

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2012**

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

Staff: Mrs G M Crute (Parish Clerk)

Also in Attendance: County Councillor D Boyes and Mr T Murray

EVPC **Apologies for Absence**
12/13/203 **RESOLVED:** Apologies RECEIVED and approved for J Andrews and
S Laws

EVPC **Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**
12/13/204 Councillor J Smith declared a personal and prejudicial interest in
item 10(g) as she is a Governor at the School.
Councillor J Lee declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item
19 as she is a member of the Allotment Association.

EVPC **Public Participation**
12/13/205 There were no members of the public in attendance.

EVPC **Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 8th October 2012**
12/13/206 **RESOLVED:** that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record to
be signed by the Chairman.

EVPC **Matters Arising**
12/13/207

EVPC 12/13/180	Durham County Council Report – A letter had been sent to Easington Community Science College.
EVPC 12/13/189	Easington Village Allotment Association – The Clerk had forwarded the donation.
EVPC 12/13/196	Request for Seat in Cemetery – The Clerk had written to the resident advising her of the situation.
EVPC 12/13/197	Commemorative Oak Tree – Grahame Morris, MP had agreed to undertake the tree planting on Saturday 24 th November at 10.00 am. The tree and railings had been ordered.
EVPC 12/13/198	AAP Funding/Schemes – The Clerk was investigating the schemes that had been outlined.
EVPC 12/13/199	County Durham Plan Consultation – The Clerk had met with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Councillor Hopper and a letter had been forwarded to Durham County Council.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

EVPC
12/13/208

Police Matters

There were no Police in attendance. The Clerk read out a report which had been forwarded for information. A Member raised the issue of individuals collecting on behalf of Macmillan Cancer Research. She was unsure that collections would be made on an evening when it was dark.

RESOLVED that

- i) the information given, be NOTED.
- ii) the Clerk advise the Police of the Council's concerns regarding the validity of individuals collecting on an evening for Macmillan Cancer Research.

EVPC
12/13/209

Durham County Council Report

County Councillor Boyes reported on the following:-

- the unauthorised advertising at Essington Way/Thorpe Road had been removed;
- the potential re-location of the East Durham Travellers Fayre
- successful removal of rubbish from gardens in Washington Square

RESOLVED that the contents of County Councillor Boyes report be NOTED.

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

EVPC
12/13/210

Limestone Landscapes

The Clerk advised on a request received for free use of a room in Seaton Holme to provide a presentation to members of the public.

RESOLVED: that free use be GRANTED.

EVPC
12/13/211

Licence to Hold Civil Ceremonies

Members gave consideration to correspondence received. The Clerk advised that at present there wasn't sufficient demand to justify the costs.

RESOLVED:

- i) that the Parish Council does not register Seaton Holme for holding Civic Ceremonies;
- ii) the Clerk write to the correspondent advising of the Council's decision.

EVPC
12/13/212

Minutes of the Meeting of the Cemetery and Grounds Sub-Committee held on 23rd October 2012.

Members gave consideration to the minutes and the Clerk provided an update on the recommendations.

RESOLVED:-

- i) that the Clerk draw up a maintenance programmes for the cemetery, Seaton Holme, village green and outside areas in the Parish Council's ownership;
- ii) that costs be obtained for graveshoring;
- iii) that an agreement be made with Monk Hesleden Parish Council for the use of a member of their staff for gravedigging on a rechargeable basis when required;
- iv) that the new software package be purchased at a cost of

£1117 plus mileage costs for training. The Clerk advertise for a temporary data input clerk to backfill the Parish Council's burial records;

- v) The Clerk investigate the capabilities of the Parish Council's laptop to see if it would be able to cope with an additional computer package.

EVPC
12/13/213

Review of Burial and Cemetery Fees

Members reviewed the burial and cemetery fees. The Clerk requested Members give consideration to make the new fees effective from 1st April as this was the start of the new financial year.

RESOLVED: that

- i) the burial and cemetery fees be increased by 10%.
- ii) that the new fees be effective from 1st April 2013.

EVPC
12/13/214

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
12/13/215

Northumbria in Bloom 2013

Members gave consideration to the entering the 2013 Northumbria in Bloom Competition at a cost of £75.00

RESOLVED that the Parish Council enter Easington Village into the 2013 Competition.

EVPC
12/13/216

Leaf Blower/Collector

Members gave consideration to purchasing a leaf blower/collector for use in Seaton Holme and Durham Lane Cemetery grounds.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk be AUTHORISED to purchase a leaf blower/collector up to £300.

EVPC
12/13/217

In-Bloom Committee

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

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED

EVPC
12/13/218

Parish Council Financial Status – Bank Balances as at 31.10.12

The Clerk reported that the bank balances as at 31.10.12 were £129,391.06 in the Savings Account and £1,628.20 in the Current Account totalling £131,019.26

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
12/13/219

Income and Expenditure Report to 31.10.12

A copy of the report was circulated at the meeting.

RESOLVED that the report, be NOTED.

EVPC
12/13/220

Bank Transfers

The Clerk informed Members that the Transfers for October were £4,067.00 from the Savings Account and £5,397.75 from the Current Account.

RESOLVED to ENDORSE transfers.

EVPC
12/13/221

Invoices for Endorsement of Payment.

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

October 2012

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO/DD
01.11.12	E-On	Gas - Seaton Holme	£604.00	DD
14.09.12	E-On	Electricity Cemetery	£12.41	CREDIT
04.10.12	Northumbrian Water	Water/Sewerage Cemetery	£53.92	DD
17.10.12	Northumbrian Water	Water - Allotments	£284.00	DD
01.11.12	NPower	Electricity - Seaton Holme	£192.00	DD
01.11.12	Scottishpower	Electricity - St Mary's Church	£108.33	DD
01.11.12	Scottishpower	Electricity - Cemetery	£125.00	DD
09.10.12	Unicom	Telephone/Broadband	£107.21	DD
15.10.12	Booker	Tea/Coffee/Cleaning Supplies	£72.30	105597
11.10.12	Ambic Ltd	Tables & Chairs	£7344.00	105598
16.10.12	Durham County Council	Payroll - August 2012	£6310.96	105599
12.10.12	Great Aycliffe Town Council	Dog Bags	£169.80	105600
31.10.12	Ignis Contract Srv Ltd	New Fire Panel/Callpoints	£439.68	105601
15.10.12	Ignis Contract Srv Ltd	Repair/Parts Emergency Lights	£267.78	105601
01.11.12	P Robson	Winter Bedding	£620.00	105602
15.10.12	Plants 'R' Ross	Compost	£156.00	105603
05.10.12	Wicksteed	Parts/Repairs Play Equipment	£230.40	105604
08.11.12	Unicom	Telephone/Broadband	£109.12	DD
06.11.12	Durham County Council	Payroll - September	£7517.53	105607
02.11.12	Ignis	Fire Alarm Batteries	£38.40	105608
		Invoice Total for October	£24762.84	

105595 - Easington Village Allotment Association - Donation - £50.00

105596 - Petty Cash - £200.00

EVPC
12/13/222

Income Received

Name	Description	Amount
Member of the Public	Book Sale	£9.99
Member of the Public	Book Sale	£5.00
Birbeck	Burial Fees	£50.00
Women Aglow	Room Hire	£24.00
Easington Youth Club	Youth Club Subs	£31.00
EVMLC	Room Hire	£450.00
Member of the Public	Book Sale	£5.00
Member of the	Book Sale	£9.99

Public		
Peterlee Flower Club	Room Hire	£15.00
Art Group	Room Hire	£10.00
Delanoys	Room Hire/Sponsorship	£158.00
Something Paranormal	Room Hire	£30.00
Easington Youth Club	Youth Club Subs	£19.00
Counselling Members	Tea/Coffee	£27.00
Wm Scott & Sons	Memorial	£20.00
Member of the Public	Book Sale	£5.00
M Keegan	Room Hire	£24.00
Mr Stobbs	2 x Books	£19.98
Art Group	Room Hire	£20.00
F Bell	5 x Vases	£175.00
Bennetts	Burial Fees	£190.00
Ghostly Gatherings	Room Hire	£90.00
K F Training	Room Hire	£328.20
Scott & Sons	Memorial Fees	£70.00
Easington Village WI	Room Hire	£40.00
Total		£1826.16

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
12/13/223

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Members gave further consideration to making a donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

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

Councillor J Smith left the meeting while the following item was discussed.

EVPC
12/13/224

Easington Church of England Primary School

Members gave further consideration to a request for a donation from Easington Church of England Primary School.

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

EVPC
12/13/225

Great North Air Ambulance

Members gave further consideration to a request for a donation from Great North Air Ambulance.

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

EVPC
12/13/226

Planning Applications

There were no planning applications received.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED

- EVPC
12/13/227
- Planning Approvals**
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
12/13/228
- Planning Refusals**
There were no planning refusals.
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC
12/13/229
- Planning Applications (Withdrawn)**
There were no applications withdrawn.
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC
12/13/230
- Planning Appeals**
There were no planning appeals.
RESOLVED that the correspondence be RECEIVED.
- EVPC
12/13/231
- Easington Village Allotment Association**
Members gave consideration to correspondence received from Easington Village Allotment Association thanking the Parish Council for their recent donation.
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC
12/13/232
- Butterwick House Children’s Hospice**
Members gave consideration to correspondence received from Butterwick House Children’s Hospice thanking the Parish Council for their recent donation.
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC
12/13/233
- Local Council Tax Support Scheme**
The Clerk advised Members of the implications to the Parish Council of the correspondence received from Durham County Council.
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC
12/13/234
- Christmas Tree Lighting**
The Clerk advised Members that, following consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman, new Christmas tree lights had been ordered. The tree lighting will take place at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 5th December with children from Easington Village CE Primary School attending and Rev Pearson will be presiding over the event. The Clerk also advised that she had requested funding from County Councillors Boyes and Barker towards the new lights and the event. Councillor Boyes had made a donation of £150 towards the event.
RESOLVED: that
- i) the information given, be NOTED;
 - ii) that County Councillor Boyes be invited to officially switch on the Christmas Tree lights.
- EVPC
12/13/235
- Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**
RESOLVED: that the information given, be noted.

EVPC
12/13/236

Area Action Partnership

Mr T Murray updated Members on the following items:-

- Limestone Landscape Project
- East Durham Trust Welfare Counsellors
- Credit Union
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RESOLVED that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
12/13/237

Youth Contract Initiative

Members considered employing an individual under the Youth Contract Initiative with a view to them commencing employment in Spring 2013.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk contact Acumen with regard to the Parish Council employing someone under the Youth Contract Initiative.

EVPC
12/13/238

Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve information prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Councillor J Lee left the meeting while the following item was discussed.

EVPC
12/13/239

Sunderland Road Allotments

Members gave consideration to correspondence received from Easington Village Allotment Association regarding the termination of a tenancy.

RESOLVED: that the tenancy be terminated.

EVPC
12/13/240

Date and time of Next Meeting

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

RESOLVED: the information given, be noted.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN

DATE