

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 2nd APRIL 2012**

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

Staff: Mrs G M Crute (Parish Clerk)

Also in Attendance: County Councillor A Barker, Mr T Murray, PCSO P Pringle and PCSO Dinsdale

EVPC
10/11/239 **Apologies for Absence**
RESOLVED: Apologies RECEIVED and approved for Councillors M Bridges and E Hopper

EVPC
10/11/240 **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.
Councillor L Morton declared a personal interest in item 10(f) as his daughter is a member of the group applying for a donation.

EVPC
10/11/241 **Public Participation**
There were no members of the public in attendance.

EVPC
10/11/242 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th March 2012**
RESOLVED: that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record to be signed by the Chairman.

EVPC
10/11/243 **Matters Arising**

EVPC 10/11/215	Review of Room Hire Rates - The Clerk had written to the regular users of the premises with regard to the change to the room hire rates. She had also written to the Easington Village Millennium Luncheon Club.
EVPC 10/11/216	Easington Village Millennium Luncheon Club – The Clerk had written to the Club advising them that free use had been granted for up to three occasions per year for Saturday evening fund raising events.
EVPC 10/11/221	Trees in the Cemetery – The Clerk had been in contact with the resident advising that no further works would be carried out.
EVPC 10/11/231	Jubilee/Olympics – The Clerk had attended a meeting with the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust and was working with the Trust and other organisations in seeking funding to provide a Jubilee Tea Party at Seaton Holme for older residents and a family event to be held at the Welfare Hall.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

EVPC
10/11/244

Police Matters

PCSO Pringle advised Members that the PACT priorities were currently anti-social behaviour in the Colliery 'A' Streets and the Library. However, they continued to patrol regularly around the village green and the green seat with regard to anti-social behaviour. He also advise Members on other incidents in the Parish over the past month.

The Chairman thanked PCSOs Pringle and Dinsdale for their attendance at the meeting.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

PCSO Pringle and Dinsdale then left the meeting.

EVPC
10/11/245

Durham County Council Report

County Councillor Barker updated Members on the following issues:-

- Olympics/Paralympics Torch
- Changes to refuse and recycling due in June 2012
- Budgetary Savings to the County Council's Budget
- Rent increase to social housing stock.

RESOLVED that the information given, be NOTED

EVPC
10/11/246

Seaton Holme

The Clerk advised Members that there were no outstanding issues with Seaton Holme at present.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
10/11/247

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
10/11/248

In-Bloom Committee

Councillor Morton advised that that there had been a few new residents at the meeting and a litter pick and planting of tubs had been undertaken in preparation for the In-Bloom Judging on 3rd April 2012.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
10/11/249

Allotments

The Clerk advised on costs for legal advice and associated costs with regard to further action being undertaken in relation to non-compliance with the Allotment Association rules.

RESOLVED: that

- i) the information given, be NOTED;
- ii) the Clerk obtain further legal advice from the Solicitors

EVPC
10/11/250

Parish Council Financial Status – Bank Balances as at 29.03.12

The Clerk reported that the bank balances as at 29.03.12 were £55,778.32 in the Savings Account and £1735.21 in the Current Account totalling £57,513.53.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
10/11/251

Income and Expenditure Report to 31.03.12

A copy of the report was circulated at the meeting.
RESOLVED that the report, be NOTED.

EVPC
10/11/252

Bank Transfers

The Clerk informed Members that the Transfers for March were £4,929.29 from the Savings Account and £2,876.75 from the Current Account.

RESOLVED to ENDORSE transfers.

EVPC
10/11/253

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
01.04.12	EON	Electricity Cemetery	16.00	DD
01.04.12	EON	Electricity Seaton Holme	213.00	DD
01.04.12	EON	Gas Seaton Holme	490.00	DD
23.03.12	Northumbrian Water	Water/Sewage – Seaton Holme	£606.24	DD
31.03.12	Northumbrian Water	Water – Cemetery	£36.58	DD
09.03.12	Durham County Council	Servicing of Dog Bins	1528.00	105423
06.03.12	Cathedral Leasing	Half Year Hygiene Services	187.20	105520
19.03.12	David Hancock	Joinery	50.00	105521
01.04.12	Durham County Council	Non-Domestic Rates 2012/13	720.00	105522
21.03.12	Gordon Fletcher	Internal Audit 2011/12	640.00	105524
13.03.12	IOS	Stationery	46.19	105525
20.03.12	LKL Carpets	Carpets	1182.00	105526
26.03.12	N Power	Electricity – Church Clock	£376.43	105527
09.03.12	Unicom	Telephones/Broadband	110.72	105527
28.03.12	CDALC	CDALC Subs 12/13	£357.00	105528
30.03.12	Church of the Ascension	Subscription 12/13	£20.00	105530
			£6579.36	

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10/11/257

Income Received
March 2012

Name	Description	Amount
R Delaney & Sons	Burial Fees	£430.00
Art Club	Room Hire	£13.75
Various	Book Sales	£9.99
Scotts Memorials	Memorial Inscription	£10.00
Mr W Anderson	Burial Fees	£50.00
Hepworths	Burial of Ashes	£40.00
Various	Book Sales	£5.00
Millenium L Club	Room Hire	£216.96
Art Club	Room Hire	£13.75
Women Aglow	Room Hire	£35.75
Ladies Circle	Room Hire	£15.00
Flower Club	Room Hire	£22.50
Art Club	Room Hire	£13.75
Easington WI	Room Hire	£20.00
Various	Book Sales	£5.00
Various	Book Sale	£9.99
Art Club	Room Hire	£13.75
	Total	£925.19

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

Councillor L Morton left the Chair and Councillor J Andrews took the Chair.

EVPC
10/11/258

Request for Donation – Easington Guides

Members gave consideration to a request for a donation to Easington Guides.

RESOLVED: a donation of £50.00 be GRANTED Under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972.

Councillor L Morton returned to Chair the meeting.

EVPC
10/11/259

Request for Donation – East Durham CAB

Members gave consideration to a request received from East Durham Citizens Advice Bureau.

RESOLVED: that donation of £20.00 be GRANTED Under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972.

EVPC
10/11/260

Planning Applications

No planning applications had been received.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
10/11/261

Planning Approvals

No planning approvals had been received.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
10/11/262

Planning Refusals

There had been no planning refusals received.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
10/11/263

Planning Appeals - (Land North of Pesspool Lane, Junction House Farm, Easington)

Members gave consideration to correspondence from the Planning Inspectorate regarding the appeal being dismissed.

RESOLVED that the correspondence be RECEIVED.

EVPC
10/11/264

CDALC (Small and Medium Councils Forum)

Members gave consideration to correspondence received from CDALC.

RESOLVED: that the correspondence be RECEIVED.

EVPC
10/11/265

Great North Air Ambulance – Letter of Thanks

Members gave consideration to correspondence received from the Great North Air Ambulance.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
10/11/266

Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Councillor Morton advised that he had attended the meeting of the Easington Association of Parish and Town Councils.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
10/11/267

Diamond Jubilee

Members gave consideration to ways in which the Queen's Diamond Jubilee could be commemorated. Members agreed that the planting of an oak tree on the Village Green with wrought iron fencing and a plaque would be a suitable way of marking the event.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk obtain costs for the tree, fencing and plaque.

EVPC
10/11/268

Complaints Procedure

Members gave consideration to the complaints procedure which had been previously circulated.

RESOLVED: that the Complaints Procedure, be ADOPTED.

EVPC
10/11/269

Area Action Partnership

Mr T Murray updated Members on the Community Credit Union, the restoration works of the Seaham Boathouse and the Theatre at the former Peterlee Community College.

RESOLVED that

- i) the information given, be NOTED;
- ii) the Clerk write to Durham Council Council's Planning Department and Tesco's who are the potential developers of the site.

EVPC
10/11/270

Date and time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 14th May 2012.

RESOLVED: the information given, be noted.