

**THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON 21st JUNE 2018**

Present: Councillor L Morton (Chair)
Councillors J Andrews, M Burn, W S Day, J Lee,
J Smith and A Robson

Staff: Mrs G M Crute (Parish Clerk)

EVPC
18/19/081 **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were RECEIVED and APPROVED for
Councillor T Murray

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18/19/082 **Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**
There were no declarations of interest

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18/19/083 **Public Participation**
There were no members of the public present.

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18/19/084 **Hanging Basket**
The Clerk advised Members that following the Parish Council's request be authorised to use the lampposts surrounding the Village Green to display hanging baskets. Durham County Council had advised that a structural survey would be required. The Clerk had received a quotation for the works at a cost of £1750 plus VAT. This was specialised work and there were not many companies who were able to provide this service. Members felt that although this was a lot of money due to time constraints and expectations of residents for the hanging baskets to be displayed there was little option but to proceed with the structural survey. The Clerk advised that she had contacted other Parish/Town Councils in the County and they had not been able to find another suitable contractor to undertake the works. The Clerk advised that she had made her own enquiries and was unable to find a contractor.
RESOLVED: that

- i) The Clerk make enquiries with Zurich Engineering to see if they were able to undertake the work;
- ii) If Zurich Engineering were not able to provide this work then the Clerk be AUTHORISED to appoint a contractor to carry out the work with immediate effect;

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

Chairman

Date