**EGGINTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**REPORT ON 2013**

*2013* started with the aftermath of the Christmas floods, caused by failure of the sewage drainage system managed by Severn Trent Water (STW). The Parish Council (PC) worked tirelessly over the Christmas and New Year period to ensure that STW rectified the problems as swiftly as possible. Under continued pressure STW undertook a total overhaul of the village’s sewage system in the first part of 2013. Sewage drainage problems continued into the summer and autumn and as a result of continuing pressure from the PC, STW resolved the problems speedily. The PC continues to pursue compensation from STW for the inconvenience caused. Unfortunately STW are at present ignoring our emails.

*The PC organised delivery of sandbags so that residents could protect their homes from flooding. These were collected up when they were no longer needed.*

*Flooding at the Egginton Brook end of the village caused failure of 2 streetlights – again persistent phone calls from the PC resulted in their repair. The flooding also affected the BT underground cable at Egginton Brook, which the PC was instrumental in resolving.*

**Flood Defence Scheme** – as a result of years of lobbying and the generosity of villagers we now have comprehensive flood defences designed to provide protection from a 1 in a 100-year flood plus 20%. Landscaping is in progress.

*The “Egginet”, which now has a circulation of nearly 200 email addresses, was born out of this – addresses were collected whilst raising donations from residents.*

*Having received several complaints from residents about the state of repair of pavements on Main Street, the PC together with the Derbyshire County Council (DCC) agreed to a schedule of repair work that was carried out during the course of the year.*

*The PC and DCC also agreed to a schedule of road repair in Duck Street and Fishpond Lane. This is now complete.*

*The problems with the ditch in Fishpond Lane will never be fully resolved due to the gradient of the land, however, the PC together with South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC) arranged for the ditch to be cleared.*

*Following complaints from residents of William Newton Close about the state of roads and pavements, the PC were informed that the road was unadopted and therefore the responsibility of residents. However, this was researched and the PC was able to persuade the DCC that this was actually an adopted road and repairs have now been undertaken.*
*Catherine Jonathan Playing Fields ..........*
> Our contractor continues with the maintenance – cutting of hedges, mowing the field and weeding the paths.

> Schedule of tree works as a result of inspection by the SDDC Tree Officer is ongoing.

> Benches have been repaired.

> A new sign on the main gate has replaced the old one – it had gone beyond repair.

> Ongoing maintenance of the play equipment.

> Once again the Play Mobile visited us during the summer break.

*The PC continues its campaign to reduce the incidents of dog fouling in the village. A further dog waste bin has been installed in Blacksmiths Lane.*

*The PC has put pressure on the DCC to improve road traffic safety at the Etwall Rd./Carriers Rd. crossroads and Ash Grove Lane exit. As a result the DCC has now agreed a regular full verge cut back at these junctions to improve visibility and has also re-surfaced the crossroads with an improved anti-skid surface.*

*Following an act of vandalism on the bench by Egginton Brook Bridge, the PC arranged for its repair by a volunteer resident. Unfortunately this bench has once again been damaged by a hedge-cutting contractor. The PC has arranged for its replacement through his insurance.*

*With the flood defences for the village complete, we still had an issue with access to and from the village during times of flooding. The PC were able finally to persuade the DCC to raise the level of the road at Ash Grove Lane and Egginton brook bridge to provide access in time of flooding.*

*The PC arranged for a robust response to the SDCC regarding the draft local plan part 1 with particular reference to the proposed railhead on Etwall/Egginton Common. We will continue to act in the best interest of residents with regard to this issue.*

*Fly tipping, particularly on Ash Grove Lane and Etwall Road continues to blight us. The PC report all fly tipping and SDDC arrange for its removal – this can sometimes take a few days.*
*The PC, together with sponsorship from Egginton Horticultural Association (EHA), has constructed a raised flower bed at the Egginton Brook entrance to the village. The EHA maintain this bed.

*Village notice boards have been repaired and replaced. The notice board by the school has once again been sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Hill and we thank them for their village spirit.