

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2014**

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

Staff: Mrs G M Crute (Parish Clerk)

Also in Attendance: County Councillor D Boyes and Mr N Frain

EVPC  
14/15/048 **Apologies for Absence**  
**RESOLVED:** Apologies RECEIVED and APPROVED for Councillor E Hopper and M Warin

EVPC  
14/15/049 **Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**  
Councillor M Burn declared a personal interest on item 10 (f) on the grounds that she was related to a member of the Church of the Ascension Committee  
Councillor T Murray declared a personal and prejudicial interest on item 10 (f) on the grounds that he was a member of the Easington Colliery Regeneration Committee

EVPC  
14/15/050 **Public Participation**  
Mr N Frain spoke about the Council's seating policy and his request for a seat to be installed at a location to the bottom of Andrews Hill. The Clerk advised that she was working with County Councillor Surtees to ascertain the ownership of the land in question and if it was suitable for seating to be installed there.

EVPC  
14/15/051 **Minutes of the AGM and Last Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014**  
**RESOLVED:** that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record to be signed by the Chairman, subject to the change from PCSO Footes to Sgt Footes and PCSO Oxley to PC Oxley.

EVPC  
14/15/052 **Matters Arising**

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14/15/014 **Public Participation** – The Clerk had forward a copy of the Council's Seating Policy to Mr Frain.

EVPC  
14/15/022 **Seaton Holme – E-Cigs** – The Clerk had contacted other Parish/Town Councils via CDALC to ascertain whether they had any policies on e-cigarettes.

EVPC  
14/15/033 **Durham Samaritans** – The Clerk had forwarded the cheque to Durham Samaritans.

EVPC  
14/15/045 **IT Provision** – The new PC had been purchased, the laptop was currently being updated and wi-fi was being installed.

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

EVPC  
14/15/053

### **Police Matters**

The Police were unable to attend the meeting but had submitted a report which highlighted the theft of a motor vehicle, a drop in anti-social behaviour of 20% compared to the same time last YEAR. Police had monitored the van that was parked on the village green and it was not causing an obstruction on the times of police attendance.

**RESOLVED:** that

- i) the information given, be NOTED;
- ii) the Clerk contact the Police to advise that the van was now parked at different location on the village green and could this be monitored further.

EVPC  
14/15/054

### **Report of the County Councillors**

County Councillor Surtess had provided the Clerk with the following update; she was looking into the land ownership at the bottom of Andrews Hill for the installation of a seat; she had continued working with the Empty Homes Officer which had resulted in the removal of the skip at Hallfield Drive.

County Councillor Boyes updated Members on the following:-

- The Planning enforcement team was still pursuing the unauthorised advertising in North Terrace
- Planning application for the former Council Offices site was being considered by Committee on 10<sup>th</sup> June and there had been only 2 objections received. The Clerk raised the issue of the Section 106 money being allocated to the Easington County Division and hoped that any scheme put forward by the Parish Council for the funds would be supported by the County Councillors.
- Former Easington Colliery School site. Interest had been shown by Intra health into purchasing the site
- Work was going well on the Nature Reserve

A Member expressed concern in relation to conflicting advice and attitude when contacting Durham County Council regarding the issue of garden waste bins. Councillor Boyes noted the Members concerns.

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

EVPC  
14/15/055

### **Seaton Holme - Boiler**

The Clerk updated Member with regard to the broken back boiler in the Library Room. She was waiting for a list of options from British Gas with regard to replacement of the existing boiler or alternatives for the whole or part of the building. She would also contact other contractors to obtain options and costings.

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

EVPC  
14/15/056

### **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  
14/15/057

### **In-Bloom Committee**

Councillor Morton advised that the last In-Bloom meeting had been

cancelled. The volunteers had started to plant up the containers around the village.

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

EVPC  
14/15/058

**Tree Reduction**

Members gave consideration to a request for a tree reduction on land adjacent to Mill Cottage.

**RESOLVED:** that the Clerk apply for the necessary planning consent and, if approved, that the tree reduction proceed.

EVPC  
14/15/059

**Parish Council Financial Status – Bank Balances as at 31.05.14**

The Clerk reported that the bank balances as at 31.05.14 were £148,973.66 in the Savings Account and £1,810.00 in the Current Account totalling £150,783.66

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

EVPC  
14/15/060

**Income and Expenditure Report to 31.05.14**

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

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

EVPC  
14/15/061

**Bank Transfers**

The Clerk informed Members that the Transfers for May were £15,821.21 from the Savings Account and £4,091.90 from the Current Account.

**RESOLVED:** to ENDORSE the Transfers.

EVPC  
14/15/062

**Invoices for Endorsement for Payment**

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

**INVOICES – MAY 2014**

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO/DD
12.05.14	Barclays	Bank Charges – Apr/May	£6.00	DD
08.05.14	Carrs Billington	Compost/Fertilizer	£230.40	105836
01.05.14	Cateraid	Replacement Water Filter – Boiler	£38.40	105838
20.05.14	Great Aycliffe TC	Dog Bags	£172.32	105839
13.05.14	Hi-Shine Cleaning Services	Window Cleaning Seaton Holme	£80.00	105840
01.05.14	N-Power	Seaton Holme – Electricity	£351.00	DD
08.05.14	N-Power	Seaton Holme – Gas	£3013.21	DD
19.05.14	Payroll	3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Payments – Month 1	£2350.04	DD
30.05.14	Payroll	Month 2 - Nett Wages	£5222.35	DD
01.05.14	Scottishpower	Cemetery – Electricity	£1.00	DD
01.05.14	Scottishpower	St Mary's Church – Electricity	£16.00	DD
09.05.14	Unicom	Telephone/Broadband	£84.89	DD
08.05.14	Xerox Finance	Photocopier Rental – 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	£108.00	DD
09.06.14	TJ's Heating & Home Impr	Storage Area Cemetery	£597.00	105841
			£12,270.61	

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14/15/063

**May 2014**

Name	Description	Amount
Easington U3A	Affiliation Fee	£30.00
Women Aglow	Room Hire	£24.00
Easington Village Luncheon Club	Room Hire – April 2014	£125.00

Easington Village WI	Room Hire	£56.00
Member of the Public	Allotment Rent	£6.00
Art Group	Room Hire	£30.00
Member of the Public	Building Hire	£165.00
Member of the Public	Building Hire	£315.00
Dalton Homes	Room Rent	£100.00
Groundwork NE	Repairs/Replacement	£1687.00
Easington Village WI	Affiliation Fee	£30.00
Dalton Homes	Room Hire	£100.00
	Total Income	£2668.00

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

EVPC  
14/15/064

**Easington Colliery Regeneration Partnership**

Members gave consideration to a request for a donation from Easington Colliery Regeneration Partnership towards heating and electrical systems at the Church of Ascension Easington Colliery.

**RESOLVED:** that a donation of £200 be GRANTED under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972.

EVPC  
14/15/065

**East Durham Community Transport Ltd**

Members gave consideration to a request for a donation from East Durham Community Transport Ltd.

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

EVPC  
14/15/066

**Planning Applications**

There had been no planning applications received.

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

EVPC  
14/15/067

**Planning Approvals**

There had been no planning approvals received.

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

EVPC  
14/15/068

**Planning Refusals**

There were no planning refusals.

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

EVPC  
14/15/069

**Planning Applications (Withdrawn)**

There were no planning applications withdrawn

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

EVPC  
14/15/070

**Planning Appeals**

There were no planning appeals.

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

EVPC  
14/15/071

**Representatives to Outside Bodies**

There had been no attendance at events/meetings since the last meeting.

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

EVPC  
14/15/072

**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 item of business on the grounds that it involved information prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

EVPC  
14/15/073

**Clerk's Performance Appraisal**

The Chairman advised that he had recently carried out the Clerk's annual performance appraisal which had been delayed from March 2014. He discussed with Members the achievements made in the last year and the targets for the forthcoming year.

**RESOLVED:** that the Clerk progress to the next increment on her pay scale in line with her contract of employment.

EVPC  
14/15/074

**Date and Time of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

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

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

Chairman .....

Date .....