

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 9TH JULY 2012**

Present: Councillor L Morton (Chair)
Councillors J Andrews, 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, PCSO Larsson, Sgt Footes

EVPC
12/13/068 **Apologies for Absence**
RESOLVED: Apologies RECEIVED and approved for Councillor M Bridges

EVPC
12/13/069 **Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**
There were no declarations of interest.

EVPC
12/13/070 **Public Participation**
There were no members of the public in attendance.

EVPC
12/13/071 **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and Last Meeting held on 11th June 2012**
RESOLVED: that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record subject to the following alterations, to be signed by the Chairman.
EVPC 12/13/049 – that along Sunderland Road be removed after Thorpe Road roundabout. Also under (ii) the location should be changed to Thorpe Road from Sunderland Road.

EVPC
12/13/072 **Matters Arising**

EVPC 12/13/049	Durham County Council Report – The Clerk had advised Councillor Boyes of the Parish Council’s concerns regarding speeding traffic along Sunderland Road towards the junction at the Village Inn. She had also contacted Councillor Boyes with regards to the Speed Visor.
EVPC 12/13/050	Report of the Cemetery Superintendent – The Clerk had advised the Cemetery Superintendent to undertake some work to the Memorial Garden, however, due to the poor weather conditions the summer planting and grasscutting were behind. Once the staff were up to date then attention would be given to this area.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

EVPC
12/13/073 **Police Matters**
PCSO C Larsson was in attendance and reported on a recent spat of thefts from phoneboxes. He also advised the Parish Council that anti-social behaviour was down by 76% year on year for April-May.

Members expressed their thanks to the Police for their hard work and endeavours in reducing anti-social behaviour.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

The Chairman thanked Sgt Footes and PCSO Larsson for their attendance at the meeting. Sgt Footes and PCSO Larsson then left the meeting.

EVPC
12/13/074

Durham County Council Report

County Councillor Boyes reported on the following:-
Reduction in anti-social behaviour in the Village;
Planning application for Wind turbine;
New Police Commissioner
Installation of the Speed Visor on Thorpe Road

Parish Councillors raised their concerns with regard:-
Cobbles on Low Row
Grasscutting
Litter
Bus Service Provision to Durham from Easington

RESOLVED that County Councillor Boyes would look into the issues raised and report back to the next meeting.

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

EVPC
12/13/075

Seaton Holme

Members gave consideration to the booking procedure that had been previously circulated.

RESOLVED: that the booking procedure be ADOPTED.

EVPC
12/13/076

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
12/13/077

Play Equipment Report

Members gave consideration to the report of Zurich Engineering regarding the annual play equipment inspection carried out on 23 May 2012.

RESOLVED that:

- i) the repairs be carried out as detailed and a further inspection be carried out once they had been completed;
- ii) to note additional information given.

EVPC
12/13/078

In-Bloom Committee

Councillor Morton advised that flowers had been planted in the planters and tubs provided by the In-Bloom Group. A meeting would be held on Tuesday 17th July at 7.00 pm at Seaton Holme. The Clerk advised that if Members felt it would be beneficial she could give some admin support to the Group.

RESOLVED: that

- i) the information given, be NOTED;
- ii) the Clerk be AUTHORISED to provide admin support to the

In-Bloom Group.

EVPC
12/13/079

Parish Council Financial Status – Bank Balances as at 30.06.12

The Clerk reported that the bank balances as at 30.06.12 were £168,085.01 in the Savings Account and £1000 in the Current Account totalling £178,085.01.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
12/13/080

Income and Expenditure Report to 30.06.12

A copy of the report was circulated at the meeting.

RESOLVED that the report, be NOTED.

EVPC
12/13/081

Bank Transfers

The Clerk informed Members that the Transfers for June were £6184.17 from the Savings Account and £441.86 from the Current Account.

RESOLVED to ENDORSE transfers.

EVPC
12/13/082

Invoices for Endorsement of Payment.

A Member queried the price of the summer bedding plants and asked what the savings on the plants were. The Clerk advised she would investigate and report back to the next meeting.

RESOLVED:

- i) the Clerk compare the summer bedding prices and report back to the next meeting;
- ii) to ENDORSE the following invoices for payment together with payments of donations as previously agreed:-

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO/DD
01.07.12	E.on	Electricity – Cemetery	16.00	DD
01.07.12	E.on	Electricity – Seaton Holme	306.00	DD
01.07.12	E.on	Gas – Seaton Holme	490.00	DD
11.06.12	Unicom	Telephones/Broadband	100.76	DD
28.06.12	Npower	Electricity – St Marys Church	£845.51	DD
09.07.12	Unicom	Broadband/telephones	£100.16	DD
01.06.12	Durham Miners Gala	Advert for Brochure	145.00	105559
28.06.12	A Js Catering Ltd	Buffet	125.00	105561
26.05.12	Cateraid	Replace Water Filter	38.40	105562
18.06.12	Ignis Contract Services Ltd	Fire Alarm Service & Repairs to Emergency Lights	278.40	105563
02.07.12	Plants R Ross	Grass Seed	19.99	105564
28.05.12	Plants R Ross	Compost	252.00	105564
25.06.12	Greenham	Toilet Rolls	£62.21	105565
02.07.12	Durham County Council	Payroll – May 2012	£7122.27	105566
30.06.12	IOS	Stationery	£75.28	105567
29.06.12	Northumbrian Water	Water Charges – Seaton Holme	£654.60	105568
09.07.12	P Robson	Summer Bedding	£2136.00	105569
05.07.12	J J Tooby & Co	Repairs to Strimmer	£98.13	105570
		Invoice Total	£12865.71	

Income Received
June 2012

Name	Description	Amount
Art Group	Room Hire	20.00
Women Aglow	Room Hire	24.00
Wm Scott & Sons	Memorial – Shipley	35.00
K T Training	Room Hire	148.10
WI	Room Hire	24.00
Mr L Morton	Room Hire	12.00
WI	Room Hire	20.00
Hepworths Funerals	Burial Fees	540.00
C Bannister	Burial Plots	160.00
Art Group	Room Hire	20.00
	Total	£1003.10

The Clerk also advised Members that following a query from Easington Village Millennium Luncheon Club Members should note the following income received in March 2012 from the Club

£216.96 income for room hire was actually for the Club's contribution towards the water boiler in the kitchen.
£360.00 for the annual fee for room hire for 2011/12.

A method of double checking the income received from the receipt book with the Council's accounts package. This should ensure that the information on the agenda matches with that on the Parish Council's accounts.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

Hartlepool and District Hospice

Members gave consideration to a request for a donation to Hartlepool and District Hospice.

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

Durham Crimestoppers

Members gave consideration to a request for a donation to Durham Crimestoppers.

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

Planning Applications

PL/5/2012/0253 – Proposed Erection of Dwelling at Land Adjacent Lambourn Lane, Little Thorpe for Mr S Pallister CMA/5/36 – Proposed Erection of 67m (tip height) Single Wind Turbine at land to the East of West Moor Farm, South of Calf Clone Farm and North of North West Industrial Estate Peterlee

RESOLVED: that

- i) the information given, be NOTED;
- ii) an objection be submitted with regarding to CMA/5/36 on the grounds of cumulative effect of windturbines on the

East Durham Plateau and also the proximity of the Shotton Airfield.

EVPC
12/13/087

Planning Approvals

PL/5/2012/0173 – Proposed Erection of Forward Extension to Existing Garage at 6 Burn Gardens, Easington

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
12/13/088

Planning Refusals

There had been no planning refusals received.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
12/13/089

Planning Applications (Withdrawn)

PL/5/2012/0166 – Proposed Two Storey Side Extension, Rear First Floor Extension, New Roof, Garage Extension and Access Alterations at Hillside, Hall Walks, Easington Village for Mr M Bradley

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
12/13/090

Planning Appeals

There were no planning appeals.

RESOLVED that the correspondence be RECEIVED.

EVPC
12/13/091

Easington Village Brownies

Members gave consideration to correspondence received from Easington Village Brownies thanking the Parish Council for their recent donation.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
12/13/092

Queens Diamond Jubilee

The Clerk advised Members on an anonymous letter from a member of the public regarding the Queens Diamond Jubilee weekend. The writer had felt that the Parish Council should have organised an event such as a fun fair on the village green. Members felt that as this letter was anonymous then no response could be given.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
12/13/093

Northumbria in Bloom Presentation Ceremony Invitation

The Clerk advised Members of an invitation to attend the Northumbria in Bloom Presentation Ceremony on Tuesday 11th September at Spennymoor Leisure Centre.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk and Councillor Andrews attend the event.

EVPC
12/13/094

Nominations for County Executive Committee

The Clerk advised Members of correspondence received from County Durham Association of Local Councils regarding nominations for the County Executive Committee.

RESOLVED: that the information given be NOTED.

EVPC
12/13/095

Code of Conduct

Members gave consideration to the adoption of the Code of Conduct and correspondence received from County Durham Association of Local Councils regarding the new Code of Conduct

which Parish Councils were required to adopted as soon as possible, a copy of which had been previously circulated.
RESOLVED: that the Code of Conduct be ADOPTED.

EVPC
12/13/096

Localisation of Council Tax Support

The Clerk advised Members of correspondence received from County Durham Association of Parish and Town Councils regarding the Localising of Local Council Tax Services and the potential impact on Parish Council's precepts.

RESOLVED: that

- i) the information given, be NOTED;
- ii) the Clerk writes to the Department of Communities and Local Government expressing the Parish Council's concerns.

EVPC
12/13/097

Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Councillor J Smith reported that Mrs Simpson, Head Teacher of Easington CE School would be retiring at the end of the month. Councillor E Hopper reported she had attended a meeting of the Easington Area Association of Parish and Town Councils and gave a brief update on issues raised at the meeting.

EVPC
12/13/098

Diamond Jubilee

The Clerk advised that the cost of fencing similar to that which was already in place on the village green would cost approximately £750.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk obtain full detailed costings for the fencing, oak tree and commemorative plaque and make necessary arrangements for the scheme to be progressed.

EVPC
12/13/099

AAP Funding Schemes

The Clerk gave Members a verbal update on the two AAP Funding Schemes. The application for new tables and chairs for use in Seaton Holme was awaiting approval. The application for works in the Cemetery was nearly completed and would be progressed as soon as possible.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
12/13/100

Area Action Partnership

Mr T Murray was not in attendance due to other commitments.

RESOLVED that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
12/13/101

Date and time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 10th September 2012.

RESOLVED: the information given, be noted.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN

DATE