

**THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF EASINGTON VILLAGE  
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MAY 2014**

Present: Councillor L Morton (Chair)  
Councillors J Andrews, M Burn, E M Hopper, J Lee, T Murray, J Smith and  
M Warin

Staff: Mrs G M Crute (Parish Clerk)

EVPC **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**  
14/15/001 A nomination was received for Councillor L Morton.  
**RESOLVED:** that Councillor L Morton be ELECTED.

EVPC **CHAIRPERSON'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**  
14/15/002 Councillor Morton signed the declaration of acceptance of office.  
**RESOLVED:** that the declaration of acceptance of office be ACCEPTED.

EVPC **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**  
15/15/003 A nomination was received for Councillor Andrews.  
**RESOLVED:** that Councillor J Andrews be ELECTED Vice-Chairperson for  
the forth coming year.

EVPC **TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH**  
14/15/004 **COUNCIL FOR THE CIVIC YEAR 2013/14**

As Chairman for the past year I would like to thank Members for the work and support given over the past 12 months. Also to our County Councillors David Boyes and Angela Surtees for help, advice and funding. Accounts for the year ended 2014 are in a good position as you will have seen in your financial report. Staff training has been kept up to date and the Apprentice Groundsman is doing well.

The Cemetery fencing and footpath improvements are complete. Grass cutting in the Cemetery has improved. An increase of 5% from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 for Cemetery fees was agreed.

Grievance and disciplinary procedures have been adopted. The Village won Silver in Northumbria in Bloom!

Car parking and volume of traffic is still our most complained of problem but is out of our hands.

It was always going to be hard after the loss of Groundwork as our tenant for all of Seaton Holme, but with the demand we have at this time and bookings going well we are holding our head above water, new to us our bookings for weddings and other family occasions with people in the village starting to think that they can use Seaton Holme for such. So it can be part of the village not just offices as a lot of villagers thought.

A handrail on the front steps has been fitted and not too much expense this year. I hope I haven't spoken to soon on decorating but a new floor in the Discovery Room sets the room off and highly lettable I'm sure. In December the Christmas tree lights were switched on by ex Parish Councillor Mildred Bridges in recognition of her service to the Parish, Rev

Pearson gave a blessing with County Councillor David Boyes in attendance and members of the Parish Council. Easington Church of England Primary children sang hymns (and this time it didn't snow).

The most talked about this past year is the number of new houses to be built in the next few years. Traffic, schools and all other services will be put to the test. Durham County Council tell us it comes from Westminster and has to be complied with, but we as local people have never had a real chance to challenge these proposals. Something like 1200 new homes over 10 to 12 years. We attended the Planning meeting at Durham County Council and spoke against the plan but many of us thought it was a done deal and so it proved to be.

We as a Parish Council must work to see that the village is not lost in a sea of new houses that we require a fair share of any income etc that is received from Council and builders.

Let us all work to make improvements in Easington Village so the Parish can continue to go forward from strength to strength.

EVPC  
14/15/005

**TO ADOPT STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

**RESOLVED** that the Standing Orders be ADOPTED.

EVPC  
14/15/006

**APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

- a) Easington Area Action Partnership  
**RESOLVED** that Councillors L Morton, J Andrews, T Murray, J Lee and M Warin Plus the Clerk be the Parish Council's representatives.
- b) Easington Area Association of Parish and Town Councils  
**RESOLVED** that Councillors E Hopper, L Morton and J Smith Plus the Clerk be the Parish Council's representatives.
- c) Small and Medium Council's Forum  
**RESOLVED** that Councillors L Morton and J Andrews plus the Clerk be the Parish Council's representatives.

EVPC  
14/15/007

**TO APPOINT PERSONS TO PARISH COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS**

Cemetery and Grounds Sub-Committee

**RESOLVED** that Councillors J Andrews, M Burn, E Hopper, J Lee and J Smith, be appointed to the Cemetery and Grounds Sub-Committee.

EVPC  
14/15/008

**TO CONSIDER PAYMENT OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Members gave consideration to the payment of the annual subscriptions which had been previously circulated.

**RESOLVED:** that the payments be AUTHORISED for payment.

EVPC  
14/15/009

**TO APPOINT CHEQUE SIGNATORIES**

**RESOLVED** that Councillors L Morton, J Smith and J Andrews be APPOINTED as cheque signatories.

EVPC  
14/15/010

**TO APPOINT KEYHOLDERS**

- a) Seaton Holme  
**RESOLVED:** that the Clerk, Caretaker and Chairman be APPOINTED as keyholders.
- b) Cemetery  
**RESOLVED:** that the Clerk and Cemetery Superintendent be APPOINTED as keyholders.

EVPC  
14/15/011

**MEETING DATES FOR 2014/15**

Members gave consideration to meeting dates for 2014/15 which had been previously circulated.  
**RESOLVED** that the meeting dates be APPROVED.

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CHAIRMAN .....

DATE .....