

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 10TH MARCH 2014**

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

Staff: Mrs G M Crute (Parish Clerk)

Also in Attendance: Chief Inspector A Huddleston, County Councillor L Hovvels, County
Councillor A Surtees and Mr N Frain

EVPC
13/14/257

Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED: Apologies RECEIVED and APPROVED for Councillor J
Andrews

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13/14/258

Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

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13/14/259

Public Participation

There were no requests to speak under public participation.

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13/14/260

Travellers

Chief Inspector Andy Huddleston, Durham Constabulary and County
Councillor Lucy Hovvels, Cabinet Member for Safer and Healthier
Communities were welcomed to the meeting.
Councillor Hovvels outlined the two issues she wished to discuss which
were the Gypsy Traveller Roma Communities Temporary Stop Over
Site and the East Durham Horse Fair.
She first spoke about the need for a Temporary Stop Over Site within
East Durham. This was a requirement of Government legislation which
meant that Durham County Council were obliged to provide such sites.
There was already a successful site near Bishop Auckland and East
Durham AAP were organising a visit to the site for interested parties.
She advised that the County Council was working in partnership with
Durham Constabulary to locate a suitable area of land within East
Durham.
Councillor Hovvels then outlined the issue of the East Durham Horse
Fair. This was not a County Council event. There had been no
communication with the individual who organised the event in 2013
and she advised it was the Council's policy to tolerate and engage with
the organiser in order that preparations can be made with regard to
safety, traffic management and policing.
The Chairman advised that the Parish Council did not have any suitable
land for a temporary stop over site.
A member asked who paid for the cost of the toilets etc for the Horse
Fair. Councillor Hovvels advised that the cost was met by the event
organiser.
Chief Inspector Huddleston spoke about the success of the temporary
stop over site at Gurney Valley near Bishop Auckland and how they
provided better relationships between travellers and the settled
community.
A Member enquired whether there was a legal age limit for individuals
in charge of a horse and trap and Chief Inspector Huddleston advised

that there was not.

The Chairman thanked Chief Inspector Huddleston and County Councillor Hovvells who then left the meeting.

EVPC
13/14/261

Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 13th January 2014

RESOLVED: that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record to be signed by the Chairman.

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Matters Arising

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13/14/234

Seaton Holme – Due to the absence of the Clerk this item had not been progressed.

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13/14/237

Snow Clearing and Winter Maintenance - Due to the absence of the Clerk this item had not been progressed.

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13/14/238

Grasscutting Contract – the Clerk had written to the company who had supplied the quotation of £13,500 thanking them for their interest but advising that the cost was too high. They had responded with a lower quotation of £7,600 which was still considerably higher than the charge made by Durham County Council.

EVPC
13/14/245

Request for Donation – One in a Gillian in Aid of Macmillan Cancer – The Clerk had forwarded the Parish Council's donation.

EVPC
13/14/246

Request for Donation – County Durham School Benevolent Fund – The Clerk had written advising of the Parish Council's decision.

EVPC
13/14/253

Buckingham Palace Garden Parties 2014 – The Clerk had submitted Councillor Murray's name to CDALC. He was not successful on this occasion.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
13/14/263

Police Matters

The Police were unable to attend the meeting.

RESOLVED: that an extended report be received at the next meeting.

EVPC
13/14/264

Report of the County Councillors

County Councillor Surtess reported on the following issues:-

CE/13/01014/OUT – Proposed Residential Development (Outline) at Land at Former Thorpe Maternity Hospital. The County Council Planning Officers had recommended refusal.

DM/14/00041/FPA – Proposed 80 No. dwellings at Former Council Offices Site. Members advised of their concerns with regard to the development. The area had been identified for 63 dwellings and it was felt that 80 dwellings would be too much for the site, other issues

raised included more bungalows would be welcome, parking on the site would be insufficient, increase in traffic and the extra capacity required in the local schools in particular Easington CE Primary School.

The dog fouling in Durham Lane and Thorpe Road Playing field had been reported and the areas were to be monitored.

The signage for Village News had been removed.

Extra bins were to be provided for the local schools.

A member reported the problem with a gully sink at 1 Craig Terrace and the general condition of the road/litter in the village. Councillor Surtees advised she would investigate the matter and report back to the next meeting.

Another Member thanked both County Councillors for their prompt action in the cleaning up of the site at Andrews Hill.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Surtees for her attendance at the meeting.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED

County Councillor A Surtees then left the meeting.

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13/14/265

Seaton Holme

The Clerk advised there were no current issues for Seaton Holme.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED..

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13/14/266

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
13/14/267

In-Bloom Committee

Councillor Morton advised that planting of daffodil bulbs had taken place.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
13/14/268

Parish Council Financial Status – Bank Balances as at 28.02.14

The Clerk reported that the bank balances as at 28.02.14 were £61,637.70 in the Savings Account and £1,000.00 in the Current Account totalling £62,637.70

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
13/14/269

Income and Expenditure Report to 28.02.14

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

RESOLVED: that the report, be NOTED.

EVPC
13/14/270

Bank Transfers

The Clerk informed Members that the Transfers for January were £12,900 from the Savings Account and £587.53 from the Current Account.

RESOLVED: to ENDORSE the Transfers.

EVPC
13/14/271

Invoices for Endorsement for Payment

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

JANUARY

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO/DD
14.01.14	Homecare	Saw Blades/Nails	£20.00	105801
24.01.14	Durham County Council	Grasscutting Contract 2013	£1407.71	105802
28.01.14	IOS	Stationery	£46.82	105803
01.02.14	ADT	Intruder Alarm 14/15	£1635.12	105804
16.01.14	Barclays	BACS Charges December	£6.00	DD
16.01.14	Payroll	3 rd Party Payments – Month 9	£2256.96	DD
31.01.14	Payroll	Month 10 - Nett Wages	£4671.90	DD
01.02.14	Scottishpower	Cemetery – Electricity	£1.00	DD
01.02.14	Scottishpower	St Mary's Church – Electricity	£16.00	DD
01.02.14	N-Power	Seaton Holme – Electricity	£351.00	DD
09.01.14	Unicom	Telephone/Broadband	£80.92	DD
14.01.14	Northumbrian Water	Allotments – Water	£27.73	DD
		Invoice Total	£10521.16	

105800 – S.137 – One in Aid of a Gillian

FEBRUARY

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO/DD
01/02/14	ADT	Rental/Alarm Maintenance	£1635.12	105804
18/02/14	J Dent	Skip Hire	£140.00	105806
11/02/14	Amberol	Hanging Baskets	£688.80	105807
03/02/14	Barclays	BACS CHARGES JANUARY	£6.00	DD
18/02/14	Payroll	3 rd Party Payments – Month 10	£2294.56	DD
28/02/14	Payroll	Month 11 - Nett Wages	£4835.92	DD
03/02/14	Scottishpower	Cemetery – Electricity	£1.00	DD
03/02/14	Scottishpower	St Mary's Church – Electricity	£16.00	DD
04/02/14	N-Power	Seaton Holme – Electricity	£351.00	DD
25/02/14	Unicom	Telephone/Broadband	£87.71	DD
20/02/14	Npower	Seaton Holme Gas	£1838.73	DD
11/02/14	XEROX	Photocopier Hire – 4 Quarter	£108.00	DD
19/02/14	Concept Group Ltd	Photocopier – Copying Charges	£86.56	DD
03/03/14	Cathedral Leasing Ltd	Hygiene Services	187.20	105808
04/03/14	Hutton Fire Protection	Fire Extinguisher service	60.90	105809
			£12337.50	

105805 – Petty Cash - £255.00

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JANUARY 2014

Name	Description	Amount
Women Aglow	Room Hire	£24.00
D Robson	Room Hire	£12.00
Individual	Memorial Plot	£44.00
WI	Room Hire	£28.00
Individual	Room Hire/T Cloths	£42.00
A Jones	Room Hire	£12.00

E V In Bloom	Room Hire	£24.00
Scott's Memorials	Burial Fees	£11.00
R Delanoy & Son's	Burial Fees	£28.00
Luncheon Club	Room Hire	£75.00
A Jones	Room Hire	£24.00
Art Club	Room Hire	£20.00
A Jones	Room Hire	£6.00
	Total Income	£350.00

FEBRUARY 2014

Name	Description	Amount
Individual	Way We Were Book	£5.00
Luncheon Club	Room Hire	£100.00
Angela Jones	Room Hire	£6.00
Community Care/Paradise	Room Hire	£32.00
Art Club	Room Hire	£10.00
Women Aglow	Room Hire	24.00
Individual	Way We Were Book	£5.00
Scott's Memorials	Burial Fees	£39.00
Ladies Circle	Room Hire	£15.00
Angela Jones	Room Hire	£12.00
Mrs Rutherford	Christening Deposit	£40.00
Art Club	Room Hire	£10.00
Angela Jones	Room Hire	£12.00
Karate Club	Room Hire	£12.00
Angela Jones	Room Hire	£6.00
Community Care/Paradise	Room Hire	£48.00
Art Group	Room Hire	£10.00
Angela Jones	Room Hire	£6.00
	Total Income	£392.00

RESOLVED: that information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
13/14/273

Haswell and District Mencap Society – Victory Ball

Members gave consideration to attendance of the above event at a cost of £30 per person.

RESOLVED: that no-one attend the event.

EVPC
13/14/274

East Durham Community First Responders

Members gave consideration to a request for a donation from East Durham Community First Responders.

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

EVPC
13/14/275

Councillor P Gibson declared a personal interest and took no part in the discussion

Andrew Morrison – Zoe's Place

Members gave consideration to a request for a donation to support Mr Morrison's son Andrew and nephew Sam in their fund raising cycling event to raise money for Zoe's Place Hospice.

RESOLVED that:-

- i) no donation be granted on this occasion;
- ii) the Clerk write explaining that the Parish Council could not grant a donation for the individuals to fund raise but would suggest that Zoe's Place Hospice could write to the Parish Council to request a donation.

EVPC
13/14/276

TOMA Fund (Children's Cancer Charity)

Members gave consideration to a request for a donation from TOMA Fund.

RESOLVED: a donation of £10.00 be GRANTED under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972.

EVPC
13/14/277

Durham County Brass Band Association

Members gave consideration to a request for a donation from Durham County Brass Band Association.

RESOLVED: a donation of £10.00 be GRANTED under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972.

EVPC
13/14/278

Butterwick House Children's Hospice

Members gave consideration to a request for a donation from Butterwick House Children's Hospice.

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

EVPC
13/14/279

Councillors J Smith and P Gibson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the item and took no part in the discussion.

St Mary's Easington Parochial Church Council

Members gave consideration to a request for a grant from St Mary's Easington Parochial Church Council towards the publication of the Parish Patch magazine.

RESOLVED: a donation of £100.00 be GRANTED under Section 142 of the Local Government Act, 1972.

EVPC
13/14/280

Durham Miners Association

Members gave consideration to placing and advertisement in the 2014 Durham Miners Gala Brochure.

RESOLVED: that an advertisement be placed at a cost of £80 GRANTED under Section 142 of the Local Government Act, 1972.

EVPC
13/14/281

Cilca Registration

The Clerk advised that the cost of enrolling for the Certificate in Local Council Administration (Cilca) was increasing from £150 to £250 after 31st March 2014.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk be AUTHORISED to enrol for Cilca before 31st March 2014.

EVPC
13/14/282

Planning Applications

DM/14/00041/FPA – Proposed 80 No. dwellings with associated infrastructure, landscaping and car parking at Former Council Offices, Seaside Lane, Easington – Members felt that the proposed 80 houses would over develop the site, create an increase in traffic, highways problems with access and egress to the development, increase the problem with the over subscription of schooling places (particularly Easington CE Primary School), insufficient parking on the site, that TPOs be placed on trees on the development.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk write to Durham County Council advising of their concerns and observations on the above application as detailed.

EVPC
13/14/283

Planning Approvals

CE/13/01541/TPO - Proposed Crown Lift and Thin of 4 No. Sycamore Trees and crown Reduction of 1 No. Oak Tree at 8 St Thomas Close, Easington Village

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
13/14/284

Planning Refusals

There were no planning refusals.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
13/14/285

Planning Applications (Withdrawn)

There were no planning applications withdrawn

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
13/14/286

Planning Appeals

There were no planning appeals.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
13/14/287

Haswell and District Mencap

Members gave consideration to a letter of thanks received from Haswell and District Mencap.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
13/14/288

East Durham LEADER

Members gave consideration to correspondence received regarding the East Durham Leader Event

RESOLVED: that the Clerk be AUTHORISED to attend subject to her availability.

EVPC
13/14/289

Ms S Warburton

Members gave consideration to correspondence received from Ms Warburton congratulating the Parish Council staff on the work undertaken to the hedgerow in the Cemetery, and to Councillor Morton for the planting of the bulbs in the village.

RESOLVED: that the correspondence, be NOTED and that Ms Warburton's thanks be passed on the Parish Council staff.

EVPC
13/14/290

Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.00 pm on Monday 7th April 2014.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

Chairman

Date