

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2012**

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

Staff: Mrs G M Crute (Parish Clerk)

Also in Attendance: PCSO C Larsson

EVPC 12/13/045 **Apologies for Absence**  
**RESOLVED:** Apologies RECEIVED and approved for Councillors J Andrews, M Bridges, S Laws and J Smith

EVPC 12/13/046 **Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**  
Councillor E Hopper declared a personal interest in item 7 (a) PL/5/2012/0206 as she is related to the applicant

EVPC 12/13/047 **Public Participation**  
There were no members of the public in attendance.

EVPC 12/13/048 **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and Last Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2012**  
**RESOLVED:** that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record to be signed by the Chairman.

EVPC 12/13/049 **Matters Arising**

EVPC 12/13/005	<b>Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies</b> - The Clerk had informed the appropriate bodies of the Parish Council's representatives.
EVPC 12/13/007	<b>Appointment of Cheque Signatories</b> - The Clerk was in the process of changing the cheque signatories for the Parish Council's accounts.
EVPC 12/13/008	<b>Appointment of Keyholders</b> - The Clerk had notified the Alarm Company of the keyholders details as appropriate.
EVPC 12/13/012	<b>Public Participation</b> - The Clerk had written to the Mr Miller regarding the issues he raised.
EVPC 12/13/015	<b>Police Matters</b> - The Clerk had contact the Police regarding the parking problems and motorbikes.
EVPC 12/13/016	<b>Durham County Council Report</b> - The Clerk had advised Councillor Boyes that the Parish Council wanted the speed visor to be located opposite Sun Dew on Thorpe Road. Councillor Boyes had advised following a site visit with the Highways Officer that the visor could not be located in this area as it was on the brow of a hill and needed to be located in the position indicated at the last meeting.

EVPC 12/13/017	<b>Fire Risk Assessment</b> – The Clerk had contacted Hutton Fire Protection with regard to Fire Marshal Training and a date was to be arranged for training in the near future. She had also ordered two new fire extinguishers.
EVPC 12/13/022	<b>Three Tier Flower Tub and Cemetery Barrels</b> – The Clerk had advised the Cemetery Superintendent of the Council’s decision and directed him to install new beds around the cherry trees. Suggestions are still required from Members on suitable plants for the three tier flower tub.
EVPC 12/13/030	<b>Request for Donation – 1<sup>st</sup> Easington Village Guides (Brownies)</b> – the donation had been forwarded.
EVPC 12/13/036	<b>Big Lottery Fund - Awards for All</b> – The Clerk and Kathryn Green (Groundwork NE) had worked together on a press release and publicity to announce the Parish Council’s success.
EVPC 12/13/037	<b>AAP Funding Schemes</b> – The Clerk had been in contact with the AAP in order to progress the schemes which had been identified.
EVPC 12/13/038	<b>Sunderland Road Allotments</b> – The Clerk had written to the tenant and allotment Association in regard to the Council’s decision.

**RESOLVED** that the information given, be noted.

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**Police Matters**

PCSO C Larsson was in attendance and gave Members the police statistics for the Easington Village area during the last month. He also advised Members of the PACT Priorities for the forthcoming month.

**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.

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

EVPC  
12/13/049

**Durham County Council Report**

There were no County Councillors in attendance. A Member raised concerns about the speeding traffic along Sunderland Road towards the junction at the Village Inn and it was felt that the possibility of a traffic calming scheme in this location might alleviated the problem. Members discussed further the location of the speed visor on the entrance to the village from Thorpe Road roundabout, it was felt that if the visor could only be installed at the location indicated by the County Council then the Parish Council would acceded to this location.

**RESOLVED** that:-

- i) the Clerk contact Councillor Boyes to advise him of the Parish Council’s concerns regarding speeding traffic along Sunderland Road from Dalton-le-Dale towards the Village Inn and the possibility of a

- ii) traffic calming scheme in this location;  
 ii) the Clerk contact Councillor Boyes in order to progress the installation of the speed visor along Thorpe Road.

EVPC  
 12/13/050 **Seaton Holme**  
 Members discussed a problem that had arisen during the Clerk's absence regarding the booking of Seaton Holme.  
**RESOLVED:** that the Clerk draw up a booking procedure for the hire of Seaton Holme.

EVPC  
 12/13/051 **Report of the Cemetery Superintendent**  
 Members gave consideration to the report of the Cemetery Superintendent which had been previously circulated. A Member requested that some attention be given to the Memorial Garden area when there was time.  
**RESOLVED:** that  
 i) the information given, be NOTED  
 ii) the Clerk instruct the Cemetery Superintendent to give some attention to the Memorial Garden area as soon as practicable.

EVPC  
 12/13/052 **In-Bloom Committee**  
 Councillor Morton advised that there had been some planting of the tubs around the village by the Committee and the Brownies had undertaken a planting of one of the beds in recognition of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.  
**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC  
 12/13/053 **Parish Council Financial Status – Bank Balances as at 31.05.12**  
 The Clerk reported that the bank balances as at 31.05.12 were £168,010.82 in the Savings Account and £1000 in the Current Account totalling £178,010.82  
**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC  
 12/13/054 **Income and Expenditure Report to 31.05.12**  
 A copy of the report was circulated at the meeting.  
**RESOLVED** that the report, be NOTED.

EVPC  
 12/13/055 **Bank Transfers**  
 The Clerk informed Members that the Transfers for May were £15,757.86 from the Savings Account and £19,159.89 from the Current Account.  
**RESOLVED** to ENDORSE transfers.

EVPC  
 12/13/056 **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
01.06.12	E.on	Electricity – Cemetery	16.00	DD
01.06.12	E.on	Electricity – Seaton Holme	306.00	DD
01.06.12	E.on	Gas – Seaton Holme	490.00	DD
10.05.12	LBS	24 Hanging Baskets - CANCELLED	(4.95)	105548
14.05.12	LBS	24 Hanging Baskets - REISSUED	5.94	105552
14.05.12	1 <sup>st</sup> Easington Village Guides	S.137 Donation	50.00	105553
17.04.12	Alan's Decorating	Painting Upstairs Corridors	650.00	105554

21.05.12	J Dent	Skip Hire	156.00	105556
22.05.12	Glasdon UK	Dog Bin and Post	160.48	105557
31.05.12	Durham County Council	Payroll - April	5372.17	105558
		<b>Invoice Total</b>	<b>£7206.59</b>	

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**Income Received**  
**May 2012**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
K M & S Turnbull	Burial Fees	50.00
Funeral Services Ltd	Cemetery Fees	110.00
Art Group	Room Hire	30.00
Wm Scott & Sons	Burial Fees	70.00
Mr Dixon	Allotment Fee	6.00
Women Aglow	Room Hire	24.00
W I	Affiliation Fee	30.00
EVMLC	Room Hire - 4 Weeks	100.00
Mrs Laws	Room Hire - Golden Wedding	83.00
Groundwork NE	Rent	4083.31
Stephensons Memorial	Cemetery Fees	20.00
Easington Academy	Room Hire	5.50
I Mitchell	Cemetery Fees	10.00
W I	Room Hire	20.00

Total	£4606.31
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**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.

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12/13/058

**Planning Applications**

PL/5/2012/0162 - Proposed Refurbishment and Extensions to Farmhouse to Provide Four Additional Flats for Residential Care(C2) at Moor House Farm, Durham Road, Easington Village for Kindstream Ltd (Enclosed)  
 PL/5/2012/0182 - Proposed House and Detached Garage at Plot 2, Littlethorpe Farm, Littlethorpe for J Collard and E Jameson (Enclosed)  
 PL/5/2012/0206 - Proposed 3 No. Log Cabins to be used as Holiday Accommodation at Pear Tree Cottage, Pesspool Lane, Haswell  
 PL/5/2012/0194 - Proposed Erection of House and Detached Garage (Re-Submission at Plot 3, Littlethorpe Farm, Easington for Heath Grange, Houghton le Spring

**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC  
12/13/059

**Planning Approvals**

PL/5/2012/0113 - Planning Permission approved for Single Storey Side Extension at 22 St Mary's Close, Easington Village for Mr M Farrell  
 PL/5/2012/0136 - Planning Permission approved for Crown reduction of 1 no. sycamore tree and crown lift of 5 no. sycamore trees at Twincross, St Thomas Close, Easington Village for Mrs F Aitken

**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.

- EVPC  
12/13/060      **Planning Refusals**  
There had been no planning refusals received.  
**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC  
12/13/061      **Planning Appeals**  
There were no planning appeals.  
**RESOLVED** that the correspondence be RECEIVED.
- EVPC  
12/13/062      **Do Something for Yourself Volunteer**  
Members gave consideration to correspondence received from Informnorth regarding a new initiative on volunteering.  
**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC  
12/13/063      **Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**  
There were no reports.
- EVPC  
12/13/064      **Diamond Jubilee**  
The Clerk advised she was awaiting costing for the fencing to go around the proposed new tree.  
**RESOLVED:** that the Clerk progress the scheme and report back to the next meeting.
- EVPC  
12/13/065      **AAP Funding Schemes**  
The Clerk advised Members that she had met with a representative from the AAP Team and an application for funding for new table and chairs would be submitted for consideration to the next AAP funding meeting.  
**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC  
12/13/066      **Area Action Partnership**  
Mr T Murray was not in attendance due to other commitments.  
**RESOLVED** that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC  
12/13/067      **Date and time of Next Meeting**  
The next meeting will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2012.  
**RESOLVED:** the information given, be noted.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN .....

DATE .....