

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 8TH JANUARY 2018**

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

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

Also in Attendance: Mr N Frain, Mr D Mullaney and County Councillor D Boyes

EVPC
17/18/286 **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received and APPROVED for
Councillor M Burn

EVPC
17/18/287 **Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**
There were no declarations of interest.

EVPC
17/18/259 **Public Participation**
Mr D Mullaney was in attendance and enquired about the
appointment of a contractor for the new fencing and where the
money would come from. The Clerk advised that the installer of
the fencing would be Groundplay Ltd and the fencing had been
sourced direct from the supplier. The scheme would be financed
from the Parish Council's General Reserves.

Mr Mullaney referred to his previous request for a Christmas
Tree to be placed on the Village Green and that he had been
advised that an electricity supply could be obtained from the
streetlights around the Village Green to light the tree.

Mr Mullaney also spoke about the anti-social behaviour that was
taking place at Kings Mews. County Councillor Boyes said that
he had been made aware of the incidents at Kings Mews and had
contacted the Care Quality Commission to bring this matter to
their attention.

RESOLVED that the information given be NOTED.

Mr Mullaney left the meeting

EVPC
17/18/260 **Minutes of the Precept Meeting and the Last Meeting held
11th December 2017**
RESOLVED: that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record,
to be signed by the Chairman.

EVPC
17/18/261 **Matters Arising**

EVPC
17/18/228 **Public Participation** – The Clerk had
forwarded to Mr Froud contact details for the
Local Government Ombudsman from their
website. However, there was no address
provided.

EVPC
17/18/239

Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust – Easington Airfield Commemorative Plaque – The plaque would be installed prior to the summer bedding.

EVPC
17/18/251

Buckingham Palace Garden Parties 2018 – Councillor Murray’s name had been forwarded to CDALC.

EVPC
17/18/211

Village Green Play Area – Fencing – the Clerk was organising for the delivery and installation of the fencing which should take place in February/March 2018. The Clerk advised Members that delivery would most probably be March this year.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
17/18/262

Police Matters

The Police were unable to attend the meeting. A report had been received which was read out for Members’ consideration

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
17/18/263

Report of the County Councillor

County Councillor D Boyes was in attendance and reported on the following:-

- New Planning Application received for a housing development at Greyhound Stadium, Sunderland Road
- Nursery Gardens Planning Application – no further information at present
- Problems at Kings Mews as mentioned previously

A Member advised that there were ongoing problems with the development at Fennel Grove which were in contravention of the planning conditions. She also advised that this information had been forwarded to Durham County Council’s Planning Department. Councillor Boyes advised that it was important that information is passed onto Durham County Council Planning Enforcement so that these issues can be addressed. He also spoke about the amount of development in the parish and the cumulative effect it was having on the infrastructure.

A Member suggested that the Parish Council could write to Durham County Council regarding the problems the new developments were having on the infrastructure. Councillor Boyes advised that this would be a positive step and that the letter should be sent to Durham County Council’s Solicitor.

RESOLVED that:-

- i) the information given, be noted.;
- ii) the Parish Council write to the Durham County Council regarding the cumulative effect the new developments were having on the village as suggested by Councillor

Boyes

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

EVPC
17/18/264

Seaton Holme

The Clerk advised that there were no items to discuss.

RESOLVED: the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
17/18/265

Report of the Cemetery Superintendent

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

RESOLVED that the information given, be NOTED;

EVPC
17/18/266

Location of Salt Bins

Members gave consideration to the location of salt bins within the Parish Area.

RESOLVED: that a request be submitted again for Stockton Road.

EVPC
17/18/267

Dog Bins

Members gave consideration to a map detailing the location of dog bins which were provided by the Parish Council. The Clerk advised that she had contacted County Councillor Surtees regarding the dog bin that had been removed along Thorpe Road when the lamppost was removed.

RESOLVED that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
17/18/268

Footpaths on Village Green

The Clerk had been in contact with County Councillors Surtees and Boyes regarding the problems that had been encountered with vehicles using the footpaths across the Green and also the path that leads down the side of the Green near Victoria Mews. Councillor Boyes was to organise a meeting with the Highways Officer at Durham County Council to discuss this issue.

RESOLVED that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
17/18/269

Parish Council Financial Status – Bank Balances as at 31.12.17

The Clerk reported that the bank balances as at 30.12.17 were £88,990.55 in the Savings Account and £1,000.00 in the Current Account totalling £89,880.55.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
17/18/270

Income and Expenditure Report to 31.12.17

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

RESOLVED: that the report, be NOTED.

EVPC
17/18/271

Bank Transfers

The Clerk informed Members that the Transfers for December were £15,998.20 from the Savings Account and £212.00 from the Current Account.

RESOLVED: to ENDORSE the Transfers.

EVPC
17/18/272

Invoices for Endorsement for Payment

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

December 2017

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO/DD
18.12.17	Unicom	Landline, Broadband, Fraud Defender	£62.56	DD
18.12.17	Wave	Water Rates S H	£451.47	DD
19.12.17	N Power	Electricity Charges 19.9.17-6.10.17	£472.70	DD
19.12.17	N Power	Electricity Charges 6.10.17-13.12.17	£593.87	DD
17.12.17	Payroll	3 rd Party Payments – Month 8	£2417.83	DD
21.12.17	Payroll	Nett Pay – Month 9	£5502.30	DD
8.12.17	B T	Phone line - Alarm	£32.88	DD
11.12.17	Fir Tree Damp Proofing	Office Tanking & Rendering	£312.00	106259
12.12.17	Harbro	Mini Sun Bulbs	£37.44	106261
12.12.17	Cateraid	Tubes Fly Catcher	£48.00	106262
14.12.17	Smith of Derby	Church Clock	£619.20	106263
18.12.17	A Ferri Crystal Cuisine	Buffet	£115.50	106264
18.12.17	Greenham	Toilet Rolls	£60.88	106265
19.12.17	Rialtas Business Solutions	Cemetery Software Maint.	£220.80	106266
03.01.18	HERAS	Fencing	£6361.01	106267
04.01.18	DCC	Annual Playground Inspections	£446.40	106268
08.01.18	Richardson Garden Centre	Tree/Stake/Compost	£135.00	106270
			£17889.84	

106269 - Petty Cash - £200

EVPC
17/18/273

INCOME RECEIVED

December 2017

Name	Description	Amount
Church Bingo	Room Hire	£18.00
Yoga	Room Hire	£75.00
Angela Jones	Room Hire	£40.00
Member of the Public	Room Hire	£100.00
Scott's Memorials	Burial Fees	£14.00
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Easington Regeneration	Event Funding	£13.88
R G Bennett F.S.	Burial Fees	£284.00
Member of Public	Room Hire	£8.00
Art Club	Room Hire	25.00
U3A	Room Hire	£12.50
Art Club	Room Hire	£12.50
Member of Public	Room Hire	£84.00
Member of Public	Room Hire	£28.00
Member of Public	Room Hire	£8.00

	Grand Total Dec.	£768.88
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RESOLVED: that information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
17/18/274

Request for Financial Assistance – North of England Brass Band Championships

Members gave consideration to a request for a donation from North of England Brass Band Championships which could be granted under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972. In previous year's a donation of £20.00 had been granted.

RESOLVED: that a donation of £20 be APPROVED.

EVPC
17/18/275

Planning Applications

The Clerk advised that the following applications had been received:-

DM/17/03999/FPA – Proposed Demolition of Former Greyhound Stadium and Erection of 44 No. Dwellings with Associated Access, Landscaping and Infrastructure at Greyhound Race Track, Sunderland Road, Easington for Persimmon Homes
DM/17/04108/FPA – Proposed new Glasshouse and Warehouse at East Durham Garden Centre for Keir Architecture Ltd

RESOLVED: that

- i) the information given, be NOTED;
- ii) that objections be submitted for application DM/17/03999/FPA

EVPC
17/18/276

Planning Approvals

There were no planning approvals.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
17/18/277

Planning Refusals

There were no planning refusals.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
17/18/278

Planning Applications (Withdrawn)

There were no planning applications withdrawn.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
17/18/279

Planning Appeals

There were no planning appeals.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
17/18/280

The Royal British Legion

Members gave consideration to a letter of thanks received from The Royal British Legion advising that the 2017 Poppy Appeal box situated in Seaton Holme had raised £36.84.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be RECEIVED.

EVPC
17/18/281

Consultation on Extending the Disqualification Criteria for Councillors

Members gave consideration to correspondence received from County Durham Association of Local Councils (CDALC) regarding the above.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
17/18/282

Local Government Finance Settlement

Members gave consideration to correspondence received from County Durham Association of Local Councils (CDALC) regarding the above.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
17/18/283

Village Green Play Area – Fencing

The Clerk advised Members that the fencing was on order and would be received by the end of February/beginning of March. Once she had a confirmed delivery date then she would make arrangements for the old fencing to be removed and the new fencing to be installed.

RESOLVED that information given, be NOTED.

EVPC
17/18/284

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.

EVPC
17/18/285

Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 12th February 2018 at 7.00 pm

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

Chairman

Date