

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 11th DECEMBER 2017**

Present: Councillors L Morton (Chair)
Councillors J Andrews, L Barrass, M Burn, W S Day,
J Lee, T Murray and J Smith

Staff: Mrs G M Crute (Parish Clerk); Mrs K Hall (Admin Assistant)

Also in Attendance: Mr J W Froud, Mrs J Mullaney, Mr D Mullaney and County
Councillor A Surtees

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17/18/228

Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence received.

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17/18/229

Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda

Councillor J Lee declared a personal interest in items 10 (b) as she is a tenant of the Allotment site.

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Public Participation

Mr J Froud advised that he spoken to both Durham County Council and the Local Government Ombudsman. He had asked the Local Government Ombudsman for their address and they had not given it. He asked if the Parish Council could provide it. The Clerk advised that she would look into this and write to Mr Froud as soon as possible.

Mr Froud asked if the Parish Council knew what was happening with the former Shoulder of Mutton Public House.

The Chairman advised that if this was in regard to a planning issued then he should contact Durham County Council Planning Department.

Mr Froud also spoke about the money that had been spent on the play area and fencing on the Village Green and said that this should have been spent on something else and was a waste of tax payers money.

The Clerk advised that Section 106 funding was money that was paid by housing developers as a condition of planning permission and what it could be used for was detailed when the planning application was approved. In this case it was specified for play and recreation.

Mr Froud also referred to the cost for repairs to the fencing around the play area and stated that he had only been given the costs for the materials and not for the time it took the Parish Council staff to undertake the repairs.

The Chairman advised that the repair work was undertaken as part of the staff's normal working day.

Mr Mullaney spoken about the proposal to replace the wooden fencing with a metal fence and was happy with the compromise. However, he asked for clarification on the fencing would replace the wooden fencing in its current position or whether the smaller play equipment could be fenced off separately.

The Chairman advised that this had been discussed at a previous

Parish Council meeting and it was agreed that the fencing replace the existing wooden fence as it is.

He also asked if the wooden fencing would be re-located. The Chairman advised that investigations were in hand to re-use the fencing where possible.

Mr Mullaney also requested that if any future funding was available that the race-course fencing on the Village Green be extended to the top of the Green.

Mr Mullaney also asked about the 20mph zone and the signage for the scheme. He advised that there was a pole outside of the Manor Guest House which has not been completed. The Clerk advised that she would raise this issue with the Durham County Council and ask them to respond direct to Mr Mullaney.

RESOLVED that the information given be NOTED.

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17/18/231

Minutes of the last Meeting held 13th November 2017

RESOLVED: that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record, to be signed by the Chairman.

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17/18/232

Minutes of Cemetery and Grounds Committee Meeting held on 21st November 2017

RESOLVED: that and the recommendations be APPROVED and the minutes be confirmed as a correct record to be signed by the Chairman.

Mr J Froud, Mr D Mullaney and Mrs J Mullaney then left the meeting.

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17/18/233

Matters Arising

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17/18/203

Allotment – Plot 9a Tenancy – The Clerk had advised the Allotment Association of the Council's decision.

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17/18/204

Allotment Plot 10 – The Clerk had advised the Allotment Association of the Council's decision.

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17/18/205

National Tree Week Grant – the Clerk had made and been successful in receiving a Grant for National Tree week. A cherry tree would be purchased and planted on the Village Green near Low Row in due course.

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17/18/211

Request for Financial Assistance – Learning Library – the Clerk had written to the Learning Library informing them of the Parish Council's decision.

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17/18/212

LCAS Seminar – 2 places had been booked.

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17/18/213

Planning Applications – The Clerk had submitted the Parish Council's concerns regarding the conservatory doors on

EVPC
17/18/219

Village Green Play Area – Fencing – The Clerk had responded to the resident concerned. Further quotations had been obtained. Correspondence and Notices were ready for approval and would then be circulated.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
17/18/234

Police Matters

The Police were unable to attend the meeting. A report had been received and was circulated for Members consideration
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

County Councillor A Surtees entered the meeting.

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17/18/235

Report of the County Councillor

County Councillor A Surtees was in attendance and reported on the following:-

- Nursery Gardens Planning Application – no progress to date
- Public Right of Way at Carlton Terrace – still on-going
- Easington Village Nursery School Traffic Issues – still on-going
- Seaton Holme Bungalows Retaining Wall – still on-going
- 20mph zone had been installed

A member enquired when the traffic “no waiting” for the former Post Office and Hall Walks would be coming into effect. Councillor Surtees advised she would look into this and report back.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Surtees for her attendance and Councillor Surtees then left the meeting.

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17/18/236

Seaton Holme

The Clerk advised that there were no items to discuss.
RESOLVED: the information given, be NOTED.

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17/18/237

Report of the Cemetery Superintendent

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

RESOLVED that the information given, be NOTED;

Councillor J Lee declared a personal interest and took no part in the discussion for minutes

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17/18/238

Allotment – Plot 3a Tenancy

The Clerk advised that she had received correspondence from the tenant who wished to appeal against the decision that his

tenancy be terminated from 31st March 2018 and had requested that he address the Parish Council at this meeting. The tenant was not in attendance at the meeting and had not contacted the Clerk to advise that he would not be attended.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

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17/18/239

Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust – Easington Airfield Commemorative Plaque

The Clerk requested Members give consideration to a location for the plaque to be installed.

RESOLVED that the plaque be installed at the outside bedding area at the cemetery.

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17/18/240

Parish Council Financial Status – Bank Balances as at 30.11.17

The Clerk reported that the bank balances as at 30.11.17 were £104,754.27 in the Savings Account and in £1,000.00 in the Current Account totalling £105,754.27.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
17/18/241

Income and Expenditure Report to 30.11.17

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

RESOLVED: that the report, be NOTED.

EVPC
17/18/242

Bank Transfers

The Clerk informed Members that the Transfers for November were £10,547.05 from the Savings Account and £1058.32 from the Current Account.

RESOLVED: to ENDORSE the Transfers.

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17/18/243

Invoices for Endorsement for Payment

RESOLVED: to ENDORSE the following invoices for payment, together with payments of donations/petty cash/payroll as previously agreed:-

November 2017

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO/DD
30.10.17	ITC Service	PC Clean up Repair	£66.00	106247
6.11.17	D & C Maintenance	Race Course Fencing	£5734.80	106249
2.11.17	Darlington B C	Autumn Bedding & Compost	£1399.92	106250
20.10.17	Durham County Council	SLA Charges	£786.26	106251
11.12.17	CDALC	Training Courses	£90.00	106255
11.12.17	Durham County Council	Spare Tractor Tyre	£64.56	106256
23.11.17	SLCC	Membership Renewal	£185.00	106257
3.11.17	N Power	Gas Seaton Holme	£971.71	DD
29.10.17	NWG	Petwell Allot. Water	£485.30	DD
10.11.17	Unicom	Land line Bband Fraud Def	£64.32	DD
23.11.17	Barclays Bank	Bank Charges	£6.00	DD
30.11.17	BT	Landline Bband Fraud	£32.88	DD
17.11.17	Payroll	3 rd Party Payments Month 7	£2768.63	DD
30.11.17	Payroll	Net. Pay Month 8	£5287.09	DD
11.12.17	Fir Tree Damp Proofing	Office Damp Proof Tanking	£312.00	106259
			£18254.47	

Chq106252 Cancelled £30.00
Chq 106254 Cancelled £60.00
Chq 106253 EVPC Petty Cash £169.00

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INCOME RECEIVED

November 2017

Name	Description	Amount
Member of the Public	Room Hire	£32.00
J Burnham	Room Hire	£30.00
A Jones	Room Hire	£64.00
Member of the Public	Burial Fees	£66.00
Church Bingo	Room Hire	£36.00
Art Group	Room Hire	£50.00
Easington WI	Room Hire	£22.50
	Grand Total Nov.	£300.50

RESOLVED: that information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
17/18/245

Planning Applications

The Clerk advised that no planning applications had been received.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

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17/18/246

Planning Approvals

DM/17/02876/FPA - Proposed Single Storey Rear Extension to Extend Shop at Albion House, Low Row, Easington

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

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17/18/247

Planning Refusals

There were no planning refusals.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

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17/18/248

Planning Applications (Withdrawn)

There were no planning applications withdrawn.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

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17/18/249

Planning Appeals

There were no planning appeals.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

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17/18/250

Haswell and District Mencap Society

Members gave consideration to an invitation to attend the Annual Mencap Carol Service in Durham Cathedral on Saturday 23rd December at 2.30 pm.

RESOLVED: that the no-one was available to attend.

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17/18/251

National Association of Councillors (NALC) – Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute

Members gave consideration to correspondence received from

NALC regarding the Battle's Over- A Nation's Tribute scheme.
RESOLVED: that the Parish Council was unable to take part in the scheme.

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17/18/252

Buckingham Palace Garden Parties 2018

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.

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17/18/253

Village Green Play Area – Disabled Access

The Clerk provided Members with quotations for green matting and black matting that would be suitable to provide a walk way from the footpath at the centre of the green to the gate at the play area at a cost of approximately £275 for green matting and £175 for the black matting

RESOLVED that black matting be purchased to provide a walk way in the Spring.

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17/18/254

Village Green Play Area - Fencing

The Clerk provided Members with 4 quotations for the supply and installation of steel bow top fencing powder coated green with self-closing pedestrian access in yellow. She advised that there was no requirement to have a gate for vehicular access and that it was a recommendation that the gate be coloured yellow to assist the visually impaired to identify the gate. The quotations were Company A £8854.24; Company B £9183.00; Company C £10,016 and Company D £13,570

RESOLVED: that Company A be appointed to carry out the installation of the new fencing as soon as possible.

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17/18/255

Members Reports of their Attendance at Meetings/Events on Behalf of the Parish Council

There had been no attendance at meetings due to Council recess.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

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Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 8th January 2018 at 7.00 pm

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

Chairman

Date