

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2016**

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

Staff: Mrs G M Crute (Parish Clerk)

Also in Attendance: County Councillor D Boyes, Mr N Frain and Mrs Nicola Ling

EVPC  
15/16/284 **Apologies for Absence**  
**RESOLVED:** Apologies RECEIVED and APPROVED for Councillors J Andrews and T Murray

EVPC  
15/16/285 **Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**  
Councillor Mrs J Lee declared a personal interest on items 9 (c) and 14 due to the fact that she is Secretary of the Allotment Association.

EVPC  
15/16/286 **Public Participation**  
Mr N Frain was in attendance and spoke about recent planning applications at Little Thorpe and the SUDS Pond. Mrs N Ling spoke about the activities that had been undertaken by the Easington Village In-Bloom Group and expressed her concern about the black planters on the entrance to the village and feeling that a different type of planting should be undertaken to provide a better display.

EVPC  
15/16/287 **Minutes of the last Meetings held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016**  
**RESOLVED:** that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record, to be signed by the Chairman.

EVPC  
15/16/288 **Matters Arising**

EVPC 15/16/258	<b>Police Matters</b> – The Clerk contacted the Police with regards to the problems being encountered to the rear of Craig Terrace.
EVPC 15/16/259	<b>Report of County Councillor</b> – The Clerk had written to Durham County Council regarding the proposed removal of street lighting and the lack of consultation.
EVPC 15/16/261	<b>Security Alarm and CCTV Systems</b> – The Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, had appointed ADT Alarms to update the security system. Installation of a CCTV system would be considered at a later date.
EVPC 15/16/263	<b>Replacement of Horse Chestnut Tree</b> – The Clerk had ordered a tree.
EVPC 15/16/269	<b>Request for Financial Assistance</b> – The Clerk had forwarded the donation.
EVPC 15/16/277	<b>East Durham Creates</b> – The Clerk had consulted with Miss Morton and an application had been submitted for the Scarecrow Competition.

EVPC  
15/16/278

### **Consultation on the Installation of Gym Equipment on the Village Green**

The Clerk had contacted 3 play equipment suppliers to invite them to submit proposals for the 2 options:-

- for an enhanced play area
- installation of gym equipment with some new pieces of play equipment.

The open day would take place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April at Seaton Holme 10.00 am till 12.30 pm.

**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED;

EVPC  
15/16/289

### **Police Matters**

PCSO A Leigh was in attendance and spoke about the break-ins to garages and outbuildings that had taken place in February. She also updated members on the measures taken with regard to youth anti-social behaviour.

**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.

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

EVPC  
15/16/290

### **Report of the County Councillor**

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

- Street lights from Easington Village to Hawthorn. A meeting had been requested with the Highways Section
- The 20 mph zones around schools scheme had been extended from 33 schools to 64 schools and he had suggested St Mary's CE Primary School for inclusion
- A traffic calming scheme along North Crescent was to be installed which would include an additional pinch point and cushion

Councillor Boyes spoke about anti-social behaviour and the restorative justice system and how he felt that the punishment should fit the crime.

**RESOLVED** that the information given, be noted.

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

EVPC  
15/16/291

### **Advertisement in Durham Miners Gala 2016**

Members gave consideration to placing an advertisement in the 2016 Durham Miners Gala Brochure.

**RESOLVED:** that an advertisement be placed at a cost of £80 to be GRANTED under Section 142 of the Local Government Act, 1972.

EVPC  
15/16/292

### **Review of Exclusive Bar Rights**

The Clerk advised Members that exclusive bar rights had been given to Mr M Broomfield with the provision that it be reviewed in March 2017. She advised that the arrangement was working very well, with £25.00 payment for a half day function and £50.00 payment for a full day.

**RESOLVED:** that Mr Broomfield be given exclusive bar rights until March 2017 and the charges remain the same.

EVPC  
15/16/293

### **Room Hire – Church Bingo**

The Clerk advised that the Youth Club had not been reinstated at the Church Hall and as the Parish Council had given the free room hire in lieu of a reduced room hire rate for the Youth Club at the Church Hall, Members felt that free room hire could no longer be given.

**RESOLVED:** that the Clerk write to the St Mary's PCC advising that a room hire charge would be applicable after 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

EVPC  
15/16/294

### **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  
15/16/295

### **Floral Container and Hanging Basket Competition 2016**

Members discussed the future of the competition for 2016. It was felt that the competition should continue and be extended to rear gardens/yards. The competition would be advertised and residents would need to apply to enter. This event had been sponsored previously by Plants R Ross and the Clerk advised that if another sponsor could not be found then the Parish Council could undertake the sponsorship.

**RESOLVED** that a revised Floral Container and Hanging Basket Competition be undertaken as detailed.

EVPC  
15/16/296

### **Review of Allotment Tenancy for Plot 21**

The Clerk advised that pursuant to minute no. EVPC/15/16/129 she had attended the above allotment plot and taken photographs, which had been circulated to all Members for consideration. Following lengthy debate Members decided that the allotment holders had not met the standard required to keep their tenancy.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk serve a notice to quit the tenancy on the allotment holder and notify the Allotment Association of the Council's decision.

EVPC  
15/16/297

### **Parish Council Financial Status – Bank Balances as at 29.02.16**

The Clerk reported that the bank balances as at 29.02.16 were £99,728.87 in the Savings Account and £1450.00 in the Current Account totalling £101,178.87.

**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC  
15/16/298

### **Income and Expenditure Report to 29.02.16**

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

**RESOLVED:** that the report, be NOTED.

EVPC  
15/16/299

### **Bank Transfers**

The Clerk informed Members that the Transfers for February were

£6813.98 from the Savings Account and £957.96 from the Current Account.

**RESOLVED:** to ENDORSE the Transfers.

EVPC  
15/16/300

**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 2016**

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO/DD
06.11.15	SLCC	Clerks Manual – Update	£35.50	106021
26.02.16	Crystal Cuisine	Catering for 13 people	£53.30	106022
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08.02.16	Arco	Clothing	£62.08	106023
22.02.16	Builders Warehouse NE	Timber Joists	£59.40	106024
22.02.16	Homecare	Paint/Varnish	£101.39	106025
11.02.16	Hutton Fire Protection	Fire Extinguisher Service	£81.84	106026 106027
18.02.16	Ignis Contract Services	Fire Alarm/Emergency Lights Service and 3 replacement smoke detectors	£270.00	106028
01.03.16	Mr P Rudland	Removal of 2 Trees	£480.00	106029
04.03.16	T P Turner	Manual Handling Awareness	£130.00	106030
26.02.16	T P Turner	Health and Safety Training	£270.00	106030
12.02.16	T P Turner	1 <sup>st</sup> Aid at Work Training	£270.00	106030
18.02.16	Barclays	Bacs Charges – January 2016	£6.00	DD
05.02.16	N Power	Gas – Seaton Holme	£1926.92	DD
09.02.16	N Power	Electricity – St Marys Church Lights	£65.12	DD
12.01.16	Northumbrian Water	Water Rates - Allotments	£21.05	DD
18.02.16	Payroll	3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Payments – Month 10	£2284.41	DD
29.02.16	Payroll	Month 11 - Nett Wages	£5464.47	DD
08.02.16	Scottishpower	Electricity – Seaton Holme	£60.00	DD
10.02.16	Unicom	Phone & Broadband	£62.98	DD
01.02.16	ADT Fire & Security Service Plc	Alarm – Maintenance/Monitoring	£1773.35	106031
01.03.16	Cathedral Leasing Ltd	½ Year Hygiene Services	£187.20	106032
09.03.16	N-Power	Electricity – St Marys Church Lights	£64.52	DD
09.03.16	N-Power	Electricity – Cemetery	£52.79	DD
		<b>Invoice Total February 2016</b>	<b>£13835.62</b>	

106033 – Petty Cash - £350.00

EVPC  
15/16/301

**INCOME RECEIVED**

**February 2016**

Name	Description	Amount
Easington Village WI	Room Hire	£22.50
Jan Burnham	Room Hire	£50.00
Angela Jones	Room Hire	£16.00
Women Aglow	Room Hire	£27.00

Easington Colliery Ladies Circle	Room Hire	£18.00
Member of the Public	Room Hire	£78.00
A Ward Heating	Rent	£1562.50
Forever Living	Room Hire	£60.00
Easington Village WI	Room Hire	£22.50
D Robson	Room Hire	£60.00
Easington U3A	Room Hire	£10.00
Easington U3A	Room Hire	£12.50
Easington Village Millenium Luncheon Club	Room Hire	£100.00
Member of the Public	Venue Hire	£230.00
Art Group	Room Hire	£50.00
		£2319.00

**RESOLVED:** that information given, be NOTED.

EVPC  
15/16/302

**SLCC Regional Show – Hardwick Hall, Sedgfield – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

Members gave consideration to the attendance of the Clerk at the above event at a cost of £69.00 plus VAT.

**RESOLVED:** that the Clerk be authorised to attend the SLCC Regional Show as detailed.

EVPC  
15/16/303

**Playground Maintenance and Inspection Training Course, Herrington Country Park, Sunderland.**

Members gave consideration to attendance at the above event at a cost of £250.00 per person plus VAT. It was felt that other options be explored and reviewed again in 6 months.

**RESOLVED:** that the Clerk make investigation into alternative ways in which the playground inspections and maintenance can be undertaken and report back in September 2016.

EVPC  
15/16/304

**Year End Accounts Transfers to Reserves**

The Clerk advised Members of the projected money that was available to transfer to reserves and requested Members give consideration on how this would be proportioned.

**RESOLVED:** that £4,000 be transferred to Seaton Holme, £6000 be transferred to Plant (Tractor), £1,000 be transferred to Elections, £142 to History Book Printing and the remaining amount be transferred to General Reserves. If this was above £6,500 then any additional amount would be transferred equally between Seaton Holme and Plant Reserves.

EVPC  
15/16/305

**Planning Applications**

DM/16/00152/OUT – Proposed Outline Application for Change of Use to C3 Use and the Erection of Approximately 43 No. Residential Units plus Infrastructure Works Including New Access

DM/15/03802/VOC – Proposed Variation of Condition 2 and Removal of Conditions 5, 7, 9 and 12 pursuant to DM/14/00041/FPA at Site of Former Durham County Council Offices, Seaside Lane, Easington

DM/16/00513/FPA – Proposed Erection of First Floor Extension to Side of Existing Dwelling at Carmel House, Seaside Lane, Easington

DRC/16/00036 – Proposed Development of a 5MW Solar Farm at Land to the North of North West Industrial Estate, Peterlee  
DM/16/00502/FPA – Proposed Erection of Detached House and Garage at Land to the East of Dairy Houses, Little Thorpe  
DM/16/00324/FPA – Proposed New Build 3 Bedroomed Dwelling at Plot 2, The Old Dairy, Little Thorpe (Enclosed)

**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED

EVPC  
15/16/306

**Planning Approvals**

There were no planning approvals.

**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC  
15/16/307

**Planning Refusals**

There were no planning refusals.

**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC  
15/16/308

**Planning Applications (Withdrawn)**

There were no planning applications withdrawn.

**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC  
15/16/309

**Planning Appeals**

There were no planning appeals.

**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC  
15/16/310

**Durham Constabulary**

Members gave consideration to correspondence received from Durham Constabulary.

**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC  
15/16/311

**Durham County Council's Children and Young People  
Chairman's Medal**

Members gave consideration to correspondence which had been previously circulated. It was agreed that Alice Morton be nominated by the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED:** that the Clerk submit a nomination for Miss Morton on behalf of the Parish Council.

EVPC  
15/16/312

**Representatives to Outside Bodies**

Members gave consideration to the written report of Councillor Andrews who had attended the Smaller Local Councils Forum.

**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC  
15/16/313

**Easington Village Allotment Association**

The Clerk advised that she had been working with the Allotment Association to apply for funding from the Big Lottery to have a meeting hut and associated equipment. As the allotments are owned by the Parish Council the application would need to be made in the Parish Council's name.

**RESOLVED:** that the application for funding from the Big Lottery be submitted by the Parish Council.

EVPC  
15/16/314

**Exclusion of the Press and Public**

**RESOLVED** that in accordance with Section 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved information prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

EVPC  
15/16/315

**Contract of Employment**

Members gave consideration to the updated contract of employment for the Clerk.

**RESOLVED:** that the contract of employment be APPROVED for signature by the Chairman.

EVPC  
15/16/316

**Date and Time of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.00 pm.

**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

Chairman .....

Date .....