

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 13TH JANUARY 2020**

Present: Councillor L Morton (Chair)
Councillors J Andrews, M Burn, W 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 A Surtees

EVPC 19/20/236 **Apologies for Absence**
There were no apologies for absence.

EVPC 19/20/237 **Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**
There were no declarations of interest.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 19/20/238 **Public Participation**
There were no members of the public registered to speak.
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 19/20/239 **Minutes of the last Meeting held on 9 December 2019**
RESOLVED: that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record, to be signed by the Chairman.

EVPC 19/20/240 **Minutes of the Precept Meeting held on 9 December 2019.**
RESOLVED: that minutes be confirmed as a correct record, to be signed by the Chairman.

EVPC 19/20/241 **Matters Arising**

EVPC 19/20/209 **Precept for 2020/21** – The Clerk had submitted the precept request to Durham County Council.

EVPC/19/20/218 **Report of County Councillor** – The Clerk had forwarded the Parish Council's queries to the County Councillors.

The Clerk advised Members that she had received confirmation from Durham County Council that they were no responsible for the maintenance of the floodlights at St Mary's Church.

RESOLVED that the information given, be NOTED

EVPC 19/20/242 **Police Matters**
The Clerk read out a report which had been submitted by the Police. Members reported speeding traffic along Thorpe Road and cars parked on the pavement in front of the Penfold.

County Councillor Surtees advised that she would report this matter to the Police.

RESOLVED that the information given, be NOTED

Report of the County Councillor

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

Fennel/Parsley Grove 20mph speed limit will be implemented upon completion of the development and road structure

Planning Application at Whitehouse Crescent - dropped kerb request is with the Planning Enforcement Team

Horse in a field near Andrews Hill - has been reported by numerous people. RSPCA have visited

Pot holes to the rear of Craig Terrace have been reported for repair

Traffic Flow assessments for Easington Village to be obtained from Durham County Council

Complaints regarding mud on the road and inconsiderate parking had been received and actioned regarding the development at the former Greyhound Stadium

Poor condition of the footpaths around the Penfold following works by contractors. Details were given of the new Durham County Council (DCC) policy "Roads and Street Works Permit Scheme" should help deal with problems

Following queries from a Parish Councillor regarding the Outline Planning application at former Thorpe Road Maternity Hospital. She had contacted DCC Planning Officer and the response received was read out to Members for their information.

County Councillor Surtees also provided a report on what she had been involved with at County level

Working to support vulnerable families over the festive period, ie food parcels, Salvation Army toy appeal, fuel poverty and child poverty

Attendance at a Carers Event looking at unpaid carers and where they fit into the NHS long term plan

Appointment of an Integrated Commissioner who will work to commission health services jointly between DCC and CCG

Selective Licensing Scheme is still ongoing with a view to going to consultation

Attendance at Ron Hogg's Funeral at Durham Cathedral

Holocaust Memorial Day 27th January, hosed at East Durham College marking 75 years since the liberation of Auschwitz

Easington Colliery Band successful with LEADER grant to refurbish band room thus helping to preserve the presence of the band in the colliery.

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

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 19/20/244

Seaton Holme

The Clerk advised Members that she was in the progress of organising a new tenancy agreement for Offices 4/5 to commence in April/May this year.

RESOLVED: the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 19/20/245

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 19/20/246

Parish Council Financial Status – Bank Balances as at 31.12.19

The Clerk reported that the bank balances as at 31.12.19 were £103,690.88 in the Savings Account and £937.79 in the Current Account totalling £104,628.67.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED

EVPC 19/20/247

Income and Expenditure Report to 31.12.19

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

RESOLVED that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 19/20/248

Bank Transfers

The Clerk informed Members that the Transfers for December were £10,900.19 from the Savings Account and £2,694.00 from the Current Account.

RESOLVED: to ENDORSE the Transfers.

EVPC 19/20/249

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;

December 2019

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO/DD
10.12.19	Builders Warehouse	Rocksalt	£47.88	106543
11.12.19	CDALC	Planning Training	£60.	106544
12.12.19	Crystal Cuisine	Buffet	£107	106545
29.11.19	Cateraid	Kitchen Hot Cupboard Repair	£72.00	106546
11.12.19	BNP Paradis	Telephones	£39.60	DD
13.12.19	Chaser	Telephones	£62.21	DD
9.12.19	N Power	Electric Church	£92.75	DD

9.12.19	N Power	Electric Cemetery	£31.19	DD
19.12.19	Barclays	Bank Charges	£6.	DD
31.12.19	ITC	Mailbox	£12.00	DD
30.11.19	ITC	Mailbox	£1.60	DD
22.12.19	N Power	Electric SH	£943.93	DD
18.1.20	Payroll	3 rd Party Payments Month 8	£2740.19	DD
20.12.19	Payroll	Net Pay Month 9	£6007.30	DD
		TOTAL	£10,223.65	

S. 137 Donation 106542 £30

EVPC 19/20/250 **Income Received**

December 2019

Customer Number	Description	Amount
Customer 8	Burial Fees	£15
Customer 2	Room Hire	£200
Customer 9	Room Hire	£17.50
Customer 7	Rent & Key Deposit	£90
Customer 12	Room Hire	£27.50
Customer 1	Room Hire	£18.00
Customer 6	Book Sales	£16.99
Customer 4	Room Hire	£175
Customer 3	Room Hire	£30
	Total Income	£589.99

RESOLVED: that information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 19/20/251

Planning Applications

DM/19/03674/FPA – Proposed Erection of 1 No. Detached House at Land West of Delgarth, Durham Lane, Easington for Mr John Glaister

DM/19/03765/OUT – Proposed 32 Self Build Housing Plots at Land at Former Thorpe Maternity Hospital, Andrews Lane, Easington for Mr B Wilkinson

The Clerk advised that following concerns raised by a Councillor she had submitted the Parish Councils concern regarding parking on planning application DM/19/03673/FPA

DM/1903904/OUT – Proposed Outline Planning Permission for the Demolition of the Existing Agricultural Building and the Erection of up to 24 No. Dwellings including Access with some matters reserved at land and buildings west of Hallfield Drive, Easington Village for Acland Homes Ltd

RESOLVED:

- i) The actions of the Clerk be ENDORSED;
- ii) DM19/03754/OUT comments be made with regard to concerns regarding infant burials on the site and Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs)
- iii) DM/1903904/OUT that objections be made with regard to the number of houses, access and egress to the site and also the cumulative effect on the village.

EVPC 19/20/252

Planning Approvals

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

DM/19/02591/VOC – Proposed Variation of Conditions 2 (approved plans) and 10 (landscaping) of Planning Permission APP/X1355/W/18/3205662 for a revision to the site layout and reduction in number of generator units at land to the north of Hackworth Road, North West Industrial Estate for Pegasus Group Ltd

DM/19/03323/TPO Proposed Crown Lift to provide clearance from ground level of 4m, crown thick by up to 15% and prune selected branches to provide clearance from property of 2m to 8 no. Sycamore trees at Sycamore House, 6 Dairy Houses, Little Thorpe for Mr Tomlin

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 19/20/253

Planning Refusal

There were no planning refusals.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 19/20/254

Planning Applications (Withdrawn)

There were no planning applications withdrawn.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 19/20/255

Planning Appeals

There were no planning appeals.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 19/20/256

North of England Brass Band Championship

To consider a letter of thanks from North of England Brass Band Championship in relation to the Parish Council's donation of £30.00.

RESOLVED that the letter of thanks be RECEIVED.

EVPC 19/20/257

Service Level Agreement (SLA) – Human Resources (HR) Advisory Service

Members considered continuing the SLA with Durham County Council for HR Advisory Services.

RESOLVED: that the SLA with Durham County Council for HR Advisory Services be entered into.

EVPC 19/20/258

Vacancy of Parish Councillor

The Clerk advised Members that there had been expressions of interest from individuals regarding co-option onto the Parish Council. Applicants would be invited for an informal interview at the next Parish Council meeting in February.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 19/20/259

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

There had been no attendance since the last meeting.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 10th February 2020.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

Chairman

Date