

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 12th DECEMBER 2011**

Present: Councillor L Morton (Chair)
Councillors M Burn, E Hopper, J Lee, L Morton, L Robinson and J Smith
Staff: Mrs G M Crute (Parish Clerk)

Also in Attendance: County Councillor D Boyes

EVPC 10/11/111 **Apologies for Absence**
RESOLVED: Apologies RECEIVED and approved for Councillors J Andrews, M Bridges and S Laws

EVPC 10/11/112 **Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**
There were none.

EVPC 10/11/113 **Public Participation**
There were no members of the public in attendance.

EVPC 10/11/114 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th November and 22nd November 2011**
RESOLVED: that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record to be signed by the Chairman, subject to the alteration to minute EVPC 10/11/105 to read "that probably funding might be found".

EVPC 10/11/115 **Matters Arising**

EVPC 10/11/076	Website – The Clerk is waiting for the Microsoft Office Professional 2010 Package to come back into stock then will order.
EVPC 10/11/077	Police Matters – The Clerk had written to Superintendent Wood, Easington Community Science College and had met with Inspector Addison regarding the anti-social behaviour currently being experienced.
EVPC 10/11/080	Office Accommodation – The leases are currently being drawn up by the Council's Solicitors.
EVPC 10/11/081	Seaton Holme Facilities – A new fridge would be purchased once the deep cleaning to the kitchen scheduled for 20 th December had been completed.
EVPC 10/11/084	Burial and Cemetery Fees – The new fees had been implemented.
EVPC 10/11/085	Allotments – The Clerk had written to the Allotment Holder concerned thanking them for their co-operation.
EVPC 10/11/086	Trees in Cemetery/Thorpe Road – The Clerk had advised the residents of what action was to be undertaken. She had received clarification from the Planning Section at Durham County Council that the trees in question would not require planning permission to be pruned. She had contacted the Tree Surgeon and was waiting for him to call back.

EVPC 10/11/094	Donation – The Clerk had forwarded the donation to Easington C of E Primary School.
EVPC 10/11/099	Craigellachie Nursing Home – The Clerk had written to the correspondent advising them to contact Durham County Council and had also written to County Councillors in this regard.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted

EVPC
10/11/116

Police Matters

The Clerk advised that there would be no Police in attendance at the meeting and read out a report which had been forwarded for the Parish Council's information.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED:

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10/11/117

Durham County Council Report

County Councillor Boyes updated Members on the following issues:-

- Erection of 1 No. Windturbine, Contractors Compound and Associated Works at Land North of Pesspool Lane, Easington Village for British Telecom – Appeal against planning refusal. County Councillor would be writing to the Planning Inspectorate regarding this issue.
- Speed Visor – He had spoken to the relevant officer at the County Council and before a speed visor could be installed a traffic management survey was required. This was currently on the list of areas to be survey.
- Neighbourhood Budget – Councillor Boyes enquired whether Members had any potential schemes that could be funded under the Neighbourhood Budget and advised that any such schemes would need to be submitted by April 2012.

RESOLVED that:-

- i) the information given, be NOTED;
- ii) Members consider potential schemes that could be funded under the Neighbourhood Budget at the January meeting of the Parish Council.

The Chairman thanked County Councillor Boyes for his attendance. County Councillor Boyes then left the meeting.

EVPC
10/11/118

Tourism Project

The Clerk updated Members on the Tourism Project and gave details of the response from Groundwork North East on the issues raised by the Parish Council. Members accepted the response from Groundwork but requested that a formal assurance be sought regarding the proposals outlined for the Heritage Centre.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk contact Groundwork North East to thank them for their response and request a written assurance on the running of the Heritage Centre.

EVPC
10/11/119

Office Accommodation.

The Clerk advised that leases were being drawn up for the new tenants and Groundwork North East. One of the new tenants would be in site from January 2012 with the other one due sometime at the beginning of the year.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

- EVPC
10/11/120 **Quotation for Flooring Works in Function Room.**
The Clerk advised Members of the options available and the respective costs for the new flooring.
RESOLVED: that the quotation from Global Flooring for Karndean Flooring in Wellington Oak at a cost of £4,000 be ACCEPTED.
- EVPC
10/11/121 **Re-decoration Works.**
The Clerk advised Members that the re-decoration works to the downstairs toilets had been completed. Work had commenced in the upstairs offices and the decoration of the Function Room should be completed before the new year.
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC
10/11/122 **Report of the Cemetery Superintendent**
Members gave consideration to the report of the Cemetery Superintendent which had been previously circulated.
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC
10/11/123 **In-Bloom Committee**
The Clerk advised that the form for the 2012 competition would need to be completed and submitted.
RESOLVED: that the form be submitted for the 2012 competition.
- EVPC
10/11/124 **Annual Inspection of Play Equipment**
Members gave consideration to the report of the Zurich Engineer.
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC
10/11/125 **Parish Council Financial Status – Bank Balances as at 30.11.11**
The Clerk reported that the bank balances as at 30.11.11 were £94,015.99 in the Savings Account and £834.25 in the Current Account totalling £94,850.24
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC
10/11/126 **Income and Expenditure Report to 30.11.11**
A copy of the report had previously been circulated.
RESOLVED that the report, be NOTED.
- EVPC
10/11/127 **Bank Transfers**
The Clerk informed Members that the Transfers for November were £9703.44
RESOLVED to ENDORSE transfers.
- EVPC
10/11/128 **Invoices for Endorsement of Payment.**
RESOLVED: to ENDORSE the following invoices for payment:-

DATE	PAYEE	DECRPTION	AMOUNT	CHEQUE DD
07.12.11	Alan's Decorating Srvs	Redecoration Small Mtg Room/Function Room	991.00	105466
07.12.11	Alan's Decorating Srvs	Redecoration – Toilets	648.00	105465
17.10.11	Dotty's Café	Buffet – Recharge	165.75	105456
29.11.11	Durham County Council	Payroll – October 2011	6168.36	105464
01.12.11	EON Powergen	Electricity – Seaton	330.00	DD

		Holme		
01.12.11	EON Powergen	Gas – Seaton Holme	319.00	DD
01.12.11	EON Powergen	Electricity - Cemetery	7.00	DD
11.11.11	Greenham	Toilet Rolls	62.21	105459
15.11.11	Harbro	2 x Extension Cables	19.08	105460
07.10.11	HGN Domestic Cleaning	4 Weeks Cleaning	288.00	105457
07.12.11	Interior Décor & Wallpapers	Wallpaper/Lining Paper/Paste	378.18	105467
30.11.11	Krystal Cleaning Svcs	Deep Clean Toilets	192.00	105461
30.11.11	Maxwells DIY	DIY Goods – Seaton Holme	34.17	105462
28.11.11	Mulcahy Lawns	Christmas Tree	100.00	105463
08.11.11	Unicom	Landline/Broadband -October	107.82	DD
		Invoice Total for November	8466.79	

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Income Received
NOVEMBER 2011

Name	Description	Amount
K F Training	Room Hire	365.80
Groundwork NE	Room Hire	369.52
Art Club	Room Hire	55.00
Various	Books	39.96
Women Aglow	Room Hire	35.75
Various	Book Sales	69.93
Wm Scott & Sons	Memorials	70.00
Various	Book Sales	25.00

Total	£1030.96
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RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
10/11/130

Request for Donation – Donnini House Residents Club.

Members gave consideration to a request for a donation from Donnini House Residents Club.

RESOLVED that a donation of £100 be GRANTED under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1973.

EVPC
10/11/131

Planning Applications

PL/5/2011/0477 – Proposed Felling of a Sycamore Tree at The Village Inn, Sunderland Road, Easington Village for Mrs A O Pallister.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk make enquires of the Tree Surgeon whether the tree is a danger in any way, and if not then an objection be submitted to the application.

EVPC
10/11/132

Planning Approvals

PL/5/2011/0380 – Proposed Rear Emergency Exit at South Side Social Club, Southside, Easington Village for South South Social Club

PL/5/2011/0413 – Proposed Dormer Windows to Front Elevation at The Bungalow, Stockton Road, Easington Village for Mr Cleary.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
10/11/133

Planning Refusals

There were no planning refusals received.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
10/11/134

Planning Appeals

Proposed Erection of 1 No. Windturbine, Contractors Compound and Associated Works (Amended Proposal) including increased site area to facilitate permanent tracks to connect turbine with Pesspool Lane; and occasional deployment of a temporary access matting area to support construction and other works which require the use of heavy vehicles and plant at Land North of Pesspool Lane, Easington Village for British Telecom.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council write to the Planning Inspector reiterating their concerns regarding the Wind Turbine.

EVPC
10/11/135

Schools Admission Arrangements September 2013/14

Members gave consideration to correspondence received regarding the above and the Clerk advised how Members could take part in the consultation.

RESOLVED: the information given, be NOTED and the notification of the consultation be displayed in the Notice Board.

EVPC
10/11/136

Wind Turbines in Durham

Members gave consideration to the correspondence received regarding the above.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
10/11/137

Digital Switchover in the Tyne Tees/North East TV Region – September 2012.

Members gave consideration to the correspondence received regarding the above.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
10/11/138

Poppy Appeal 2011

The Clerk advised Members that £515.12 was raised in Easington Village during the 2011 Poppy Appeal.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
10/11/139

Licensing Act 2003 – Plants R Ross

The Clerk advised that notification of this application had been received too late to be included on the November agenda and the date for comments was 30th November 2011. After conversations with the Chairman and the Licensing Officer at Durham County Council, no objections had been submitted.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
10/11/140

Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

There were no reports.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
10/11/141

Date and time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 9th January 2012.

RESOLVED: the information given, be noted.

