

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 11TH JANUARY 2016**

Present: Councillor L Morton (Chair)
Councillors J Andrews, 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: PC L Oxley, PCSO L Gutcher and County Councillor D Boyes

EVPC **Apologies for Absence**
15/16/226 There were no apologies for absence.

EVPC **Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**
15/16/227 There were no declarations of interest.

EVPC **Public Participation**
15/16/228 There were no Members of the public registered to speak.

EVPC **Minutes of the last Meetings held on 14th December 2015**
15/16/229 **RESOLVED:** that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record, to be signed by the Chairman.

EVPC **Matters Arising**
15/16/230 EVPC **Precept 2016/17** – The Clerk had forwarded the
15/16/188 Parish Council’s precept request.

EVPC **Tree on Village Green** – The Clerk was
15/16/200 investigating costs and potential funding
opportunities.

EVPC **Planning Applications** – The Clerk was in the
15/16/209 process of compiling an objection letter regarding
application DM/15/03034/OUT.

EVPC **Allotment Working Group** – a meeting had been
15/16/219 arranged for Monday 11th January.

EVPC **Representative to Allotment Association**
15/16/220 **Management Committee** – the Clerk had advised
the allotment association of the appointment of
Councillor Gibson to the Management Committee.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED;

EVPC **Police Matters**
15/16/231 PC Oxley and PCSO Gutcher were in attendance and provided Members
with an update on incidents that had occurred since the last meeting.
They advised that they were scheduled to work with Easington CE
Primary School with regard to safe parking.

A member advised that there had been an incident recently with motor
cycles speeding from the area near Thorpe Road Playing fields along
the rear of Craig Terrace.

Another Member raised the issue of speeding along Stockton Road and requested that a Police camera be installed along this stretch of road.

The Police advised they would take action on the points raised.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

The Chairman thanked PC Oxley and PCSO Gutcher for their attendance at the meeting. They then left the meeting.

EVPC
15/16/232

Report of the County Councillor

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

- The planning application for the Solar Panel Farm has been approved
- Following a recent complaint from Councillor Murray regarding the flooding on Essington Way/Thorpe Road from water running off the fields. This was not the County Councils responsibility but that of the owners of the site. A Member enquired whether Councillor Boyes felt that it would be useful if the Parish Council should write to Grahaeme Morris, MP in this regard. Councillor Boyes advised that this would not do any harm and suggested that the Environment Agency could also be contacted
- Flooding near to Thompson's shop had been reported and actioned. A member stated that only one side of the road had been addressed. Councillor Boyes would organise for the other side to be looked into.
- The owners of the Kings Head site refuses to engage with Durham County Council with regard to the site and he felt that legal actions remains an option.
- Following the use of covert cameras there were 2 prosecutions underway for fly tipping at Andrews Hill and 3 prosecutions underway for Petwell Lane
- An update was provided on the Devolution Bill. The County Council would be undertaking a poll on this issue including that of an Elected Mayor for the north east. The ballot papers would be delivered shortly.

RESOLVED that

- i) the information given, be noted;
- ii) the Clerk write to Grahame Morris, MP and the Environment Agency regarding the flooding on the A1086 between Essington Way junction and Horden Cemetery

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

EVPC
15/16/233

Seaton Holme

The Clerk advised Members that she was reviewing the security alarm system and would report back to the next meeting.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
15/16/234

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
15/16/235

Village Green Signs

Councillor T Murray advised that he felt that the recently installed "no parking signs" on the Village Green were not of a high enough standard for the location. The Clerk advised that the signs had been approved by the Parish Council and that the posts were used in the hope that they would be difficult to remove. A Member requested that the wood be painted. The Clerk advised that this would become a maintenance issue for the posts. It was then suggested that the post be stained. It was suggested that the signs on the posts should all be positioned uniformly.

RESOLVED that the Clerk arranged for the signs be all positioned uniformly and that the wood be stained, subject to weather conditions.

EVPC
15/16/236

Cycle Stands

Members gave consideration to the correspondence circulated.

RESOLVED that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
15/16/237

Burial and Cemetery Fees 2016/17

Members gave consideration to reviewing the burial and cemetery fees. The Clerk suggested that the cost for grass mats should be included within the internment fee.

RESOLVED: that

- i) the burial and cemetery fees be increased by 2% rounded up with effect from 1st April 2016
- ii) the fee for grass mats be incorporated within the internment fee

EVPC
15/16/238

Parish Council Financial Status – Bank Balances as at 31.12.15

The Clerk reported that the bank balances as at 31.12.15 were £113,798.43 in the Savings Account and £936.52 in the Current Account totalling £114,734.95.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
15/16/239

Income and Expenditure Report to 31.12.15

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

RESOLVED: that the report, be NOTED.

EVPC
15/16/240

Bank Transfers

The Clerk informed Members that the Transfers for December were £7386.13 from the Savings Account and £2631.57 from the Current Account.

RESOLVED: to ENDORSE the Transfers.

EVPC
15/16/241

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 2015

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO/DD
15.12.15	Crystal Cuisine	Buffet – 15.12.15	£110.00	106008
21.12.15	Mr P Rudland	Removal of Dangerous Tree	£150.00	106009
29.12.15	Northumbrian Water	Water Rates	£507.61	DD
07.12.15	Barclays	Bacs Charges – November 2015	£6.00	DD
18.12.15	Payroll	3 rd Party Payments – Month 8	£2411.90	DD
18.12.15	Payroll	Month 9 - Nett Wages	£4643.88	DD
08.12.15	Scottishpower	Electricity – Seaton Holme	£96.00	DD
21.12.15	Durham County Council	Servicing 7 no. dog bins	£1786.51	106010
04.01.16	Northumbrian Water	Water Rates – Cemetery	£53.01	DD
14.01.16	RBS Solutions Ltd	Cemetery Software Maintenance	£212.40	106012
		Invoice Total December 2015	£9,977.31	
21.12.15	Scottishpower	Electricity – Seaton Holme	-£1970.16	CREDIT

106012 – Petty Cash - £300.00

EVPC
15/16/242

INCOME RECEIVED

December 2015

Name	Description	Amount
Diane Robson	Room Hire - November	£54.00
Forever Living	Room Hire - November	£40.00
East Durham Funeral Service	Room Hire	£49.00
Jan Burnham	Room Hire – November	£50.00
Easington Village Lunch Club	Room Hire – November	£100.00
Angela Jones	Room Hire – November	£32.00
Member of the Public	Supplies	£20.51
Hepworths	Cemetery Fees	£271.00
Now to Wow	Room Hire – November	£112.00
Forever Living	Room Hire	£20.00
Art Group	Room Hire – December	£37.50
Jan Burnham	Room Hire – December	£37.50
Member of the Public	Books	£14.99
Angela Jones	Room Hire – December	£24.00
		£862.50

RESOLVED: that information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
15/16/243

Planning Applications

There were no planning applications.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED

EVPC
15/16/244

Planning Approvals

There were no planning approvals.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
15/16/245

Planning Refusals

There were no planning refusals.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
15/16/246

Planning Applications (Withdrawn)

There were no planning applications withdrawn.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
15/16/247

Planning Appeals

There were no planning appeals.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
15/16/248

Royal Garden Party 2016

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

RESOLVED: Councillor T Murray's name be submitted to the County Durham Association of Local Councils.

EVPC
15/16/249

Your Region, Your Community, Your Event – Managing Events – 9th March 2016 at Shotton Hall, Peterlee – 9.30 am till 3.15 pm

Members gave consideration to attending this free event.

RESOLVED: that no-one was available to attend.

EVPC
15/16/250

Representatives to Outside Bodies

There had been no attendance by representatives to outside bodies.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
15/16/251

Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 8th February 2016 at 7.00 pm.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

Chairman

Date