

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 12th MARCH 2012**

Present: Councillor L Morton (Chair)
Councillors J Andrews, M Burn, J Lee and L Robinson

Staff: Mrs G M Crute (Parish Clerk)

Also in Attendance: County Councillor D Boyes, PCSO C Larsson and Mr T Murray

EVPC
10/11/208 **Apologies for Absence**
RESOLVED: Apologies RECEIVED and approved for Councillors M Bridges, E Hopper, S Laws and J Smith

EVPC
10/11/209 **Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**
Councillor M Burn declared a personal interest in item 9(c) as she is a friend of the family.
Councillor J Lee declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 9(c) as she is a member of the Allotment Association Committee and also has an allotment tenancy.

EVPC
10/11/210 **Public Participation**
There were no members of the public in attendance.

EVPC
10/11/211 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th February**
RESOLVED: that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record to be signed by the Chairman.

EVPC
10/11/212 **Matters Arising**

EVPC 10/11/184	Building Security – Works had been completed for the installation of the Access Control System for Seaton Holme.
EVPC 10/11/185	Trade Waste – The Clerk had contacted Durham County Council with regard to the option required for trade waste collections at Seaton Holme.
EVPC 10/11/187	Spring/Summer Bedding Plants – The Clerk had been in contact with Durham County Council to identify the location of the plant beds. Costings had been obtained for the Parish Council to purchase the plants separately. Although it would not be possible to plant the beds for this financial year plans would be made to take over the planting of these beds for next year.
EVPC 10/11/188	Tree Works Cemetery and Sunderland Road Playing Field – The Tree Surgeon had pruned the trees as requested.
EVPC 10/11/189	Allotments – The Clerk had sought further clarification on the issues of cockerels on allotments and as a result had issued the tenant with a notice to quit his allotment on 31 st March 2012.
EVPC 10/11/195	Request for Donation – Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Easington Village – The Clerk had forwarded the donation.

EVPC 10/11/196	Request for Donation – Learning Library – The Clerk had advised that no donation would be granted.
EVPC 10/11/197	Request for Donation – Great North Air Ambulance – The Clerk had forwarded the donation.
EVPC 10/11/203	Windturbines – The Clerk and Councillor Hopper had attending the Planning Hearing in Durham City.
EVPC 10/11/204	Durham Miners Association - The Clerk was designing an advertisement to submit.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

EVPC
10/11/213

Police Matters

PCSO C Larsson attended the meeting and gave Members a report on incidents that had taken place during the past month. He advised that the Village Green/Green Seat was no longer a PACT Priority although the area would still be monitored.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Larsson for his attendance at the meeting.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

PCSO Larsson then left the meeting.

EVPC
10/11/214

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
10/11/215

Refurbishment Works

The Clerk updated Members on the work carried out to date to Seaton Holme and advised that works should be completed in the near future.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
10/11/216

Review of Room Hire Rates

Members gave consideration to the report of the Clerk regarding the review of room hire rates. Following lengthy discussion it was

RESOLVED that:-

- i) the new rates for room hire be ADOPTED with effect from the 1st April 2012 and that no increase be made to the hire of kitchen facilities;
- ii) that Affiliated Groups be charged an affiliation fee of £30 per annum to be paid in April;
- iii) The Easington Village Millennium Luncheon Club is charged a fee of £25.00 per week. This would include the use of the kitchen and Function room on a Wednesday. A room would be made available for the volunteers free of charge, dependent on room availability.

EVPC
10/11/217

Easington Village Millennium Luncheon Club.
Members gave consideration to the request by Easington Village Millennium Luncheon Club to have free use of Seaton Holme for two to three occasions a year for fundraising activities.
RESOLVED: that Easington Village Millennium Luncheon Club be allowed free use on up to three occasions per year dependent on availability.

EVPC
10/11/218

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
10/11/219

In-Bloom Committee
Councillor Morton advised that there would be a meeting of the In-Bloom Committee on 21st March 2012 at 7.00 pm.
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
10/11/220

Allotments
The Clerk advised that she had served the allotment holder with a notice to quit which on 31st March 2012.
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
10/11/221

Trees in the Cemetery
Members gave consideration to a further request from a resident regarding the trees in the Cemetery on the boundary line with her property.
RESOLVED: that as the work had been carried out in line with the Tree Officer's report that no further work be carried out.

EVPC
10/11/222

Parish Council Financial Status – Bank Balances as at 29.02.12
The Clerk reported that the bank balances as at 29.02.12 were £57,830.86 in the Savings Account and £1081.75 in the Current Account totalling £58,912.61
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
10/11/223

Income and Expenditure Report to 29.02.12
A copy of the report had previously been circulated.
RESOLVED that the report, be NOTED.

EVPC
10/11/224

Bank Transfers
The Clerk informed Members that the Transfers for February were £23,155.88 from the Savings Account and £8911.19 from the Current Account.
RESOLVED to ENDORSE transfers.

EVPC
10/11/225

Invoices for Endorsement of Payment.
RESOLVED: to ENDORSE the following invoices for payment together with payments of donations as previously agreed:-

DATE	PAYEE	DECRPTION	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO/DD
01-03-12	EON	Electricity Cemetery	16.00	DD
01-03-12	EON	Electricity Seaton Holme	213.00	DD
01-03-12	EON	Gas Seaton Holme	490.00	DD

03-02-12	Summerhill Books	46 No. Books	322.00	105508
13.02.12	St Mary's PCC	Donation	100.00	105509
13.02.12	Great North Air Ambul.	Donation	50.00	105510
07.03.12	A Forster	Re-decoration – Entrance/ Stairs	1057.00	105511
10.02.12	Builders Warehouse	Plywood & Nails	231.59	105512
15.02.12	Builders Warehouse	Pinkgrip and Nails	13.15	105512
05-03-12	Crown Plastering Srvs	Plastering & Damp Proofing	180.00	105513
29.02.12	Durham County Council	Payroll – January	4260.64	105514
01-12-12	Harbro Electrical	Christmas Tree Light Bulbs	22.03	105515
09.03.12	Keepsafe Security Sol	Door Access System	735.00	105516
29.02.12	Krystal Cleaning Serv	Cleaning – Seaton Holme	228.00	105517
20-02-12	Hi Shine Window Cng	Seaton Holme External Windows	80.00	105518
24-02-12	Premier Tree Services	Pruning of Trees	672.00	105519
			£8670.41	

EVPC
10/11/226

Income Received
FEBURARY 2012

Name	Description	Amount
Art Group	Room Hire	£13.75
Various	Book Sales	£17.93
Mr Allen	Burial Fees	£160.00
Easington WI	Room Hire	£20.00
Art Group	Room Hire	£13.75
Groundwork NE	Recharge of decoration etc	£8620.00
Peterlee Flower Club	Room Hire	£22.50
7 Paranormal Invest	Building Hire – Balance	£100.00
Aglow International	Room Hire	£35.75
Wm Scott & Sons	Memorial Fees	£35.00
K Alderson	Printer Cartridge Re-charge	£11.88
Art Club	Room Hire	£27.50
Member of Public	Book Sale	£9.99
Easington Colliery PO	Book Sales	£100.00
Ladies Circle	Room Hire	£15.00
Mr G M Morris, MP	Room Hire	£11.00

Total	£9022.37
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RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
10/11/227

Request for Donation – Finchale Training College

Members gave consideration to a request for a donation from Finchale Training College.

RESOLVED: that no donation be given.

EVPC
10/11/228

Planning Applications

No planning applications had been received.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

- EVPC
10/11/229 **Planning Approvals**
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.
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC
10/11/230 **Planning Applications - Withdrawn**
PL/4/2012/0004 – Planning Application for Proposed Hedgerow Removal at Junction House Farm, Loaning Burn, Easington for Mr S Hutchinson.
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC
10/11/231 **Jubilee/Olympics**
Members gave consideration received by County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust.
RESOLVED: that the correspondence be RECEIVED and the Clerk be delegated to attend meetings on the Parish Council’s behalf.
- EVPC
10/11/232 **Member’s Conduct and Registration and Disclosure of their Interest (England)**
Members gave consideration to correspondence received from NALC regarding the above.
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC
10/11/233 **Pre-Determination.**
Members gave consideration to correspondence received from NALC regarding the above.
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC
10/11/234 **Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**
The Clerk gave a reported on behalf of Councillor J Smith with regard to the retirement of the Head Teacher at Easington Village CE Primary School and that that the Ofstead report was very good.
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC
10/11/235 **Diamond Jubilee**
Members gave initial consideration to Jubilee Celebrations. Members would give the matter some more consideration with ideas to be discussed at the next meeting. The idea of a Tea Party at Seaton Holme in conjunction with County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust was suggested and Members felt that if funding could be obtained then this may be an option to consider.
RESOLVED that:-
i) Members consider ways in which the Diamond Jubilee could be celebrated prior to the next meeting;
ii) the Clerk be AUTHORISED to work in conjunction with the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust to organise a tea party at Seaton Holme if required
- EVPC
10/11/236 **Awards for All Application**
The Clerk advised that she had been working with Groundwork North East and had submitted an application to Awards for All to seek funding towards the youth project.
RESOLVED: that the actions of the Clerk be ENDORSED.

EVPC
10/11/237

Area Action Partnership

Mr T Murray updated Members on the Community Building and Community Learning Schemes which had recently been launched by the AAP. He provided an update on the Credit Union which was going from strength to strength.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
10/11/238

Date and time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 2nd April 2012.

RESOLVED: the information given, be noted.