's Play Areas



You may have read recently that Stockton Borough Council (SBC) has plans to allow several of its play parks to atrophy; not replacing equipment when it comes to the end of its lifespan due to funding difficulties, using the money instead to refurbish its children's homes.

You will be relieved to know that **none** of Egglecliffe and Eaglescliffe's four play areas are under the management of SBC and are therefore not under consideration to be part of this programme.

In fact, as mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, Amberley Way play area has recently had new play equipment installed, in two phases, increasing the number of items of play equipment, on that site, from five to eleven, and this, following the expansion of St Margaret's play area, to include outdoor exercise equipment. We are still investigating (in co-operation with SBC) the flooding in St Margaret's, with a view to remedying this, once the cause is established. Leven Close play area is next in line for some updates, finally, followed by a review of our newest play area, on the Kingsmead estate.

Hopefully, this will put your minds at rest, that our recreation spaces will remain just that.



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Council meetings are usually held on the first Thursday of the month at All Saints Church, Dunottar Avenue, Eaglescliffe. These meetings are open to the public and press. If there's something you want to discuss with your Councillors, please come along, you are welcome to observe from 7pm and there are opportunities at 8pm to speak at the meeting.

Forthcoming meetings are:- 7th May, 4th June, 2nd July, 3rd September and 1st October

Check our website <http://www.ee-pc.org.uk> for full meeting details, including the dates of committee meetings.

Become a councillor!

For further information, please **contact the Clerk.**

USEFUL CONTACTS

Anti-social Behaviour: If you are experiencing Anti Social Behaviour in your area, contact the Civic Enforcement Service or use the COPA app.

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

If you would like to comment, raise suggestions or complaints about anything happening in the Parish (or even anything not happening!) or on any items in this newsletter, please contact the council by email, telephone, using our web form (via the QR code below), or by letter with your contact details, which will only be used for the purpose of responding to your comments and will not be shared with any third party without your prior consent.



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