

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 14th DECEMBER 2015**

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

Staff: Mrs G M Crute (Parish Clerk)

Also in Attendance: Mr N Frain and County Councillor A Surtees

EVPC
15/16/189 **Apologies for Absence**
RESOLVED: Apologies RECEIVED and APPROVED for Councillors J Andrews and J Smith.

EVPC
15/16/190 **Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**
Councillor J Lee declared a personal interest on items 16 and 17 as she is Secretary of the Allotment Association.

EVPC
15/16/191 **Public Participation**
Mr N Frain was in attendance and spoke about the planning application for proposed outline approval for 26 dwellings at Dairy Houses, Little Thorpe. He was opposed to the application. Little Thorpe was a hamlet that consisted of 24 houses and this application, if approved, would double the size of the properties and alter dramatically the nature of the hamlet.

Mr Frain then left the meeting

EVPC
15/16/192 **Minutes of the last Meeting held on 9th November 2015**
RESOLVED: that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record, to be signed by the Chairman.

EVPC
15/16/193 **Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 18th November 2015**
RESOLVED: that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record, to be signed by the Chairman.

EVPC
15/16/194 **Matters Arising**

EVPC
15/16/159 **Review of Room Hire Fees** – The Clerk had made the necessary alterations to the fees.

EVPC
15/16/129 **Allotment Site** – The Clerk had written to both the tenant and Allotment Association outlining the Parish Council's decision.

EVPC
15/16/161 **"No Parking" Signs for the Village Green** – The Clerk had ordered the signs. The Clerk would provide an update under a separate agenda item regarding the Council's legal position.

EVPC
15/16/162 **Tree Week 2015** – The Clerk had contacted Durham County Council regarding the application to enquire whether hawthorn hedging was meet the criteria, however, as Durham County Council had

confirmed that hawthorn hedging would not meet the criteria, no application had been made.

EVPC
15/16/168 **Easington C of E Primary School** – The Clerk had forwarded the donation.

EVPC
15/16/169 **North of England Brass Band Championships Committee** The Clerk had forwarded the donation.

EVPC
15/16/175 **Christmas Lights Switch On** – The Clerk had written to Miss Houghton.

EVPC
15/16/178 **Easington Village Allotment Association** – the Clerk had organised a meeting with the Allotment Association.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED;

EVPC
15/16/195

Police Matters

The Police were not able to be in attendance at the meeting but had submitted a report which the Clerk read out for Members' information.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
15/16/196

Report of the County Councillor

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

- She thanked the Parish Council for the invitation to attend the Christmas tree lighting service which she had enjoyed very much.
- She had been appointed as a Local Authority Governor for Easington Village C of E Primary School
- The Former Kings Head Site was still on the blight list and there had been a site visit by the Environmental Enforcement Team. Also the Empty Homes Initiative Team had become involved.
- Environmental Health had been involved with rat problems at Southside (D Boyes dealing)
- Low Row incident of broken glass had been reported and removed.
- The County Council will take over the management of the SUDS pond once this pond was installed then this should help with the flooding along the A1086.
- Comprehensive Spending Review would mean a cut of 60% of Durham County Council's budget by 2020.

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
15/16/197

Exhibition of Prints by East Durham Miner Jimmy Kays (1886-1951) May 2016

The Clerk advised Members that she had been able to secure the

above exhibition to be hosted in Seaton Holme during May next year. Jean Spence, the owner of the exhibition, would provide a talk on Jimmy Kays.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
15/16/198

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
15/16/199

Village Green Parking

The Clerk advised Members that under Section 12 of the Enclosure Act 1857 and Section 29 of the Commons Act 1876 that general car parking, unrelated to the recreational use of a village green, may be determined as unlawful.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted and the situation monitored.

EVPC
15/16/200

Tree on Village Green

The Clerk advised that the horse chestnut tree that was damaged recently had been removed due to it being dangerous. Councillor Warin requested that it be replaced on a like for like basis.

RESOLVED that the Clerk investigate the costs of horse chestnut trees and investigate whether there were any potential funding opportunities.

EVPC
15/16/201

Playground Equipment Inspection

Members gave consideration to the recent inspection by Zurich Engineering. The Clerk advised that the repair works had been carried out.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
15/16/202

Parish Council Financial Status – Bank Balances as at 30.11.15

The Clerk reported that the bank balances as at 30.11.15 were £118,536.63 in the Savings Account and £2376.00 in the Current Account totalling £120,912.63.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
15/16/203

Income and Expenditure Report to 30.11.15

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

RESOLVED: that the report, be NOTED.

EVPC
15/16/204

Bank Transfers

The Clerk informed Members that the Transfers for November were £9145.70 from the Savings Account and £2241.06 from the Current Account.

RESOLVED: to ENDORSE the Transfers.

EVPC
15/16/205

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 – NOVEMBER 2015

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO/DD
23.11.15	ADT Fire & Security PLC	Alarm Call Out	£187.20	106000
23.11.15	Darlington Borough Council	Autumn Bedding	£1098.36	106001
06.11.15	Glasdon UK	Dog Bin	£152.02	106002
19.11.15	IOS	Stationery	£81.39	106003 106004
10.11.15	Unicom	Phone/Broadband	£62.50	DD
27.11.15	A1 Trophies & Engraving	Signs for Village Green	£456.00	106005
01.11.15	Barclays	Bacs Charges – October 2015	£6.00	DD
17.11.15	Payroll	3 rd Party Payments – Month 7	£2368.79	DD
30.11.15	Payroll	Month 8 - Nett Wages	£4694.73	DD
01.11.15	Scottishpower	Electricity – Seaton Holme	£96.00	DD
10.11.15	N-Power	Electricity – St Marys Floodlights	£62.74	DD
30.11.15	Builders Warehouse NE Ltd	Tree Stakes	£63.48	106006
08.12.15	N-Power	Electricity – St Mary’s Church Clock	£62.10	DD
08.12.15	N-Power	Electricity – Cemetery	£30.68	DD
08.12.15	Unicom	Broadband and Telephone	£62.36	DD
		Invoice Total November 2015	£9484.35	

EVPC
15/16/206

INCOME RECEIVED

November 2015

Name	Description	Amount
M Broomfield	Bar Hire	£50.00
Easington Village WI	Room Hire - October	£40.50
Diane Robson	Room Hire	£84.00
Easington Village Luncheon Club	Room Hire - October	£100.00
Angela Jones	Room Hire – October	£32.00
Diane Robson	Room Hire	£42.00
Jan Burnham	Room Hire - October	£50.00
Member of the Public	Burial Fes	£150.00
Forever Living	Room Hire – October	£20.00
Scotts Memorials	Cemetery Fees	£13.00
Easington U3A	Room Hire – November	£12.50
A Ward Heating	Rent	£1562.50
Art Group	Room Hire - November	£50.00
		£2206.50

RESOLVED: that information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
15/16/207

Poppy Appeal 2015

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

RESOLVED: that a donation of £60.00 be GRANTED.

EVPC
15/16/208

Durham Cathedral

Members gave consideration to a request for a donation to the above

organisation under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972.
RESOLVED: that this item be DEFERRED until the March meeting.

EVPC
15/16/209

Planning Applications

DM/15/03509/S106A – Proposed Modify existing Section 106 Agreement pursuant to DM/14/00041/FPA to allow affordable rented units (plots 5, 6, 7, 8, 30 and 31) to be disposed of as discounted sales.

DM/15/03558/FPA – Proposed Change of Use from Industrial Unit to Sunday Indoor Car Boot Fair/Market at Unit 1, 5 Mill Hill, North West Industrial Estate, Peterlee

DM/15/03034/OUT – Proposed Outline approval for 26 dwellings with associated access and parking at land to the North West of Dairy Houses, Little Thorpe

RESOLVED: that

- i) the information given, be NOTED
- ii) the Clerk submit an objection to application DM/15/03034/OUT and register the Parish Council to speak at the planning meeting.

EVPC
15/16/210

Planning Approvals

DM/15/02401/FPA – Proposed Formation of a SUDs Pond at Land to the East of Thorpe Road, Peterlee

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

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
15/16/211

Planning Refusals

There were no planning refusals.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
15/16/212

Planning Applications (Withdrawn)

There were no planning applications withdrawn.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
15/16/213

Planning Appeals

There were no planning appeals.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
15/16/214

Registrations and Declarations of Interest

Members gave consideration to correspondence received from County Durham Association of Local Councils.

RESOLVED: the information given, be NOTED.

- EVPC
15/16/215
- Devolution to Parish Councils?**
Members gave consideration to correspondence received from County Durham Association of Local Councils.
RESOLVED: the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC
15/16/216
- North of England Brass Band Championships**
Members gave consideration to a letter of thanks from North of England Brass Band Championships for the Parish Council's recent donation.
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC
15/16/217
- Complaints Procedure**
Members gave consideration to the amended Complaints Procedure.
RESOLVED: that the amended Complaints Procedure be ADOPTED.
- EVPC
15/16/218
- Grants and Donations Policy**
Members gave consideration to the Grants and Donations Policy which had been previously circulated.
RESOLVED: that the Grants and Donations Policy be ADOPTED.
- EVPC
15/16/219
- Allotment Working Group**
Nominations were received from Councillors J Andrews, M Burn and L Morton.
RESOLVED: that Councillors Andrews, Burn and Morton serve on the Allotment Working Group with the Clerk.
- EVPC
15/16/220
- Representative to Allotment Association Management Committee**
A nomination was received for Councillor P Gibson to serve on the above outside body.
RESOLVED: that Councillor Gibson be APPOINTED as the Parish Council's representative on the Allotment Associations Management Committee.
- EVPC
15/16/222
- Easington Village Parish Council Website**
Members gave consideration to correspondence received from Durham County Council regarding the hosting of the Parish Council's website.
RESOLVED: that the Parish Council not enter into a SLA with the County Council and the Clerk obtain quotations for the introduction of a new website with costs for hosting the site.
- EVPC
15/16/223
- Easington Village Green – Low Row**
The Clerk advised that following further investigations regarding the block paved area at Low Row she had been advised that this was unregistered land and was not in the Parish Council's ownership. There was a small area of block paved roadway that was formally Village Green which was in the Parish Council's ownership and the Clerk was awaiting the exact details of this area.
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC
15/16/224
- Section 106 Funding – Former Council Offices Site**
The Clerk advised that she had spoken to the officer responsible for the Section 106 funding at Durham County Council and he had advised that he had not received any enquiries regarding the above funding for recreational and play facilities under this agreement and that it was

not possible to register an interest before the funds would become available. When the funds were available for application then these details would be circulated to all Parish Councils.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
15/16/221

Representatives to Outside Bodies

There had been no attendance by representatives to outside bodies.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
15/16/225

Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 11th January 2016 at 7.00 pm.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

Chairman

Date