

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 14th OCTOBER 2019**

Present: Councillor L Morton (Chair)
Councillors M Burn, W S Day, J Lee, A Lumsden, T Murray and A Robson

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

Also in Attendance: County Councillor D Boyes, Bill Smithson and Chris Smithson (St Mary's Church PCC)

EVPC 19/20/144 **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies were RECEIVED and APPROVED FOR Councillor J Andrews and J Smith

EVPC 19/20/145 **Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**
Councillor Morton declared a personal interest under Public Participation as he was a member of the congregation of St Marys Church.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 19/20/146 **Public Participation**
Mrs C Smithson asked the Parish Council "With reference to EVPC Minute 19/20/081 under resolution bullet point 3 a meeting be arranged with representatives of the PCC to discuss the on-going maintenance of the floodlights and Church Clock. In view of the fact that we both have no recollection of agreement to this suggested separate meeting, although not wishing to appear unhelpful here, will you please explain what the Parish Council hope to gain from a further meeting with us in view of the fact that nothing has changed since our presentation at the Parish Council meeting in July?"

The Chairman advised that it was hoped by meeting with representatives of the PCC options could be discussed on how repair works could be funded and responsibility established.

Mr W Smithson asked "Will you also explain the discrepancy with what is recorded in the minutes and our understanding that the Parish Council had also agreed to include the repair, upkeep and maintenance of the floodlights and church clock as part of this 12 month electricity contract mentioned in resolution bullet point 2 of the minutes, highlighted from our PCC meeting held 2 days following our meeting with the Parish Council, I quote Bill had explained that the lights on the North Side of the Church are the responsibility of the Parish Council. After discussion, they eventually agreed to do the repair and to see to the clock maintenance for a year?"

The Clerk advised that the minutes had been approved by the Parish Council as a correct record at its meeting in September and that there had been no queries raised from members either at the meeting or prior to it.

The Chairman advised that the Parish Council had agreed to a 1 year electricity contract as the contract was due for renewal in August. The Clerk advised that the service agreement for the Church Clock was a 3 year

contract and still had one year remaining. This was reviewed when the contract came up for renewal.

Discussion then followed regarding liabilities, land ownership and maintenance. The Chairman enquired of Mr and Mrs Smithson when they would be available to meet with the Parish Council. They advised Monday or Fridays would be more suitable. The Clerk advised she would contact them again with a date and time once one had been agreed.

RESOLVED that

- I the information given, be NOTED.
- II the Clerk contact Mr and Mrs Smithson with a date for a meeting with representatives of PCC and parish Council.

Mr and Mrs Smithson then left the meeting.

EVPC 19/20/147

Minutes of the last Meeting held on 9 July 2019

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

EVPC 19/20/148

Minutes of the Cemetery and Grounds Committee held on 16 July and 17 September 2019.

RESOLVED: that the recommendations contained in the minutes be APPROVED.

EVPC 19/20/149

Matters Arising

EVPC 19/20/111

L G Therapy – The Clerk had advised Mrs Garside that her retrospective request for free use had been granted.

EVPC/19/20/112

Trees – Seaton Holme – The Clerk had contacted the Tree Surgeon and was waiting for a meeting to discuss the works to be carried out.

EVPC/19/20/100

Christmas Tree Lighting Event – The Clerk had contacted Inspector Stockdale, Easington C E Primary, Mr Smithson and Rev Lucy to ask if they are able to attend the event this year.

RESOLVED that the information given, be NOTED

EVPC 19/20/149

Police Matters

The Clerk read out a report which had been submitted by the Police

RESOLVED that the information given, be NOTED

EVPC 19/20/150

Report of the County Councillor

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

- Easington Greyhound Stadium – further to a Members query Councillor Boyes advised that Sport England are a statutory consultee
- Speedwatch along Stockton Road had been carried out

Members raised the following concerns which Councillor Boyes said he would investigate and report back on:-

Speeding, particularly along Hall Walks
Fennel Grove/Parsley Close – 20 MPH Speed Limit implementation date and details of enforcement measures
Parking Problems at the Top of North Crescent and Thorpe Road
Pedestrian/Zebra Crossing was needed along Seaside Lane/Thorpe Road
Condition of the Fennel Grove road after usage by Persimmon. Who would retarmac the road?

RESOLVED that:-

- I information given, be NOTED
- II the Parish Council awaits an update from Councillor Boyes on the issues raised.

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

EVPC 19/20/151

Seaton Holme

The Clerk advised Members that there had been a new company using Seaton Holme and had already had two weeks of bookings in the Burn Room with more scheduled. It was hoped that this would become a regularly booking.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED

EVPC 19/20/152

Report of the Cemetery Superintendent

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

RESOLVED that the information given, be NOTED;

EVPC 19/20/153

Vermin Control on Sunderland Road Allotments

Members gave consideration to a request from the Allotment Committee to allow a named individual access to the allotment site to dispose of vermin. The Clerk advised that she had spoken to the individual who offered their services free of charge and said they would be disposing of vermin by shooting them. They had a firearms certificate and public liability insurance.

She also advised that the Parish Council's tenancy agreement did not allow firearms onto the allotment site.

Furthermore Members felt that the request should be declined due to the potential danger to allotment holders and residents. The parish councillors felt that individuals should not be allowed firearms on the site.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk advise the Allotment Association of its decision

EVPC 19/20/154

Bee Keeping on Allotments

The Clerk had contacted other Parish Council's within County Durham, some of who had a policy for beekeeping on their allotment sites. She had circulated the policies to Members.

Members discussed the implications of keeping bees on the Sunderland Road Allotment Site.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk draw up a policy on bee keeping on allotments for approval by the Parish Council at a future meeting.

EVPC 19/20/155

Parish Council Financial Status – Bank Balances as at 30.09.19

The Clerk reported that the bank balances as at 31.08.19 were £127,226.82 in the Savings Account and £1,000.00 in the Current Account totalling £128,226.82

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED

EVPC 19/20/156

Income and Expenditure Report to 30.09.19

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

RESOLVED that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 19/20/157

Bank Transfers

The Clerk informed Members that the Transfers for September were £12,245.82 from the Savings Account and £588.91 from the Current Account.

RESOLVED: to ENDORSE the Transfers.

EVPC 19/20/158

Invoices for Endorsement for Payment

RESOLVED:

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

September 2019

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO/DD
15.9.19	TJ's Heating & Home Imp	Repair Sockets, Door Close Adj	£215.00	106513
5.9.19	Cateraid	Filter	£45.60	106514
11.9.19	MHPC	Dog Bags	£149.34	106515
20.9.19	NE Ambulance Service	Defib & Cabinet	£1197.60	106516
15.9.19	TJ'S Heating & Imp	Leak Repairs & Scaffolding	£450.00	106517
28.9.19	Crystal Cuisine	Buffet 28.9.19	£36.75	106518
14.10.19	A Ferri	Buffet 12.10.19	£42.00	106519
14.10.19	Greenham	Cleaning Products	£33.06	106520
7.1.19	Durham CC	Trailer Repair	£9.60	106521
7.10.19	Concept	Photocopier usage	£44.17	DD
9.10.19	BNP Paradis	Telephones	£39.60	DD
5.9.19	N Power	Gas Seaton Holme	£250.60	DD
9.9.19	N Power	Elec. SH Sept.	£126.12	DD
13.9.19	Chaser Communications	Telephones	£50.71	DD
9.9.19	N Power	Elect. May-Aug Sh	£451.27	DD
9.9.19	N Power	Elec. Cemetery	£10.65	DD
9.9.19	N Power	Elec. Church	£74.15	DD
10.9.19	BNP Paribas	Telephones	£39.60	DD
9.9.19	WAVE	Water SH	£556.92	DD
13.9.19	WAVE	Water Cemetery	£50.28	DD

19.9.19	Barclays	Bank Charges	£6.00	DD
18.10.19	Payroll	3 rd Part Payments – Month 5	£2582.65	DD
30.9.19	Payroll	Net. Pay - Month 6	£6076.41	DD
		TOTAL	£13,361.65	

Petty Cash – 106512 - £250

EVPC 19/20/159

Income Received

September 2019

Customer Number	Description	Amount
Customer 21	Bar Hire ½ Day	£75
Customer 6	Burial Fees	£312
Customer 10	Room Hire	£14
Customer 6	Burial Fees	£208
Customer 1	Room Hire	£18
Customer 33	Sponsorship	£60
Customer 12	Room Hire	£27.50
Customer 2	Room Hire	£200
Customer 8	Burial Fees	£94
Customer 6	Room Hire	£50
Customer 28	Burial Fees	£145
Customer 9	Room Hire	£70
Customer 1	Room Hire	£18
Customer 10	Room Hire	£17.50
Customer 3	Room Hire	£40
	Total Received	£1349

RESOLVED: that information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 19/20/160

Butterwick Hospice

Members gave consideration to a request for a donation to Butterwick Hospice under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1973

RESOLVED: that a donation of £50.00, be GRANTED.

EVPC 19/20/161

County Durham and Cleveland Training Partnership

Members gave consideration to attendance at Chairmanship Training on Tuesday 22 October at Shotton Hall, Peterlee.

RESOLVED: that Councillors Murray and Lumsden attend.

EVPC 19/20/162

Planning Applications

DM/19/02795/FPA Proposed Two Storey Side Extension at Lambourn, Little Thorpe for Mr Christopher Holmes

DM/19/02995/FPA Proposed Single Storey Rear Extension at 7 Lea Lane, Easington for Mr Derek Dance

DM/19/02887/LB Proposed Replace 6 Windows and Frames at The Mill, Easington Village for Mr William Hunter

DRC/19/00378 Proposed Discharge of Condition 3, 5 and 7 of Planning DM/17/03999/FPA relating to landscaping, construction management plan and materials for Persimmon Homes

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 19/20/163

Planning Approvals

DM/17/03999/FPA Proposed Demolition of Former Easington Greyhound Stadium and Erection of 47 Dwellinghouses with Associated Access, Landscaping and Infrastructure

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 19/20/164

Planning Refusals

There were no planning refusals.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 19/20/165

Planning Applications (Withdrawn)

There were no planning applications withdrawn.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 19/20/166

Planning Appeals

There were no planning appeals.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 19/20/167

Easington Village In-Bloom

Members gave consideration to correspondence received from the Easington Village In-Bloom Group requesting transfer of the new planters into the Parish Council's ownership.

RESOLVED: that the transfer be approved and the planters be added to the Parish Council's insurance.

EVPC 19/20/168

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

Members had not attended any meetings/events on behalf of the Parish Council since the last meeting.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 19/20/169

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 11 November 2019, with a Budget Meeting being held at 6.30 pm

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

Chairman

Date