

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2012**

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

Staff: Mrs G M Crute (Parish Clerk)

Also in Attendance: County Councillor D Boyes, PCSO A Leigh and Mr T Murray

EVPC **Apologies for Absence**  
12/13/174 **RESOLVED:** Apologies RECEIVED and approved for Councillor S Laws and L Robinson

EVPC **Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**  
12/13/175 Councillor J Lee declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 10 (f) as she is a member of the Allotment Association.

EVPC **Public Participation**  
12/13/176 There were no members of the public in attendance.

EVPC **Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2012**  
12/13/177 **RESOLVED:** that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record to be signed by the Chairman subject to the deletion of Annual General Meeting from Minute No. EVPC 12/13/105.

EVPC **Matters Arising**  
12/13/178

EVPC 12/13/109	<b>Easington Village Millennium Luncheon Club Room Hire</b> - The Clerk had written to the Club advising them that the charge of £25.00 per session would remain unchanged.
EVPC 12/13/110	<b>Option to Tax</b> – The Clerk had made the necessary refund to the Easington Village Millennium Luncheon Club.
EVPC 12/13/111	<b>Easington Village In-Bloom Committee</b> – The Clerk had advised the Group that free use had been granted.
EVPC 12/13/149	<b>Butterwick House Children’s Hospice</b> – The Clerk had forwarded the donation.
EVPC 12/13/151	<b>Easington Village Allotment Association</b> – The Clerk had written to the Association.
EVPC 12/13/153	<b>Standards Information Session</b> – The Clerk had advised CDALC of her attendance on the course.
EVPC 12/13/161	<b>Traffic/Speeding Problems</b> – The Clerk had forwarded the relevant information to CDALC.
EVPC 12/13/171	<b>Review of Cemetery and Grounds</b> – The Clerk was in the process of arranging dates for the Sub-Committee meetings.
EVPC 12/13/172	<b>Sunderland Road Allotments</b> – The Clerk had written to the correspondent.

**RESOLVED** that

- i) the information given, be noted;
- ii) Councillor E M Hopper be included in the Cemetery and Grounds Sub-Committee.

EVPC  
12/13/179

**Police Matters**

PCSO A Leigh updated Members on the reported incidents in the Village since the last meeting. Discussion also ensued with regard to parking along Southside and opposite the Half Moon Public House. Members were advised that Civil Parking Enforcement had been asked to investigate the vehicles in question. As there were no parking offences then no penalty notices could be issued.

A Member raised the issue with regard to traffic along Stockton Road near Easington Community Science College during school pick up and drop off times. PCSO Leigh advised she would forward this matter to the Civil Parking Enforcement Team for them to deal with.

PCSO Leigh advised the next PACT Meeting would be held in Healthworks on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

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

The Chairman thanked PCSO Leigh for her attendance at the meeting. PCSO Leigh then left the meeting.

EVPC  
12/13/180

**Durham County Council Report**

County Councillor Boyes reported on the following:-

Parking around the Village Green

Gullies in Easington Village to be cleaned and flushed  
Washington Square problems with rubbish in gardens – this was being dealt with by the County Council and 2<sup>nd</sup> warning notices had been issued

School Bus Pass – problems for children attending Easington Community Science College from outside of the 2 mile limit  
County Durham Plan – As this was a separate agenda item it was AGREED that this item be moved forward on the agenda to allow County Councillor Boyes to take part in the discussion.

A Member raised the issue with regard to illegal advertising at the Junction of Thorpe Road with Essington Way. Councillor Boyes stated he would raise this issue with the relevant County Council Department.

**RESOLVED** that:-

- i) the contents of County Councillor Boyes report be NOTED;
- ii) A letter be sent to Easington Community Science College requesting the school consider assisting those children affected by the change to the bus pass limit.

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

EVPC  
12/13/181

**Table Top Sale – Seaton Holme**

The Clerk sought Members views on the holding of a Table Top Sale in Seaton Holme on a Saturday or Sunday. She suggested that a charge of £5.00 per table be made with ten tables being available in the Function Room. Refreshments would also be made available. This would enable the Parish Council to make some revenue and at the same time show residents the facilities at Seaton Holme.

**RESOLVED:** that a Table Top Sale be held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – 10 am till 12 Noon and tables be charged at £5.00 each.

EVPC  
12/13/182

**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  
12/13/183

**In-Bloom Committee**

Councillor Morton updated Members on the activities being organised by the In-Bloom Committee and the success of the recent Bingo.

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

EVPC  
12/13/184

**Parish Council Financial Status – Bank Balances as at 30.09.12**

The Clerk reported that the bank balances as at 31.08.12 were £131,026.79 in the Savings Account and £2409.52 in the Current Account totalling £133,436.31

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

EVPC  
12/13/185

**Income and Expenditure Report to 30.09.12**

A copy of the report was circulated at the meeting.

**RESOLVED** that the report, be NOTED.

EVPC  
12/13/186

**Bank Transfers**

The Clerk informed Members that the Transfers for September were £17,805.29 from the Savings Account and £6,457.17 from the Current Account.

**RESOLVED** to ENDORSE transfers.

EVPC  
12/13/187

**Invoices for Endorsement of Payment.**

**RESOLVED:** to ENDORSE the following invoices for payment together with payments of donations as previously agreed:-

**September 2012**

DATE	PAYEE	DECIPTION	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO/DD
27.09.12	Groundwork North East	Youth Workers x 12 sessions	£2016.00	105590
18.09.12	IOS	Stationery	£75.32	105591
03.10.12	A1 Trophies & Engraving	6 x signs	£302.40	105592
03.10.12	TFF Roofing & Constr	Clean lead Box/Refix Slates	£189.00	105593
03.10.12	TFF Roofing & Constr	Works to Guttering/Clean	£239.00	105593

		Slates		
18.09.12	BDO LLP	Annual Return Audit Fee	£660.00	105594
01.09.12	EON	Gas – Seaton Holme	£604.00	DD
07.09.12	EON	Electricity – Seaton Holme	£61.54	DD
27.09.12	Northumbrian Water	Water – Seaton Holme	£291.70	DD
01.10.12	Scottishpower	Electricity – St Mary’s Church	£108.33	DD
01.10.12	Scottishpower	Electricity - Cemetery	£125.00	DD
01.10.12	NPower	Electricity – Seaton Holme	£192.00	DD
01.10.12	EOn	Gas – Seaton Holme	£604.00	DD
		<b>Invoice Total for September</b>	£5468.29	

Cheque 105588 for Butterwick Hospice – Donation - £20.00

Cheque 105589 for Easington Village Millennium Luncheon Club – VAT Refund - £210.00

EVPC  
12/13/188

**Income Received**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Art Group	Room Hire	10.00
Peterlee & District Flower Club	Room Hire	24.00
K F Training	Room Hire	395.00
R Delanoy	Burial Fees	220.00
Women Aglow	Room Hire	24.00
Art Group	Room Hire	20.00
Wm Scott & Sons	Cemetery Fees	80.00
Member of the Public	Book	5.00
E’ton Village Allotment Assoc.	Rent	13.50
Art Group	Room Hire	10.00
Ghostly Gatherings	Room Hire Deposit	90.00
E’ton Village Youth Club	Youth Club – Subs	43.12
Easington Colliery PO	Books Sales	40.00
K F Training	Room Hire	424.90
Art Group	Room Hire	10.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>1409.52</b>

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

EVPC  
12/13/189

**Easington Village Allotment Association**

Members gave further consideration to a request for a donation from Easington Village Allotment Association.

**RESOLVED:** a donation of £50 be GRANTED Under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972.

EVPC  
12/13/190

**Notice of External Audit**

The Clerk advised Members of the completion of Audit for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012. There had been no issues arising from the completion of Audit.

**RESOLVED** that:-

- i) the Annual Return for Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 was **APPROVED** and **ACCEPTED** by the Council;
- ii) the notice of conclusion of audit be displayed.

EVPC  
12/13/191

**Planning Applications**

PL/5/2012/0353 – Proposed Alterations to Front Entrance Door at Jupiter Health Club, Seaside Lane, Easington for Mrs Y Keegan

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

EVPC  
12/13/192

**Planning Approvals**

PL/5/2012/0330 – Proposed UPVC Window Gable End at 13 Rosemary Lane, Easington for Mr D Smith.

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

EVPC  
12/13/193

**Planning Refusals**

There were no planning refusals.

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

EVPC  
12/13/194

**Planning Applications (Withdrawn)**

There were no applications withdrawn.

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

EVPC  
12/13/195

**Planning Appeals**

There were no planning appeals.

**RESOLVED** that the correspondence be RECEIVED.

EVPC  
12/13/196

**Request for Seat in the Cemetery**

The Clerk advised Members on correspondence received from a resident regarding the installation of a seat in the cemetery. It was felt that a policy should be adopted on the installation of seats in the Cemetery in order to maintain a uniform approach. In this regard the matter would be dealt with by the Cemetery and Grounds Sub-Committee and referred back to the Parish Council for adoption.

**RESOLVED:** that

- i) the Cemetery and Grounds Sub-Committee consider a policy for seating in the Cemetery;
- ii) the Clerk write to the resident advising her that once the policy has been adopted then she would be contacted again advising her of the Council's decision. In the meantime if she could forward a plan of the type of seating she was requesting then this could be considered alongside the policy.

EVPC  
12/13/197

**Commemorative Oak Tree**

The Clerk advised Members that the Oak tree would need to be planted in mid November. Councillor Morton suggested that Grahame Morris, MP be invited to proceed at the planting ceremony provided he was available. If he was unavailable the the Chairman of the Council would undertake the planting.

**RESOLVED:** that arrangements be made for the tree planting ceremony to take place on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00 am.

EVPC  
12/13/198

**AAP Funding/Schemes**

The Clerk advised Members that the new tables and chairs were to be delivered to Seaton Holme on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October. The Cemetery Scheme would be considered by the AAP Funding Group on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

Members considered further schemes which included the update of the long gallery to provide an improved art venue for the community and remedial works to be undertaken to the cobbles along Low Row.

**RESOLVED:** that the Clerk acquire costings for the above schemes and progress as necessary.

EVPC  
12/13/199

**County Durham Plan Consultation**

The Clerk drew to Members attention to Section 7 Housing – Policy 30 Housing Allocations for East Durham and the Site at Lowhills for 730 houses.

**RESOLVED:** that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Councillor Hopper and the Clerk write to the County Council with objections to the development at the Lowhills Road Site.

EVPC  
12/13/200

**Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Councillor E M Hopper had attended the Limestone Landscape Project. Councillors L Morton and J Andrews had attend a Special Meeting of the Small and Medium Council’s Forum regarding the County Durham Plan.

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

EVPC  
12/13/201

**Area Action Partnership**

Mr T Murray updated Members on the following items:-

- County Durham Plan
- Changes to the Health Regulations
- Credit Union

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

EVPC  
12/13/202

**Date and time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

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

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CHAIRMAN .....

DATE .....