

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 9th MARCH 2015**

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

Staff: Mrs G M Crute (Parish Clerk)

Also in Attendance: County Councillor D Boyes, PCSO A Leigh and PCSO G Hughes

EVPC **Apologies for Absence**
14/15/306 Apologies for absence were APPROVED for Councillor J Andrews.

EVPC **Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**
14/15/307 There were no declarations of interest.

EVPC **Public Participation**
14/15/308 There were no members of the public registered to speak.

EVPC **Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 9th February 2015**
14/15/309 **RESOLVED:** that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record, to be signed by the Chairman.

EVPC **Matters Arising**
14/15/310

EVPC **Police Matters** – the Clerk had written to the Police
14/15/282 and a response had been received which was circulated with the agenda.

EVPC **Fencing to Village Green** – the Clerk was awaiting
14/15/287 details from Durham County Council regarding potential S.106 monies. An update would be provided under the agenda item.

EVPC **Cemetery Rule Book** – the Clerk had made
14/15/288 amendments to the rule book, a copy of which was circulated with the agenda, for approval.

EVPC **Financial Assistance – ‘together we achieve’** –
14/15/294 the Clerk had forwarded the cheque to the group.

EVPC **Financial Assistance – County of Durham
School Benevolent Fund** – the Clerk had advised
14/15/295 the organisation that no donation would be granted.

EVPC **Request for Use of Free Rooms – Helping
14/15/296 Hands North East** – the Clerk had written to the group to advise that the Parish Council was not able to assist with their request.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
14/15/311

Police Matters

The Police were in attendance and explained to members the difficulty in attending Parish Council meetings. The Clerk advised that a copy of Sgt Footes e-mail outlining the situation had been circulated to all members.

PCSO Leigh provided the crime statistics for the last month. She also advised on the following issues

Vehicle obstruction in West View – had spoken to resident

Parking outside of Easington Academy was blocking residents driveways – The Academy is to highlight the problem in their next newsletter

The next PACT meeting will be held at 6.00 pm on 25th March at Easington Social Welfare Centre

A Member stated that assurances had been given from the Police and Crime Commissioner that there would be no cuts in staffing. PCSO Leigh advised that there had not been cuts to staffing but that staff had been deployed in other areas.

County Councillor D Boyes stated that parking was an issue for all schools. He offered his congratulations to PCSO G Hughes on passing his exams to become a Police Constable. Councillor Boyes advised that he and County Councillor Surtees were in the process of purchasing covert CCTV camera for use within the Easington Division which would help towards reducing incidents of flytipping.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

The Chairman thanked PCSOs A Leigh and G Hughes for their attendance at the meeting. PCSOs Leigh and Hughes then left the meeting.

EVPC
14/15/312

Report of the County Councillors

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

- The application to have a Grit Bin installed at St Mary's Church had been refused as it didn't meet the criteria. He would be investigating this matter further.
- 20 mph zones – there is £1 million available for this scheme. There had been 33 schools identified and this was being considered by committee as to the which would be the most suitable for the scheme
- Easington Local Nature Reserve - £10,000 is being used to install interpretation boards. Tours and activities would be available at the Nature Reserve in the future.

A Member asked about the UCG (Underground Coal Gasification) at the former Easington Colliery site. Councillor Boyes advised that this area is now a Nature Reserve and there would need to be a change to the law for it to be used for any other purpose.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

The Chairman thanked County Councillor Boyes for his attendance. County Councillor Boyes then left the meeting.

EVPC
14/15/313

Seaton Holme

The Clerk advised Members that a new tenant had been secured for the vacant office space upstairs. Willerby Energy Organisation Ltd had entered into a 3 year lease with effect from 1st April 2015.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
14/15/314

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
14/15/315

In-Bloom Committee

Councillor Morton advised that some new barrels had been purchased and consultation with the County Council was ongoing to identify a suitable location. A Grant had been secured for just under £500 for a scheme to plant herbs and vegetables to be made freely available to the public.

A Member suggested that as the In-Bloom committee was a separate entity this item be removed from the agenda for Easington Village Parish Council meetings.

RESOLVED: that

- i) the information given, be RECEIVED.
- ii) that the In-Bloom Committee agenda item be removed from future Parish Council agendas.

EVPC
14/15/316

Cemetery Rule Book

Members gave consideration to the amendments which had been circulated and the further alteration to the Memorial Garden.

RESOLVED: that the amendments be approved and that the rule book be adopted.

EVPC
14/15/317

Tree Survey Report

Members gave consideration to the Tree Surgeon's report and authorised the works as detailed.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk make arrangements for the work to be carried out as detailed in the report.

EVPC
14/15/318

Noticeboard

The Clerk provided Members with details of a noticeboard that could be installed on the railings outside the main gates to the Cemetery. Some Members felt that a wooden noticeboard may be more suitable and could be placed at the bottom gate to the Cemetery as there had been one there previously. It was also felt that a smaller noticeboard may be more suitable.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk investigate the costs of a wooden noticeboard and a smaller noticeboard.

EVPC
14/15/319

Parish Council Financial Status – Bank Balances as at 28.02.15

The Clerk reported that the bank balances as at 28.02.15 were £75,156.59 in the Savings Account and £900.35 in the Current Account totalling £76,056.94

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
14/15/320

Income and Expenditure Report to 28.02.15

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

RESOLVED: that the report, be NOTED.

EVPC
14/15/321

Bank Transfers

The Clerk informed Members that the Transfers for February were £12,615.88 from the Savings Account and £364.00 from the Current Account.

RESOLVED: to ENDORSE the Transfers.

EVPC
14/15/322

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 – FEBRUARY 2015

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO/DD
12.01.15	Barclays	Bank Charges – December	£6.00	DD
16.02.15	Payroll	3 rd Party Payments – Month 10	£2320.26	DD
27.02.15	Payroll	Month 11 - Nett Wages	£4487.64	DD
08.02.15	Scottishpower	Electricity – Seaton Holme	£96.00	DD
10.02.15	N-Power	Electricity – Cemetery	£17.85	DD
09.02.15	Unicom	Phone/Broadband	£81.80	DD
11.02.15	Concept Group Ltd	Cost per copy	£67.85	DD
08.02.15	Xerox Finance	Photocopier Rental – 4 th Quarter	£108.00	DD
27.02.15	Crystal Cuisine	Buffet x 20	£85.00	105903
24.02.15	Crystal Cuisine	Buffet x 90	£296.10	105903
05.02.15	Hutton Fire Protection	Service of Fire Exts. Seaton Holme/Cemetery	£92.94	105904 105906
13.02.15	Wicksteed	2 x Cradle Seats	£309.88	105905
02.03.15	Cathedral Leasing Ltd	½ Year Hygiene Services	£187.20	105907
02.03.15	Greenham	Toilet Rolls/Paper Towels	£183.54	105909
		Invoice Total	£8340.06	

105902 – S.137 Donation – Real Care Ltd

105908 – A1 Trophies and Engraving - £99.00 re-issued cheque

EVPC
14/15/323

INCOME RECEIVED

February 2015

Name	Description	Amount
Member of the Public	Way We Were Book	£5.00
Diane Robson	Room Hire	£36.00
Main	Room Hire	£660.00
WI	Room Hire	£20.00
Women Aglow	Room Hire	£24.00

Easington Village Lunch Club	Room Hire	£100.00
Member of the Public	Cemetery Fees	£156.00
Delanoys	Cemetery Fees	£359.00
Scotts Memorials	Cemetery Fees	£84.00
Member of the Public	Through the Years Book	£9.99
Easington U3A	Room Hire	£10.00
Ladies Circle	Room Hire	£15.00
Angela Jones	Room Hire	£30.00
Art Group	Room Hire	£40.00
Dalton Homes	Room Rent	£100.00
		£1648.99

RESOLVED: that information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
14/15/324

Request for Financial Assistance – Easington Village Parish Patch

Members gave consideration to the above request for a donation.

RESOLVED: that a donation of £100.00 be GRANTED under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972.

EVPC
14/15/325

Request for Financial Assistance – Durham County Brass Band

Members gave consideration to the above request for a donation.

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

EVPC
14/15/326

CDALC Human Resources Training

Members gave consideration to the attendance of the Clerk at the Human Resources Training Events to be held in June/July 2015 at a cost of £30.00

RESOLVED: that the Clerk be AUTHORISED to attend 3 of the courses.

EVPC
14/15/327

Your region, Your council, Your future

Members gave consideration to potential attendance at the above event on Saturday 28th March 9.15 am till 12.30 pm at County Hall, Durham.

RESOLVED: that no-one was available to attend.

EVPC
14/15/328

Election Cost Guidance

The Clerk advised Members that the Parish Council had been budgeting for election costs over the last 2 financial years and that they would have £2,000 by the end of this financial year. This would mean that at the current budgeting process the Parish Council would have sufficient funds available for the 2017 elections if required.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
14/15/329

Planning Applications

DM/15/00454/FPA – Proposed new Shop Front at Albion House, Low Row, Easington for Mr J Lee

DM/15/00489/FPA – Proposed Single Storey Front Extension at 14 Clappersgate, Easington for Mr H Syson

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED

- EVPC
14/15/330
- Planning Approvals**
DM/15/00180/NMA – Proposed Non-material amendment to planning permission DM/14/03080/FPA to allow omission of two windows to the west elevation and additional window and the enlargement of a small window to the south elevation at Merrick House Residential Home, Easington.
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC
14/15/331
- Planning Refusals**
There were no planning refusals.
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC
14/15/332
- Planning Applications (Withdrawn)**
There were no planning applications withdrawn
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC
14/15/333
- Planning Appeals**
There were no planning appeals.
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC
14/15/334
- Publication of the Inspector’s Interim Report at the Conclusion of Stage One of the Examination of the County Durham Plan**
Members received the information of the Inspector’s Interim Report, a copy of which had been circulated.
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC
14/15/335
- Easington Post Office**
Members considered the information received from Post Office regarding the re-location of Easington Post Office.
RESOLVED that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC
14/15/336
- Real Choice College**
Members received correspondence from Real Choice College thanking the Parish Council for their donation.
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC
14/15/337
- North East Combined Authority – Devolution Proposals**
Members gave consideration to attendance at a Stakeholders Workshop to consider the above at County Hall, Durham on Tuesday 17th March 2015 at 6.30 pm till 8.30 pm.
RESOLVED: that no-one was available to attend
- EVPC
14/15/338
- NALC Star Councils Awards**
Members gave consideration to submitting a nomination for the 2015 Awards in the categories detailed.
RESOLVED: that this item be deferred to the June meeting.
- EVPC
14/15/339
- Potential Schemes to be Funded from S.106 Monies**
The Clerk advised Members that £40,000 available for off site recreation and leisure would be available on the occupation of the 20th dwelling.
RESOLVED: Members give consideration to suitable scheme that can be discussed at the May meeting.

EVPC
14/15/340

Representatives to Outside Bodies

Councillor Hopper advised that she had attended the Easington Village Atlas Event on 7th March at Seaton Holme. The event was a huge success and was enjoyed by all attending.

Councillor Murray advised that the next Board Meeting of the AAP would take place next week.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
14/15/341

Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 13th April 2015.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

Chairman

Date