

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 10TH JUNE 2013**

Present: Councillor L Morton (Chair)
Councillors J Andrews, M Burn, P Gibson, E M Hopper, J Lee, T Murray,
and M Warin

Staff: Mrs G M Crute (Parish Clerk)

Also in Attendance: County Councillors D Boyes and A Surtess, PCSO A Leigh and Miss A Morton

EVPC
13/14/040 **Apologies for Absence**
RESOLVED: Apologies RECEIVED and APPROVED for Mrs J Smith

EVPC
13/14/041 **Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**
Councillor L Morton declared a personal interest on item 8 –
Community Scarecrow Competition as he is the applicants father.

EVPC
13/14/042 **Public Participation**
There were no members of the public present.

EVPC
13/14/043 **Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 13th May 2013 and the
Annual General Meeting held on 13th May 2013**
RESOLVED: that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record to be
signed by the Chairman.

EVPC
13/14/044 **Matters Arising**

EVPC
13/14/019 **Juniper's Pantry – Potential Destination Venue**
– the Clerk had written to the Luncheon Club to
arrange a meeting to discuss the use of the kitchen
and had advised Juniper's Pantry that the Parish
Council needed to investigate matters further before
a decision could be made.

EVPC
13/14/020 **Easington Village Luncheon Club** – the Clerk had
written the Luncheon Club advising that the Council
would no nominate representatives to the Luncheon
Club's Committee and that after seeking advice no
formal pest control would be taken over by the
Parish Council but a checklist to be completed by the
Caretaker would be implemented.

EVPC
13/14/030 **County Durham & Cleveland Training
Partnership** – the Clerk had booked places for
Councillor Moron for Chairman Training and
Councillors J Andrews, T Murray and M Warin for
Councillor Training.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
13/14/045

Police Matters

PCSO Leigh reported on the crimes and incidents that had been reported since the last meeting. She advised Members that she had spoken to the Street Wardens with regard to the fly tipping along Petwell and she was working with the County Council on a long term strategy to resolve the problem.

She advised the next PACT meeting would take place at Healthworks on Monday 22nd July and would be held jointly with County Councillors.

PCSO Leigh advised that there were counterfeit £20 notes in circulation in the area at present.

Members raised the following issues with PCSO Leigh who would investigate, action and report back to the Parish Council:-

Off-road motorbikes on Thorpe Road playing fields
Horses on Thorpe Road playing fields
Traffic problems outside the Post Office in Seaside Lane
Motorcycles speeding through the village.

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

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

PCSO Leigh then left the meeting.

EVPC
13/14/046

Report of the County Councillors

County Councillor Boyes reported on the following issues:-

- Funding of £6,000 allocated to Easington Village Youth Club
- Planning Meeting on Wednesday 2nd July at 2.00 pm at County Hall to consider the Lowhills Road application. There would be a site visit the day before.
- The cutting back of trees at Little Thorpe Hospital Site

County Councillor Surtees reported on the following:-

- Welfare Champions Project funding by the AAP
- Joint County Councillor and PACT meeting – would the Parish Council like to be included
- Environmental Awards

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED and arrangements be made in the future for a joint surgery to be held at Seaton Holme.

County Councillors D Boyes and A Surtess then left the meeting.

Councillor J Andrews took the Chair for the following item:-

EVPC
13/14/047

Community Scarecrow Competition

Miss A Morton outlined to Members a competition she would like to hold in the first two weeks of September for a Community Scarecrow Competition throughout the Village. There would be 3 categories – best theme, most comic and show stopper. She had made enquiries

with local businesses and community groups there had been considerable interest.

Miss Morton asked that the Parish Council support the venture in the form of printing and hosting an awards ceremony in Seaton Holme on Sunday 15th September.

Members felt that the idea was one that should be support and it was **RESOLVED:** that the Parish support the event by providing printing and general admin support together with free use of Seaton Holme for the Awards Ceremony.

Councillor Morton returned to the Chair

EVPC
13/14/048

Dalton Homes

The clerk advised that she had received a request from Dalton Homes to place a metal storage container in the car park to the rear of Seaton Holme. Members felt that if the container could be placed to the rear of the building with the loss of only one car parking space then they could accede to this request subject to a monthly rental agreement.

RESOLVED that the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair, enter into discussion with Dalton Holmes regarding their request and enter into a formal licence agreement if agreement.

EVPC
13/14/049

St Mary's Church Bingo

The Clerk advised that additional funding had been obtained to enable the Youth Club to continue and requested that members give consideration to continue allowing the Church Bingo to have free use of Seaton Holme in exchange for a discounted rate for the Youth Club at the Village Hall.

RESOLVED: that free use of Seaton Holme be GRANTED for the Church Bingo in conjunction with the Church allowing a discounted rate for the Youth Club.

EVPC
13/14/050

Report of the Cemetery Superintendent

Members gave consideration to the report of the Cemetery Superintendent which had previously been circulated.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
13/14/051

In-Bloom Committee

Councillor Morton updated Members that the Strawberry Fair may have to be cancelled due to a conflict of dates. The summer planting would be undertaken shortly.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
13/14/052

Play Equipment Report

Members gave consideration to the report of Zurich Engineering regarding the play equipment on the village green. The Clerk advised that repairs highlighted had been investigated and carried out. Replacement parts had been ordered.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
13/14/053

Parish Council Financial Status – Bank Balances as at 31.05.13

The Clerk reported that the bank balances as at 31.05.13 were £155,072.43 in the Savings Account and £1000.00 in the Current Account totalling £156,072.43.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
13/14/054

Income and Expenditure Report to 31.05.13

The Clerk updated Members on the Council's income and expenditure.

RESOLVED: that the report, be NOTED.

EVPC
13/14/055

Bank Transfers

The Clerk informed Members that the Transfers for May were £37,924.13 from the Savings Account and £2975.70 from the Current Account.

RESOLVED: to ENDORSE the Transfers.

EVPC
13/14/056

Invoices for Endorsement for Payment

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

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO/DD
08.05.13	Unicom	Phones/Broadband	95.92	DD
30.05.13	Payroll	Week 8 – Nett Wages	1107.65	DD
06.06.13	Payroll	Week 9 – Nett Wages	1107.45	DD
01.06.13	Scottishpower	Cemetery – Electricity	£70.00	DD
01.06.13	Scottishpower	St Mary's Church – Electricity	£108.33	DD
01.06.13	N-Power	Seaton Holme – Electricity	£192.00	DD
31.05.13	Xerox Finance	1 st Quarter Rental & Admin Fee	£360.00	DD
20.05.13	Payroll	Week 7 – Nett Wages	1133.05	105725 105726 105727 105728 105729 105730
09.05.13	Arco	Clothing	£17.26	105733
17.05.13	Smiths of Derby	Service – Church Clock	£204.00	105734
22.05.13	TJs Heating & Home Impro	Repairs to Door and Window Seaton Holme	£345.00	105735
14.05.13	Debmat Surfacing Ltd	Re-Surfacing Footpaths	£9627.60	105737
17.05.13	Cateraid	Carbon Filter	£38.40	105739
		Invoice Total	£14406.66	

105736 – Petty Cash - £200.00

105738 – T J Heating - £10.00 (incorrect amount sent)

EVPC
13/14/057

Income Received

Name	Description	Amount
Lee Terrace Allotments	Allotment Rent	£6.00
Easington Village Luncheon Club	Room Hire x 4 weeks	£100.00
Easington Village PC	Youth Group	£381.00
S'land Rd Allotments	Rent	£54.00
Easington Village Youth	Subs	£48.00

Club		
Angela Jones	Venue Hire	£15.00
Easington Village Youth Club	Subs	£21.00
Women Aglow	Affiliation Fee & Room Hire	£54.00
Peterlee Flower Club	Affiliation Fee	£30.00
Scotts Memorials	Cemetery Fees	£22.00
Art Group	Affiliation Fee & Room Hire	£60.00
Lee Terrace Allotments	Allotment Rent	£12.00
Members of the Public	2 x WWW Books	£10.00
Easington U3A Group	Affiliation Fee & Room Hire	£40.00
Wm Scott & Sons	Burial Fees	£78.00
		£931.00

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
13/14/058

Planning Applications

PL/5/2013/0220 – Proposed Single Story Rear Extension at 7 Shakespeare Terrace, Easington for Mr T Atherton.

RESOLVED: that no comments be made.

EVPC
13/14/059

Planning Approvals

PL/5/2013/0132 – Proposed Extension of time for the implementation of PL/5/2009/0271 – Outline Application for 13 No. Dwellings for Mr G Simpson

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
13/14/060

Planning Refusals

There were no planning refusals.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
13/14/061

Planning Applications (Withdrawn)

There were no planning applications withdrawn

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
13/14/062

Planning Appeals

There were no planning appeals.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
13/14/063

Planning Application Amendment – Proposed Formation of Ponds and Upgrading of Existing Footpaths at Land East of Thorpe Road, Easington for Southlands Management Ltd.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
13/14/064

Tree Preservation Order – Old Council Offices Site, Easington

Members gave consideration to correspondence received from Durham County Council's Tree Officer and noted that the TPOs were planning led and would need to be included when a planning application was received. The Clerk also advised that she had downloaded a copy of a guide to Tree Preservation Orders.

RESOLVED: that

- i) the information given, be NOTED and
- ii) comments be submitted regarding a placing TPO on the site once a planning application had been submitted.

EVPC
13/14/065

**Standards – Parish and Town Council’s Briefing Session –
County Hall, Durham on Wednesday 26th June 2013 at 5.30 pm**

RESOLVED: that no-one was available to attend the training session.

EVPC
13/14/066

Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 8th July 2013.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

Chairman

Date