

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2012**

Present: Councillor L Morton (Chair)
Councillors M Burn, E M Hopper, S Laws, J Lee, L Robinson and J Smith

Staff: Mrs G M Crute (Parish Clerk)

Also in Attendance: County Councillor D Boyes, Mr K Bradshaw (Durham County Council) and Mr T Murray

EVPC 10/11/174 **Apologies for Absence**
RESOLVED: Apologies RECEIVED and approved for Councillors J Andrews and M Bridges.

EVPC 10/11/175 **Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**
Councillor J Smith declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 11(f) as she is a member of the Parochial Church Council.
Councillor M Burn declared a personal interest in item 10(e) as she is a friend of the family.
Councillor J Lee declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 10(e) as she is a member of the Allotment Association Committee and also has an allotment tenancy.

EVPC 10/11/176 **Public Participation**
There were no members of the public in attendance.

EVPC 10/11/177 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th January 2012 and the Precept Meeting held 9th January 2012**
RESOLVED: that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record to be signed by the Chairman.

EVPC 10/11/178 **Limestone Landscapes Presentation**
Ken Bradshaw, Durham County Council gave a presentation on the Limestone Landscapes Project. He outlined what the project involved and ways in which Members and residents could get involved. He advised that Easington was scheduled to take part in the Village Atlas Scheme in 2014 and that this involved looking at the landscape and history of the village. The Chairman thanked Mr Bradshaw for the presentation.
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

Mr Bradshaw then left the meeting.

EVPC 10/11/179 **Matters Arising**

EVPC 10/11/149	Police Matters – The Clerk had passed on Members concerns to the Police.
EVPC 10/11/150	Durham County Council Report – The Clerk had spoken to County Councillor Boyes who was pursuing the Speed Visor. He had also advised that he would organise a site visit to look at the highways issues raised.
EVPC 10/11/151	Potential Schemes for Inclusion in the Neighbourhood Budget 2012/13 – The Clerk

	advised that she had received quotations for resurfacing works for the Cemetery. She had spoken to the Parish Paths Officer at the County Council who had advised that the installation of a new footpath on the Village Green could be considered under their scheme if it was not eligible under the Highway Department. This would be discussed at the site meeting to be organised by County Councillor Boyes. The feasibility of Parking Bays on the main road outside Seaton Holme would also be discussed at the site meeting. The Clerk had a quote for new tables and chairs.
EVPC 10/11/155	Report of the Cemetery Superintendent – The Cemetery Superintendent had checked the boundary line along Thorpe Road Playing Fields. The Clerk was looking for the title deeds in order to establish that the boundary line was in it's correct position.
EVPC 10/11/156	In-Bloom Committee – The Clerk was awaiting a response from Durham County Council with regard to the spraying of weedkiller. She was continuing to look at potential sources of funding for trees and was still awaiting a response from the Probation Service with regards to litter picks in the village.
EVPC 10/11/163	Health and Safety in the Workplace – The Clerk advised that the course had been postponed.
EVPC/10/11/167	2012 Royal Garden Party – The Clerk had submitted the Parish Council's nomination, however, we were unsuccessful.
EVPC/10/11/168	Durham County Council's Chairman's Medal – The Clerk had submitted a nomination for Eileen Hopper.
EVPC/10/11/169	Parish and Town Councillor Register of Interest – The Clerk was still awaiting forms from some Members.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

EVPC
10/11/180

Police Matters

The Police had attended the meeting but had been called away so no report was received.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED and the Clerk would pass on any items to Police as they arise.

EVPC
10/11/181

Durham County Council Report

County Councillor Boyes updated Members on the following issues:-

- 2012/13 Neighbourhood Budget
- Hallfield Farm – Wind Turbine – Planning Appeal
- Parking Enforcement
- Speed Visors
- Police Sub-Section Office at Easington

RESOLVED that the information given, be NOTED

- EVPC
10/11/182 **Appointment of Caretaker**
The Clerk advised that there had been 20 applications for the position of Caretaker which was shortlisted to 8 candidates for interview. The successful candidate was Mrs M Jones who would commence her employment with the Parish Council at the beginning of March.
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC
10/11/183 **Office Accommodation.**
The Clerk advised that Parent Partnership were no longer interested in leasing office accommodation at Seaton Holme, due to IT problems.
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC
10/11/184 **Building Security.**
The Clerk advised that she had approached three companies to supply a quotation on the installation of an Access Control System. However, only two quotations had been received. Tender A in the sum of £1653 and Tender B in the sum of £735.
RESOLVED: that the quotation from Tenderer B, Keepsafe Security Solutions be ACCEPTED.
- EVPC
10/11/185 **Trade Waste**
The Clerk advised Members on the changes to the Trade Waste Scheme and the various options available.
RESOLVED: that the Parish Council undertake the option that enables a general refuse and recycling collection.
- EVPC
10/11/186 **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
10/11/186 **In-Bloom Committee**
Councillor Morton advised that there would be a meeting of the In-Bloom Committee in March
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC
10/11/187 **Spring/Summer Bedding Plants**
The Clerk advised that she had obtained a quotation from a local supplier for the spring/summer beddings plants which would save the Parish Council £150. She also advised that the local supplier was also an employee of the Parish Council.
RESOLVED: that the Parish Council purchase the plants from the new supplier.
- EVPC
10/11/188 **Tree Works Cemetery and Sunderland Road Playing Field**
Members gave consideration to the quotations received to undertake the tree work at the Cemetery and Thorpe Road Playing Fields at a cost of £280 plus VAT at each site.
RESOLVED: that the work be carried out in accordance with details previously given.
- EVPC
10/11/189 **Allotments**
The Clerk advised that she had written to the allotment holder, who had been keeping cockerels on his allotment, in order for an inspection of the allotment to ensure the cockerels had been removed in accordance with previous

correspondence. The allotment holder had rang the Clerk in response to the letter and advised that they had not removed all of the cockerels. The Clerk advised the tenant that she could possibly wait a couple of weeks before inspecting the site if that would help the tenant being able to remove the remaining cockerels from his allotment. She was advised that this would not make a difference. The Clerk then made arrangements to meet the allotment holder to discuss the matter further. The Clerk had a lengthy discussion with the allotment holder with regard to the removal of the cockerels and was advised that the tenant would not be removing the remaining cockerels from his site.

Following lengthy discussion it was **RESOLVED** that as the tenant was in breach of his tenancy agreement and that he was not willing to remove all the cockerels from the site then the Clerk be **AUTHORISED** to initiate proceedings for his tenancy to be terminated.

EVPC
10/11/190

Parish Council Financial Status – Bank Balances as at 30.01.12

The Clerk reported that the bank balances as at 31.01.12 were £72,075.55 in the Savings Account and £1116.43 in the Current Account totalling £73,191.98.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
10/11/191

Income and Expenditure Report to 31.02.12

A copy of the report had previously been circulated.

RESOLVED that the report, be NOTED.

EVPC
10/11/192

Bank Transfers

The Clerk informed Members that the Transfers for January were £13,766.32

RESOLVED to ENDORSE transfers.

EVPC
10/11/193

Invoices for Endorsement of Payment.

RESOLVED: to ENDORSE the following invoices for payment:-

DATE	PAYEE	DECRPTION	AMOUNT	CHEQUE DD
01-02-12	ADT Fire & Security	Intruder Alarm System	1397.39	105500
06-01-12	Arco Ltd	Clothing Books	416.72	105486
06-01-12	Arco Ltd	Clothing	20.98	105487
20-12-11	British Gas Commercial Ltd	Boiler Maintenance	1142.09	105488
16-01-12	Cateraid	Filter Flow Boiler	476.40	105500
12-01-12	Durham County Council	Wages	7221.73	105489
03.02.12	Durham County Council	Wages – December	9188.18	105506
01-02-12	EON	Electricity Cemetery	16.00	DD
01-02-12	EON	Electricity Seaton Holme	213.00	DD
01-02-12	EON	Gas Seaton Holme	490.00	DD
20-01-12	C Edwards	Plastering	100.00	105485
24-01-12	A Forster	Decoration To Former Youth Room	1781.00	105491
06.02.12	Greenham	Cleaning Goods & Vacuum	152.98	105507
07.09.12	Hutton Fire Protection	Fire Extinguisher Maintenance	67.92	105505
12-01-12	W Hunter	Line Rental	53.25	105492
31-01-12	Krystal Cleaning	Cleaning – 20hrs	228.00	105493

	Services Ltd			
16-12-11	Initial Washroom Solutions	Anti Bac Soap Unit, 3 Sanitact Units, Waste Fee	741.83	105494
17-01-12	I.O.S Ltd	Stationery	51.20	105495
17-01-12	I.O.S Ltd	Stationery Printer Ink	66.78	105496
31-01-12	Maxwells DIY	Latch & Snow Shovels	32.38	105503
31-12-11	Northumbrian Water	Water	41.02	DD
17-01-12	Northumbrian Water	Water	30.60	DD
05-01-12	NSL Limited	Parking Penalty	35.00	105483
31-01-12	Ron's Plumbing Service	Cisterns/Cisterniser/Radiator and Plumbing Work	600.00	105502
01-01-12	SLCC	Membership Renewal 11/12	175.00	105498
17-01-12	St Marys Parochial Church Council	Advert	12.00	105499
09-01-12	Unicom	Admin- Broadband/Phone Seaton Holme Phone Cemetery Phone	97.14	DD
09.02.12	Unicom	Line Rental/Calls/Broadband	115.88	DD
		Invoice Total for January	£24964.47	

EVPC
10/11/194

Income Received
JANUARY 2012

Name	Description	Amount
Easington WI	Room Hire	80.00
Peterlee & Dist Flower	Room Hire	22.50
R Delanoy & Sons	Burial Fees	190.00
K F Training	Room Hire	149.60
Groundwork NE	Room Hire	77.00
Village Newsagents	Book Sales	120.00
Hepworths Funerals	Burial Fees	110.00
K F Training	Room Hire	155.00
Women Aglow	Room Hire	35.75
Individual	Burial Fees	130.00
Various	Book Sales	6.47
Groundwork NE	Room Hire/Recharge	2113.86
Cochranes	Burial Fees	270.00
K F Training	Room Hire	204.60
Art Club	Room Hire	68.75
Various	Book Sales	180.30
7 Paranormal Invest	Room Hire - Deposit	80.00
Spirit Seekers	Room Hire	180.00
Speckmans	Burial Fees	25.00
Individual	Cemetery Fees	80.00
Durham CC	Room Hire	202.50

Total	£4481.33
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RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

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10/11/195 **Request for Donation – Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Easington Village**
Members gave consideration to a request for a donation from St Mary’s Easington Parochial Church Council to assist with the publication of the Parish Patch magazine.
RESOLVED: that £100 be granted under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972.
- EVPC
10/11/196 **Request for Donation – Learning Library**
Members gave consideration to a request for a donation from the Learning Library.
RESOLVED: that no donation be given on this occasion.
- EVPC
10/11/197 **Request for Donation – Great North Air Ambulance**
Members gave consideration to a request for a donation from Great North Air Ambulance.
RESOLVED: that a donation of £50 be GRANTED under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972.
- EVPC
10/11/198 **Planning Applications**
PL/5/2011/0507 – Planning Application for Proposed Front Porch and Two Storey Side Extension at 32 St Marys Close, Easington Village for Mr G Hagel
PL/4/2012/0004 – Planning Application for Proposed Hedgerow Removal at Junction House Farm, Loaning Burn, Easington for Mr S Hutchinson
PL/5/2012/0012 – Planning Application for Proposed Erection of a Carport at Ava Brooke, Littlethorpe, Easington
RESOLVED: that the Clerk look further into application PL/4/2012/0004 and make an objection if necessary following consultation with the Chairman.
- EVPC
10/11/199 **Planning Approvals**
PL/5/2011/0408 – Planning Permission approved for Proposed change of use from residential (C3) to bridal wear boutique (A1) at 9 Southside, Easington Village for Miss C Mitchell.
PL/5/2011/0454 – Planning Permission approved for Proposed Single and Two Storey Rear Extensions (resubmission) at 35 Hallfield Drive, Easington Village for Mr A Laight
PL/5/2011/0477 – Planning Permission approved for Proposed Felling of Sycamore Tree at the Village Inn, Sunderland Road, Easington
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC
10/11/200 **Planning Applications - Withdrawn**
PL/4/2011/0256 – Proposed Demolition of Existing Farmhouse, Erection of New Farmhouse and Carer Unit, Refurbish Barn to Dwelling at Moor House Farm, Durham Road, Easington Village for Mr B Duncan
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC
10/11/201 **Planning Appeals**
PL/5/2010/0473 – Proposed Erection of 1 No. Windturbine, Contractors Compound and Associated Works; (Amended Proposal) including Increased Site Area to Facilitate Permanent Tracts 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 Plants at Land North of Pesspool Lane, Easington Village for British Telecom Plc – to be held at Durham Town Hall on 15th February 2012.

RESOLVED: that the Councillor E Hopper and the Clerk attend the Hearing on behalf of the Parish Council.

EVPC
10/11/202 **Thank You Letter – Donnini House Residents Association**
Members gave consideration to a thank you letter received from Donnini House Residents Association.
RESOLVED: that the correspondence be RECEIVED.

EVPC
10/11/203 **Windturbines**
Members gave consideration to correspondence received regarding an on-line petition again windturbines.
RESOLVED: that the Clerk sign the on-line petition on behalf of the Parish Council.

EVPC
10/11/204 **Durham Miners Association**
Members gave consideration to placing an advertisement in the 2012 Durham Miners Gala Souvenir Brochure.
RESOLVED: that an advertisement in the sum of £145 be placed in the Brochure.

EVPC
10/11/205 **East Durham Association of Parish and Town Councils**
The Clerk advised on the forthcoming AGM of the East Durham Association of Parish and Town Councils.
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
10/11/206 **Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**
There were no reports.

EVPC
10/11/207 **Date and time of Next Meeting**
The next meeting will be held on Monday 12th March 2012 and the April meeting will be moved to Monday 2nd April 2012 due to the Easter holidays.
RESOLVED: the information given, be noted.