

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2015**

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

Staff: Mrs G M Crute (Parish Clerk)

Also in Attendance: Easington Village Allotment Association – Mrs J Lee, Mr C Knowles, Mrs W Bell, Mr E Taylorson, Mr J McAndrew, Mr M Vickers, Mr N Frain and Mrs J Savage

EVPC  
15/16/182                    **Apologies for Absence**  
There were no apologies for absence.

EVPC  
15/16/183                    **Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**  
As Councillor J Lee was in attendance as a member of the Allotment Association she did not need to declare a personal interest.

EVPC  
15/16/184                    **Easington Village Allotment Association**  
Mr C Knowles spoke about the Allotments Association's disappointment that the Parish Council did not uphold their decision to terminate the tenancy of the tenant of Plot 21. The Chairman advised that they had acted on the information provided by both parties and the reassurance they had been given by the tenant that she would bring the allotment up to standard by the end of March 2016. Discussion ensued with regard to the role of the Allotment Association. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council would like to be supportive of the Association. A Councillor said that it would be an opportune time to review the procedures and working practices of the Association and the Parish Council and it was felt that a Working Group comprising of 3 members of the Parish Council, 3 representatives of the Allotment Association and the Parish Clerk be established to consider the issues that had been raised. A Member suggested that it may be useful for the Parish Council to have a representative on the Allotment Association's Management Committee. The Allotment Association said that this would not be a problem. A representative would be chosen at the next Parish Council meeting.

The Allotment Association referred to correspondence regarding the tenant of plots 10/11 being granted permission in 1992 to be allowed to keep ducks on the plot due to the fact that this area had been previously used as a Paddock and was not able to be cultivated.

Mr Knowles advised that he has not received all of the signed tenancy agreements. The Clerk advised that she would post the agreements out to those that Mr Knowles had not been able to contact and she confirmed that it was a condition of tenancy to sign the agreement otherwise.

Mr Knowles advised that the Association was looking at ways of obtaining grants to improve the Allotments. The Clerk advised that she would be able to work with the Association in order to access suitable grants for the work.

**RESOLVED:-**

- i) that a Working Group be established consisting of 3 Parish Councillors, 3 representatives of the Allotment Association and the Parish Clerk until the end of March 2016
- ii) that the tenant of plots 10/11 be allowed to continue to keep ducks on these plots due to the nature of the land.
- iii) the Clerk write to the allotment holders that had not signed their tenancy agreement.
- iv) the Clerk assist the Allotment Association in their applications for funding.

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CHAIRMAN .....

DATE .....