

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 12TH JANUARY 2015**

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

Staff: Mrs G M Crute (Parish Clerk)

Also in Attendance: County Councillor A Surtees

EVPC
14/15/244 **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were APPROVED for Councillors J Lee and J Smith

EVPC
14/15/245 **Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**
There were no declarations of interest.

EVPC
14/15/246 **Public Participation**
There were no members of the public registered to speak.

EVPC
14/15/247 **Minutes of the Last Meetings held on 8th December 2014**
RESOLVED: that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record, to be signed by the Chairman.

EVPC
14/15/248 **Matters Arising**

EVPC
14/15/225 **Northumbria in Bloom** – the Clerk had written to Northumbria in Bloom advising of the reasons why the Parish Council would not be entering the 2015 competition. She had also spoken to one of the organisers of the competition and explained the reasons for not entering the competition. The organiser had not responded in any particular detail.

EVPC
14/15/226 **Memorial Stone** – the Clerk had written to the applicant advising of the Parish Council’s decision.

EVPC
14/15/233 **The Church of the Ascension Christmas Tree Festival** – The Clerk had contacted Miss Alice Morton regarding the decoration of the Christmas tree which Miss Morton had undertaken.

EVPC
14/15/235 **St Mary’s Church Floodlights** – the Clerk had advised the Church Council that they would fund the repairs to the lights and invoices should be forwarded to the Parish Clerk for payment.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
14/15/249 **Police Matters**
There were no police officers in attendance.

Report of the County Councillors

County Councillor Surtees was in attendance at the meeting and provided the following information:-

- Following the speed survey along Stockton Road a recommendation had been received from Durham Constabulary and Durham County Council (Highways) that a scheme could be implemented to increase the speed limit to 40 mph including road markings and chevrons detailing the right turn into the houses after the bridge. The implementation of the scheme would cost £5,000 and a consultation would be undertaken prior to it going ahead.

Members did not feel the introduction of a 40 mph along this area of road would be of benefit to the residents of the village. It was felt that the chevrons highlighting the right turn after the bridge would be an improvement on safety grounds and requested Councillor Surtees to obtain costs for this.

- The Kings Mews Site was still ongoing. She had reported the condition of the sign. However, as this was on the developers land the County Council had to write to the developer asking them to make the sign safe. They were still awaiting a response.

A member enquired whether there was a time limit for the completion of the demolition of the former Village Club Site. Councillor Surtees responded that this would be set within the Demolition Order and she would make enquiries to find out what the timescale was and report back to the Parish Council.

A Member expressed her thanks to Councillor Boyes for organising the repairs to the pot hole along Thorpe Road.

Another Member enquired whether there was an update on the works to the rear of Carlton Terrace, this issue being report to Councillor Boyes at the last meeting. Councillor Surtees advised she would make enquiries with Councillor Boyes and report back.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

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

Seaton Holme

The Clerk advised Members that she had been negotiating a 6 months hire of the small room upstairs with a potential long term lease of a larger room if the business was successful.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

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
14/15/253

In-Bloom Committee

Councillor Morton advised that a meeting of the In-Bloom Committee was scheduled to take place on Friday 16th January at 7.00 pm at Seaton Holme.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be RECEIVED.

EVPC
14/15/254

Fencing to Village Green

The Clerk advised Members that she had not received any further quotations to date. She was, however, contacting other contractors to obtain further quotations.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
14/15/255

Parish Council Financial Status – Bank Balances as at 31.12.14

The Clerk reported that the bank balances as at 30.12.14 were £93,277.84 in the Savings Account and £1,079.34 in the Current Account totalling £94,357.18.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
14/15/256

Income and Expenditure Report to 31.12.14

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

RESOLVED: that the report, be NOTED.

EVPC
14/15/257

Bank Transfers

The Clerk informed Members that the Transfers for December were £10733.70 from the Savings Account and £1484.99 from the Current Account.

RESOLVED: to ENDORSE the Transfers.

EVPC
14/15/258

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 – DECEMBER 2014

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO/DD
01.12.14	N-Power	Electricity – Seaton Holme (Credit)	£312.00	CREDIT
04.12.14	Scottishpower	Electricity – Cemetery (Credit)	£155.35	CREDIT
14.12.14	Barclays	Bank Charges – November	£6.00	DD
05.12.14	Scottishpower	Electricity – St Mary's Church Clock	£39.09	DD
19.12.14	Payroll	3 rd Party Payments – Month 8	£2337.15	DD
19.12.14	Payroll	Month 9 - Nett Wages	£4866.04	DD
01.12.14	Scottishpower	Electricity – Seaton Holme	£295.00	DD
10.11.14	Unicom	Phone/Broadband	£82.81	DD
10.12.14	N-Power	Electricity – Cemetery	£98.54	DD
09.01.15	Unicom	Telephone/Broadband	£81.94	DD
05.01.15	Northumbrian Water	Water – Cemetery	£53.88	DD
02.01.15	Northumbrian Water	Water – Seaton Holme	£591.53	DD
14.01.15	RBS Software Solutions	Cemeteries Software Maintenance	£208.80	105891
12.01.15	St Mary's PCC	Advert – Parish Patch	£12.00	105892
		Invoice Total for December 2014	£8205.43	

INCOME RECEIVED

December 2014

Name	Description	Amount
Member of the Public	Book	£9.99
E'ton U3A	Room Hire	£10.00
Ghost Team	Venue Hire	£270.00
A Burnham	Room Hire	£32.00
Art Group	Room Hire	£40.00
Sunshine Photography	Room Hire	£60.00
Easington Village WI	Room Hire	£20.00
Easington Luncheon Club	Room Hire	£100.00
A Jones	Room Hire	£42.00
Member of the Public	Burial Fees	£322.00
Dalton Homes	Rent	£2100.00
Dalton Homes	Rent	£100.00
Glendene Academy	Room Hire	£9.00
		£3114.99

RESOLVED: that information given, be NOTED.

Request for Financial Assistance – ‘together we achieve’

Members gave consideration to a request for a donation to ‘together we achieve’.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk make enquiries regarding the number of people within the Parish who may potentially benefit from the organisation.

Request for Financial Assistance – Community Counselling and Support CIC

Members gave consideration to a request for a donation to Community Counselling and Support CIC.

RESOLVED: that no donation be granted.

Help Promote Adventure and Nature Play in the North of England

Members gave consideration to attendance at the above free event to be held at Seaton Holme, Easington Village on Thursday 29th January 2015 commencing at 12 noon.

RESOLVED: that no-one is available to attend.

Planning Applications

There were no planning applications.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED

Planning Approvals

DM/14/02800/FAP – Proposed Erection of Bay Window and Porch to Front at 3 Victoria Mews, Easington.

DM/14/03368/FPA – Proposed 3 No. Extensions to Offices, Classrooms and Hall at Easington CE Primary School, Hall Walk, Easington

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
14/15/265

Planning Refusals

There were no planning refusals.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
14/15/266

Planning Applications (Withdrawn)

There were no planning applications withdrawn

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
14/15/267

Planning Appeals

There were no planning appeals.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
14/15/268

Town and County Planning Act 1990 – Section 247 – Proposed Stopping Up of Highway at Easington Colliery ‘B’ Streets; Bolam, Boyd, Bulter Street, Four Streets, Associated Footways: East of Bede Street, West of Rear 24-64 Station Road, South of Bradley Street’s Rear Lane North of Baldwin Street

Members gave consideration to correspondence received from the Department for Transport.

RESOLVED: that no comments or objections be made.

EVPC
14/15/269

Buckingham Palace Garden Parties 2015

Members gave consideration to submitting a nomination for attendance at the Royal Garden Parties in 2015.

RESOLVED: that Councillor T Murray’s name be submitted to the County Durham Association of Parish and Town Councils to be entered into the draw for attendance.

EVPC
14/15/270

Possible NALC 2015 Ceremony to Recognise Parish Council Achievements

Members gave consideration to correspondence.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk advise County Durham Association of Parish and Town Councils that Easington Village Parish Council would be interested in taking part in the possible NALC 2015 Ceremony to recognise Parish Council achievements.

EVPC
14/15/271

Fly Tipping Campaign

Members gave consideration to correspondence received from CDALC regarding the above campaign and the potential to purchase a camera on a collective basis.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council did not wish to purchase a CCTV camera.

EVPC
14/15/272

Police and Crime Commissioner Consultation Event – Friday 30th January 2015 – 2.30 pm – County Hall, Durham

The Clerk advised Members of an invitation received from the Police and Crime Commissioner for Parish Councillors to attend the above event.

RESOLVED: that Councillor T Murray would attend, work commitments allowing.

EVPC
14/15/273

County Durham Flag

The Clerk advised Members that County Durham now had its own flag.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
14/15/274

Representatives to Outside Bodies

Councillor Murray advised that he had attended the AAP meeting. Councillor Hopper advised that she had attended a meeting of the Limestone Landscapes and that the launch event would take place in Seaton Holme on Saturday 7th March 2015.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
14/15/275

Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 9th February 2015.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

Chairman

Date