

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

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

Staff: Mrs G M Crute (Parish Clerk)

Also in Attendance: PCSO A Leigh, County Councillor A Surtees, Mr N Frain, Mrs N Booth
and Mr P J Booth

EVPC
15/16/121 **Apologies for Absence**
RESOLVED: Apologies RECEIVED and APPROVED for Councillor J
Andrews and J Smith

EVPC
15/16/122 **Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**
Councillor J Lee declared a personal interest in Item 7 as she is
Secretary of the Allotment Association.

EVPC
15/16/123 **Public Participation**
Mr N Frain was in attendance and spoke about the inclusion of white
lines to mark parking spaces at Low Row and also the condition of the
cobble areas. He also spoke about land that had been used by
members of the public that could potentially be claimed as public land.

EVPC
15/16/124 **Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 14th September 2015**
RESOLVED: that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record,
subject to the inclusion of the approval of apologies for absence for
Councillor J Lee, to be signed by the Chairman.

EVPC
15/16/125 **Minutes of the Cemetery and Grounds Sub-Committee held on
22nd September 2015**
RESOLVED: that the minutes and recommendations be APPROVED.

EVPC
15/16/126 **Matters Arising**

EVPC
15/16/089 **UK Sustainable Energy Limited** – The Clerk had
written to Durham County Council Planning
Department stating that hedging should be planted
around the site. Councillor Murray stated that he
had spoken to a representative of the Planning
Department and had been advised that this
application should be eligible for community gain.

EVPC
15/16/061 **Tree in the Penfold** – The Clerk was awaiting a site
meeting with the Tree Surgeon.

EVPC
15/16/101 **Hartlepool and District Hospice** – The Clerk had
forwarded the donation.

EVPC
15/16/102 **Butterwick House** – The Clerk had forwarded the
donation.

EVPC
15/16/103 **East Durham Community Transport Ltd** – The
Clerk had forwarded the donation.

EVPC
15/16/107 **Planning Applications** – The Clerk had submitted
the Parish Council's comments on the applications as
detailed in the minutes.

EVPC
15/16/114

Potential Schemes to be Funded from Section 106 Monies – The Clerk was in the process of putting together a questionnaire relating to the proposed use of gym equipment.

EVPC
15/16/115

Representatives to Outside Bodies – The Clerk has been advised that Ms Bearpark would not be available for some weeks and that she had been given details of a representative who may be able to attend to speak about the Dementia Friends Scheme.

RESOLVED: that

- i) the information given, be NOTED;
- ii) the Clerk contact Durham County Council regarding the potential for community gain for the Solar Panel Development.

EVPC
15/16/127

Police Matters

PCSO A Leigh was in attendance and gave an update on incidents during the last month. One of the issues raised at the PACT meeting was with regard to the speeding traffic around the Low Row area. A new PCSO would be joining the team shortly. The next PACT meeting would be on 4th November at 6.00 pm.

A Member commented on the amount of cars/vans parking in the village green area on an evening. PCSO Leigh said she would highlight this concern with her colleagues.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Leigh for her attendance. She then left the meeting.

EVPC
15/16/128

Report of the County Councillor

County Councillor Surtees was in attendance and update Members on the following matters:-

- Dementia Awareness Scheme
- Street Wardens now have the same enforcement powers as Environmental Wardens
- Welfare Reform Issues – the proposed roll out of the Universal Credit
- AAP Job Clubs – There are now 10 in operation
- St Mary's Close – The 2 footpaths that were identified as in need of cleaning are included in the programme of works
- Works are underway for a new programme of events for Children for 2016.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be noted.

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

EVPC
15/16/129

Allotment Site

Members heard representations from the tenant of plot 21 and a representative from the Allotment Association. Members gave

consideration to the representations made and the correspondence which had been previously circulated.

RESOLVED: that the allotment holder be allowed until the 31st March 2016 to have the plot tidy and turned over.

Councillor J Lee returned to the meeting

EVPC
15/16/130

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
15/16/131

"No Parking" Signs for the Village Green

Members stated that there had been incidents of vans and cars parking on the Village Green, particularly in the vicinity of Mill Cottage. Members felt that a variety of options should be considered in addressing this problem. These include placing a letter on the vehicles windscreen, signs advising that there should be no parking on the Village Green and investigations be made as to what the legal options were for the Parish Council if the parking problems persisted.

RESOLVED that:-

- i) the Clerk compose a letter to be placed on offending vehicles;
- ii) proofs be obtained for suitable signage;
- iii) the Clerk investigate the legal options available for the Parish Council with regard to parking on the village green

EVPC
15/16/132

Parish Council Financial Status – Bank Balances as at 30.09.15

The Clerk reported that the bank balances as at 31.09.15 were £133,548.81 in the Savings Account and £1161.00 in the Current Account totalling £134,709.81.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
15/16/133

Income and Expenditure Report to 30.09.15

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

RESOLVED: that the report, be NOTED.

EVPC
15/16/134

Bank Transfers

The Clerk informed Members that the Transfers for September were £12910.21 from the Savings Account and £4920.18 from the Current Account.

RESOLVED: to ENDORSE the Transfers.

EVPC
15/16/135

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 – SEPTEMBER 2015

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO/DD
27.08.15	N-Power	Electricity – Cemetery	-£146.03	CREDIT

01.09.15	N-Power	Electricity – Cemetery	-£113.30	CREDIT
13.09.15	Barclays	Bacs Charges – September 2015	£6.00	DD
15.09.15	Payroll	3 rd Party Payments – Month 5	£2370.76	DD
30.09.15	Payroll	Month 6 - Nett Wages	£5374.50	DD
01.09.15	Scottishpower	Electricity – Seaton Holme	£96.00	DD
11.08.15	N-Power	Electricity – St Marys Floodlights	£56.44	DD
28.08.15	N-Power	Electricity – Cemetery	£159.92	DD
09.09.15	N-Power	Electricity – St Marys Floodlights	£49.35	DD
09.09.15	N-Power	Electricity – Cemetery	£18.46	DD
29.09.15	Northumbrian Water	Seaton Holme – Water	£534.24	DD
12.10.15	Northumbria Water	Cemetery – Water	£59.68	DD
08.10.15	Unicom	Phone and Broadband	£62.36	DD
21.09.15	Broxap	Borth Seat	£484.80	105983
21.09.15	Whitehill Direct Ltd	Replacement Keys – Noticeboard	£12.00	105984
28.08.15	Homecare	Various DIY Goods	£128.09	105985
16.09.15	A1 Trophies & Engraving	Rosettes/Trophy Scarecrow	£12.00	105986
06.10.15	Arco	Safety Boots and Gloves	£103.08	105989
02.10.15	Greenham	Paper Towels/Toilet Rolls/B Bags	£156.58	105990
08.10.15	Zurich Management Ltd	LCAS Renewal 2015	£114.00	105991
		Invoice Total September 2015	£9538.93	

105987 – Petty Cash - £300.00

105988 – St Mary’s Church - £17.80 (Scarecrow Competition)

EVPC
15/16/136

INCOME RECEIVED

September 2015

Name	Description	Amount
Members of the Public	Burial Plots	£400.00
Scotts	Memorial Fees	£90.00
Crake & Mallon	Burial Fees	£265.00
Crake & Mallon	Burial Fees	£13.00
K Taylor Funeral Director	Burial Fees	£139.00
Luncheon Club	Room Hire – August	£25.00
A Jones	Room Hire – August	£48.00
Women Aglow	Room Hire – September	£27.00
Member of the Public	Burial Plots	£200.00
J Delanoy	Burial Fees	£339.00
J Burnham	Room Hire – August	£40.00
Member of the Public	Room Hire	£48.00
U3A	Room Hire – September	£12.50
Art Group	Room Hire – Aug/Sept	£62.50
Easington Village WI	Room Hire	£36.00
Mr M Broomfield	Bar Space	£25.00
Miss A Morton	Scarecrow Competition	£46.80
J Burnham	Room Hire - September	£50.00
Luncheon Club	Room Hire – September	£125.00
		£1991.80

RESOLVED: that information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
15/16/137

Easington C of E Primary School

Members gave consideration to a request for a donation to the above organisation under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972.

Members felt that a donation towards classroom equipment would not be appropriate.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk advise the School of the Parish Council's decision.

EVPC
15/16/138

Planning Applications

DM/15/02853/FPA – Proposed Erection of Prefabricated Concrete Section Garage at Garage Site Land Rear of 68 North Crescent, Easington Village for Mrs G Foster

DM/15/02882/FPA – Proposed Subdivision of Property into two separate dwellings at Richmond House, Rosemary Lane for Mr J Froud (Enclosed)

DM/15/02916/TCA – Proposed Crow Lift Major Limbs on Ash Tree and Balance Remaining Limbs at Churchyard of St Mary C of E Church for Mrs P Kirk

DM/15/02941/FPA – Proposed Erection of Single Storey Extension to Rear and Garage/Store to Side of Existing Dwelling at Carmel House, Seaside Lane for Mr J Gibson (Enclosed)

DM/15/02897/FPA – Proposed Demolition of Existing Previous Ground Floor Extension on the Rear of the Property and the Construction of a 2 Storey Replacement together with a two Storey Bay Window to the Front Elevation at Montrose, Seaside Lane, Easington for Mr M Ramshaw

DM/15/02945/VOC – Proposed Variation of Condition No. 4 (Compliance with approved conditions) Pursuant to Planning Permission PLAN/2006/0502 for 7 No. Houses at 2 Stonelea Court, Easington for Mr B Sisterson

DM/15/02992/VOC – Proposed Variation of Condition No. 4 (Compliance with approved conditions) Pursuant to Planning Permission PLAN/2006/0502 for 7 No. Houses at 1 Stonelea Court, Easington for Mr and Mrs Brown

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED

EVPC
15/16/139

Planning Approvals

DM/15/02334/FPA – Proposed Single Storey Pitched Roof Extension to Side and Rear of Existing Dwelling at 9 The Spinney, Easington Village for Mr K Wood

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
15/16/140

Planning Refusals

There were no planning refusals.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
15/16/141

Planning Applications (Withdrawn)

There were no planning applications withdrawn.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
15/16/142

Planning Appeals

There were no planning appeals.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
15/16/143

County Durham Volunteer Awards 2015

The Clerk advised that one of the Parish Council's nominees for the above awards, Miss A Morton, had been successful in being shortlisted

in her category and the Parish Council had been invited to attend the Ceremony.

The Clerk also advised that she had received certificates of recognition for both nominations submitted and requested consideration be given to arrangements for a presentation of the certificates to Miss Morton and the Millennium Luncheon Club.

RESOLVED:

- i) the information given, be NOTED;
- ii) that arrangements be made for the certificates to be presented at the Luncheon Club.

EVPC
15/16/144

Hartlepool and District Hospice

Members gave consideration to a letter of thanks from Hartlepool and District Hospice for the Parish Council's recent donation.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
15/16/145

East Durham Community Transport Ltd

Members gave consideration to a letter of thanks from East Durham Community Transport Ltd for the Parish Council's recent donation.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
15/16/146

CDALC – 29th AGM

Members gave consideration to an invitation to attend the above event to be held on Saturday 24th October 2015 at 10.00 am at County Hall, Durham.

RESOLVED: that no-one was available to attend.

EVPC
15/16/147

Low Row Highway (Front of the Former Shoulder of Mutton)

The Clerk advised Members that she had been liaising with the agent and applicant of the above development and had requested a contribution towards the upgrading of the highway at the front of the former Shoulder of Mutton Public House. The applicant had agreed to a 50% contribution towards making the roadway up to adoptable standard.

A Member felt that the highway should remain cobbled and that tarmacking the area would be a loss to the village's individuality. Another Member felt that it would be a good opportunity to have the area tarmacked at 50% cost to the Parish Council to enable the area to be made up to adoptable standard. The Clerk advised that she had spoken to the applicant and they confirmed they would only be willing to contribute towards the tarmacking of the area, which they would undertake at cost price. The Clerk also advised Members that this cost was substantially less than if the work was undertaken by a contractor. A Member asked that if the area were to remain cobbled would it be likely to be adopted. The Clerk advised that this was unlikely as there was a strict criteria to adhere to. Another Member felt that they would not want the area to be adopted as this would mean disposing of Parish Council land and that the land should be retained as it was an asset.

The Clerk advised that she would need to confirm whether the Parish Council would be willing to accept the offer by 13th October 2015. She

also stated that if the offer was not accepted then this may not be available again.

After lengthy discussion it was **RESOLVED:** that

- i) estimates be obtained for the lifting and replacing of the blocks;
- ii) that estimates be obtained for tarmacking the area;
- iii) enquiries be made to determine the criteria for adoption of a highway

EVPC
15/16/148

Representatives to Outside Bodies

There had been no attendance by representatives to outside bodies.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
15/16/149

Date and Time of the Next Meeting

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

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

Chairman

Date