

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

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

Staff: Mrs G M Crute (Parish Clerk)

Also in Attendance: County Councillor A Surtees, PCSO G Hughes and Mr N Frain

EVPC **Apologies for Absence**
14/15/182 Apologies for absence were APPROVED for Councillor M Warin

EVPC **Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**
14/15/183 Councillor J Andrews declared a personal interest on Item 13(b).
Councillor J Lee declared a personal and prejudicial interest in items 9
(g) and 14(a)

EVPC **Public Participation**
14/15/184 There were no members of the public registered to speak.

EVPC **Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 13th October 2014**
14/15/185 **RESOLVED:** that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record to be
signed by the Chairman, subject to the removal of M Burn from the
members present and insertion of M Burn in apologies for absence.

EVPC **Matters Arising**
14/15/186

EVPC **Great North Air Ambulance** – The Clerk had
14/15/165 written advising that requests for donations would
need to be made within the year they were required.

EVPC **Christmas Tree Lighting 2014** – The Clerk had
14/15/175 contacted both the school and Rev Emma Parker to
confirm the Tree Lighting date as Wednesday 3rd
December at 2.30 pm.

EVPC **Community Work Placements** – The Clerk had
14/15/176 contacted Acumen to advise that we would be willing
to take on a placement but would need to interview
candidates. Interviews would take place once there
were suitable candidates available.

EVPC **Mr Ron Hogg, Police and Crime Commissioner** –
14/15/148 Councillor T Murray requested that a letter of thanks
be sent to Mr Hogg for his attendance at the Parish
Council meeting in October.

RESOLVED: that
i) the information given, be NOTED.
ii) the Clerk write to Mr Hogg thanking him for his attendance
at the October Parish Council meeting.

EVPC
14/15/187

Police Matters

PCSO G Hughes was in attendance and updated Members on incidents over the last month. He advised that there had been an increase in burglaries and that there had been an incident of criminal damage to a vehicle. However, overall crime was down 38% based on the yearly average. There had been reports of anti-social behaviour along Thorpe Road/Craig Terrace. Police had attended and alcohol had been confiscated from youths and letters sent to their parents.

A member enquired whether there had been a Road Traffic Accident in the village. PCSO Hughes said that he would make enquiries and report back to the next meeting.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

PCSO Hughes then left the meeting.

EVPC
14/15/188

Report of the County Councillors

County Councillor Surtees updated Members on the following:-

- A speed survey had been carried out along Stockton Road and the results were being analysed.
- Drainage had been installed at the footpath between Easington Village and Hawthorn to prevent flooding. A Member advised that flooding was still occurring.
- A report of speeding along Clappersgate had been reported and she was looking into the matter
- PACT priorities for the month were speeding along Hall Walks/Lonen Burn and also underage drinking
- She was looking into the speed limit along the B1432 which was 60mph until it reached the top of the bank. A request had been received to reduce the speed to 40 mph.
- She had reported littering at the Green seat and dog fouling along Durham Lane Cemetery and these issues were ongoing
- She advised that a planning application had been received for 3 rooms at Easington Village CE Primary School

A member stated that he wanted to make an official complaint as he had not received notification of the planning meeting regarding the planning application for Thorpe Road Hospital Site. Councillor Surtees advised the member that if he wished to make an official complaint then he should do this direct with Durham County Council.

A member enquired what action had been taken with the former Kings Head site being on the blight list. Councillor Surtees advised that the area was checked regularly for litter etc and the longer term issues were being dealt with through the County Council and the owners of the site. She would provide a progress report at the next meeting.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Surtees for her attendance. She then left the meeting.

- EVPC
14/15/189
Seaton Holme
The Clerk advised that there were no outstanding issues with Seaton Holme at present.
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC
14/15/190
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
14/15/191
In-Bloom Committee
Councillor Morton advised that some winter bedding and bulb planting had been undertaken.
RESOLVED: that the information given, be RECEIVED.
- EVPC
14/15/192
Burial and Cemetery Fees 2015/16
Members gave consideration to the review of burial and cemetery fees with effect from 1st April 2015.
RESOLVED: that a 5% increase rounded up to the nearest pound be AGREED.
- EVPC
14/15/193
Allotment Rent 2015/16
The Clerk advised that the allotment rents had not been reviewed for sometime and asked if Members wished to consider a review. She advised that the current rent received had covered the costs of the water supply to the allotments over the past 3 years.
RESOLVED: that no increase be made to the allotment rents.
- EVPC
14/15/194
Thorpe Road Playing Field
The Clerk advised that the bench on the Thorpe Road playing field had been removed and vandalised. She was making enquiries into whether this was covered under the Parish Council's insurance policy. However, there was a bench in the Cemetery that could potentially be re-located. Members felt that the bench should not be replaced until the Spring.
RESOLVED: that the Clerk establish whether the damage to the bench is covered under the Council's insurance policy.
- EVPC
14/15/195
Parish Council Financial Status – Bank Balances as at 31.10.14
The Clerk reported that the bank balances as at 31.10.14 were £111,684.28 in the Savings Account and £1,000 in the Current Account totalling £112,684.28
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC
14/15/196
Income and Expenditure Report to 31.10.14
The Clerk updated Members on the Council's income and expenditure.
RESOLVED: that the report, be NOTED.
- EVPC
14/15/197
Bank Transfers
The Clerk informed Members that the Transfers for October were £7,957.11 from the Savings Account and £852.69 from the Current Account.
RESOLVED: to ENDORSE the Transfers.

EVPC
14/15/198

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 – OCTOBER 2014

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO/DD
01.10.14	N-Power	Seaton Holme – Electricity	£852.69	CR
06.10.14	Northumbria Water	Cemetery Water	£69.39	DD
20.10.14	Northumbria Water	Allotments Water	£290.95	DD
12.10.14	Barclays	Bank Charges – September	£6.00	DD
01.10.14	N-Power	Seaton Holme – Electricity	£156.00	DD
18.10.14	Payroll	3 rd Party Payments – Month 6	£2124.31	DD
31.10.14	Payroll	Month 7 - Nett Wages	£4480.45	DD
01.10.14	Scottishpower	Cemetery – Electricity	£1.00	DD
01.10.14	Scottishpower	St Mary’s Church – Electricity	£16.00	DD
06.10.14	Unicom	Phone/Broadband	£83.10	DD
01.10.14	Scottishpower	Electricity – Seaton Holme	£295.00	DD
24.10.14	Cateraid	Water Filter/Service Dishwasher/Flykiller	£126.00	105875
21.10.14	Darlington Borough Council	Summer Bedding Plants 2014	£1552.39	105876
14.10.14	Durham County Council	Payroll Charges 2014/15	£1495.28	105877
27.10.14	Plants R Ross	Compost x 30	£124.00	105878
24.10.14	TJ’s Heating & Home Improvements	Repairs to step Seaton Holme	£300.00	105879
		Invoice Total for October 2014	£10267.18	

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INCOME RECEIVED

OCTOBER 2014

Name	Description	Amount
R Shelton	Room Hire	£75.00
DDR Ltd	Room Hire	£40.80
Dalton Homes	Room Rent	£100.00
A Burnham	Room Hire	£32.00
H Tait	Room Hire	£10.00
E’ton Village WI	Room Hire	£20.00
Women Aglow	Room Hire	£24.00
W Scott & Sons	Cemetery Fees	£84.00
E’ton U3A	Room Hire	£10.00
W Scott & Sons	Cemetery Fees	£12.00
Art Group	Room Hire	£40.00
E’ton Millennium Lunch Club	Room Hire	£100.00
Member of the Public	Book	£9.99
DDR Ventures	Room Hire	£40.80
Dalton Homes	Room Rent	£100.00
Relate	Room Hire	£48.00
		£746.59

RESOLVED: that information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
14/15/200

Planning Committee – 11th November 2014 – Proposed Residential Development (Outline) at land at Former Thorpe Maternity Hospital, Andrews Lane, Easington

Members gave consideration to correspondence received from Durham County Council regarding the above planning application. The Clerk advised that as the Parish Council had objected to the planning application in January 2014 they had been notified of the Committee Meeting. She also advised that she had registered the Parish Council to speak at the meeting and had spoken to both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman in this regard.

RESOLVED: that the Chairman and Vice Chairman be authorised to speak at the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.

EVPC
14/15/201

Planning Applications

DM/14/02800/FPA – Proposed Erection of Bay Window and Porch to Front at 3 Victoria Mews for Mr K Robinson

DM/14/03002/FPA – Proposed Erection of Two Storey Extension to East Side of Dwelling and Construction of Pitched Roof Over Flat Roof at Front at Linton House, Seaside Lane, Easington for Mr A Million

DM/14/03080/FPA – Proposed Erection of Single Storey Extension to Southern Elevation Including New Ramped Access at Merrick House, Seaside Lane, Easington for Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Trust

DM/14/03159/VOC – Proposed Variation of Condition 4 (Compliance with approved plans) relating to approval of PLAN/2006/0502 for 7 houses at 7 Stonelea Court, Easington for Mr J Harris

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED

EVPC
14/15/202

Planning Approvals

There were none.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
14/15/203

Planning Refusals

There were no planning refusals.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

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14/15/204

Planning Applications (Withdrawn)

There were no planning applications withdrawn

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

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14/15/205

Planning Appeals

There were no planning appeals.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
14/15/206

Proposed Move to new Premises and Branch Modernisation – Easington Post Office

Members gave consideration to correspondence received from Post Office Limited and Grahame Morris, MP.

RESOLVED: that no comments be offered with regard to the proposed re-location of premises.

EVPC
14/15/207

East Durham Association of Parish and Town Councils

Members gave consideration to correspondence received regarding Citizen Advice Services in East Durham.

RESOLVED: that no comments be made.

EVPC
14/15/208

Health and Safety Policy

Members gave consideration to the Health and Safety Policy, a copy of which had been circulated previously.

RESOLVED: that the Health and Safety Policy, be APPROVED.

EVPC
14/15/209

Representatives to Outside Bodies

Councillor Murray advised that the next AAP Forum would be held next week.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
14/15/210

Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 8th December 2014.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

Chairman

Date