

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 13TH JUNE 2016**

Present: Councillor L Morton (Chair)
Councillors 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, Acting Sgt L Oxley, Mr N Frain

EVPC
16/17/031 **Apologies for Absence**
RESOLVED: Apologies RECEIVED and APPROVED for Councillors J
Andrews and M Burn

EVPC
16/17/032 **Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**
Councillor J Lee declared a personal interest on item 14(a) as she lived
in Fennel Grove

EVPC
16/17/033 **Public Participation**
Mr N Frain spoke about an issue of flooding at the allotment site. The
Clerk advised that she was dealing with this issue and would report to
the Parish Council if the matter was unable to be resolved.

EVPC
16/17/034 **Minutes of the Annual Assembly of Electors held on 11th May
2016**
RESOLVED: that the minutes, be NOTED.

EVPC
16/17/035 **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and last Meeting held on
11th May 2016**
RESOLVED: that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record, to be
signed by the Chairman.

EVPC
16/17/036 **Minutes of the Cemetery and Grounds Committee held on 17th
May 2016**
RESOLVED: that the minutes and recommendations be APPROVED.

EVPC
16/17/037 **Matters Arising**

EVPC
16/17/004 **Proposed Schemes for Section 106 Funding
and Results of Open Day on Proposed
Gym/Play Equipment Schemes on the Village
Green** – the Clerk had contacted play equipment
providers to come up with the options detailed.

EVPC
16/17/005 **Horse Fayre** – The Clerk had contacted the Police
regarding the issues raised.

EVPC
15/16/334 **Police Matters** – The Clerk had contacted the
Police regarding the request for a speed camera
along Stockton Road.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED;

Report of the County Councillor

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

- He and County Councillor Surtees had been in contact with the County Council's Planning Enforcement Team regarding the Kings Mews site. They advised that they had been in contact with the new owners who had instructed a builder and team to finish the properties and complete the site. It was hoped the work would be completed within 8 – 16 weeks
- There had been prosecutions for fly-tipping at Petwell Lane and Andrews Hill resulting in fines of £4,500
- Residents had been in contact regarding Persimmon Homes' consultation on a proposed housing development at Fennel Grove. Once a planning application had been received both he and County Councillor Surtees would comment on the application at the appropriate time.
- The scheme for 20mph zones outside of schools had been successful, with an increase from 33 to 66 schemes. The Scheme had been nominated for an Award.
- He had been in contact with Traveller Liaison to organise a meeting regarding the previous Horse Events on the Village Green
- Correspondence had been received regarding the proposed removal of street lighting along Thorpe Road into the Village.

RESOLVED that

- i) the information given, be noted;
- ii) the Clerk work with the County Councillors regarding the proposed removal of street lights at Thorpe Road.

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

Police Matters

Acting Sergeant L Oxley was in attendance and reported on the following:-

- There had been a number of burglaries, mainly sheds and garages, and a suspect had been charged with 6 offences. If residents required alarms for their sheds then the Police could supply these.
- With regard to a request for a speed camera along Stockton Road a request had been submitted to the Road Traffic Unit. The speedwatch camera was currently out of action, however, once it was repaired/replaced they would undertake some work along Stockton Road.
- The Police were working with the primary school regarding traffic issues and had Junior Traffic Wardens. It was hoped that this scheme would have an effect on some of the traffic issues affecting the village.
- A PACT priority was off-road bikes.

The Chairman thanked Acting Sergeant Oxley for her attendance at the meeting. She then left the meeting.

EVPC
16/17/040

Seaton Holme

The Clerk advised that there had been some minor repairs required to Seaton Holme and these had been carried out as necessary.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
16/17/041

Report of the Cemetery Superintendent

Members gave consideration to the report of the Cemetery Superintendent which had been circulated previously.

RESOLVED that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
16/17/042

Request for a Memorial Seat

Members gave consideration to a request for a Memorial Seat to be purchased and installed by the Parish Council under the Council's Seating Policy.

RESOLVED: that the request be acceded to and the Clerk make the necessary arrangements with the applicant.

EVPC
16/17/043

Parish Council Financial Status – Bank Balances as at 31.05.16

The Clerk reported that the bank balances as at 31.05.16 were £185,336.35 in the Savings Account and £1,000.00 in the Current Account totalling £3,552.49

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
16/17/044

Income and Expenditure Report to 31.05.16

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

RESOLVED: that the report, be NOTED.

EVPC
16/17/045

Bank Transfers

The Clerk informed Members that the Transfers for May were £19,566.79 from the Savings Account and £124,426.64 from the Current Account.

RESOLVED: to ENDORSE the Transfers.

EVPC
16/17/046

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 – MAY 2016

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO/DD
06.05.16	Arco	Safety Clothing	£105.34	106056
30.06.16	County Durham Assoc of Local Councils	Subscription for CDALC/NALC	£325.99	106057
31.05.16	J Dent	Skip Hire – Allotments	£240.00	106058
31.05.16	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	Play Equipment Parts	£20.04	106059
09.06.16	ADT	Alarm Call Out	£170.40	106060
06.06.16	Lloyd Ltd	Servicing & Parts Kubota	£253.83	106061
06.06.16	Lloyd Ltd	Servicing & Parts Kubota G2160	£341.93	106061
12.05.16	Barclays	Bacs Charges – May 16	£6.00	DD

07.05.16	ICO	Data Protection Registration 16/17	£35.00	DD
12.04.16	Screwfix	10 Tread Step Ladder	£139.99	DD
09.05.16	N-Power	Gas – Seaton Holme	£2725.51	DD
01.05.16	Xerox	Admin Fee & 1 st Quarter Rental – Photocopier	£289.20	DD
11.05.16	N-Power	Electricity – St Mary’s Church	£60.92	DD
19.05.16	Payroll	3 rd Party Payments – Month 1	£2462.30	DD
31.05.16	Payroll	Month 2 - Nett Wages	£5544.38	DD
08.04.16	Scottishpower	Electricity – Seaton Holme	£60.00	DD
10.05.16	Unicom	Phone & Broadband	£61.82	DD
13.06.16	N-Power	Electricity – St Mary’s Church	£52.38	DD
		Invoice Total May 2016	£12895.03	

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16/17/047

INCOME RECEIVED

May 2016

Name	Description	Amount
J Burnham	Room Hire – April	£50.00
Member of the Public	2 x Books	£19.98
Mindful Therapies	Room Hire	£8.00
Women Aglow	Room Hire	£36.00
St Marys Church Bingo	Room Hire & Affiliation Fee	£66.00
A Ward Heating	Office Rental	£1562.50
Mindful Therapies	Room Hire	£8.00
Scotts Memorials	Cemetery Fees	£152.00
Now to Wow	Room Hire	£192.00
Member of the Public	Room Hire	£66.00
Easington Village Allotments	Allotment Rent	£1058.00
Easington Village Luncheon Club	Room Hire	£75.00
Easington Village WI	Room Hire	£22.50
Forever Living	Room Hire	£40.00
D Robson	Room Hire	£60.00
St Marys Church Bingo	Room Hire	£18.00
Member of the Public	Postcards	£8.00
Art Group	Room Hire – May	£50.00
U3A	Room Hire	£12.50
		£3504.48

RESOLVED: that information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
16/17/048

Request for Financial Assistance

Members gave consideration to a request for financial assistance from Gemma Robinson who is organising a community fun day in aid of the British Red Cross.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk seek clarification that the event is being organised on behalf of the Co-operative Food Store. If this is the case then a donation of £25.00 be GRANTED

EVPC
16/17/049

Planning Applications

The Clerk advised the following planning application had been received:-

DM/16/01/1765/FPA – Proposed Refurbishment of Existing Barn Building to Create 1 No. Dwelling at Moor House Farm, Durham Lane, Easington.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED

EVPC
16/17/050

Planning Approvals

DRC/14/00310 – Proposed Discharge of Planning Conditions 3, 5, 7, 9 and 12 pursuant to DM/14/00041/FPA at Former Council Offices, Seaside Lane, Easington for Persimmon Homes.

DM/16/01055/FPA – Proposed Demolition of Existing Ground Floor Rear Extension with Replacement Part Two Storey and Single Storey Rear Extensions and Bay Window to Front at Montrose, Seaside Lane, Easington

DM/15/02142/RM – Proposed Phase 1 of Residential Development – 360 Dwellings (Reserved Matters) Pursuant to Outline Planning Permission ref: PL/5/2013/0106 at Land North of Lowhills Road and West of Thorpe Road (A1086) Peterlee for Theakston Land

DRC/16/00036 – Proposed Discharge of Conditions 3 and 4 of Planning Permission DM/15/02290/FPA relating to access and Highways at Land to the North of North West Industrial Estate, Peterlee for Zaravolt Development

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
16/17/051

Planning Refusals

There were no planning refusals.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
16/17/052

Planning Applications (Withdrawn)

There were no planning applications withdrawn.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
16/17/053

Planning Appeals

There were no planning appeals.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
16/17/054

Proposed Development of Land West of Fennel Grove, Easington

Members gave consideration to correspondence received setting out the concerns raised by a member of the public regarding the consultation by the potential developer of the site. The Parish Council would be able to give full consideration to the proposal once a planning application had been submitted, validated and circulated by Durham County Council for consultation.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
16/17/055

Youth Employment Programme

The Clerk that she had been in consultation with Durham County Council and reported that she would be able to obtain funding of up to £3,000 under the Youth Employment Programme that would enable the Parish Council to employ an apprentice groundsperson for a 1 year period. There would be sufficient funds within the current budget to meet the payments required by the Parish Council. A Councillor suggested that the Clerk enquire whether any funding could be obtained through the Area Action Partnership.

RESOLVED: that

- i) the Clerk enquire whether funding could be obtained through the Area Action Partnership;
- ii) that the Clerk progress with the arrangements to proceed with an apprentice as detailed above.

EVPC
16/17/056

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
16/17/057

Cilca Qualification

Members congratulated the Clerk on successfully achieving the Certificate in Local Council Administration. The Clerk thanked Members and advised that under the terms of her contract she would be entitled to an increase in her pay grade to 1 increment above her substantive grade.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk be awarded the extra increment with effect from 1st May 2016.

EVPC
16/17/058

Date and Time of the Next Meeting

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

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

Chairman

Date