

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 9TH MARCH 2020**

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

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

EVPC 19/20/295 **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received and APPROVED for Councillors J Andrews and A Lumsden

EVPC 19/20/296 **Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**
Councillors L Morton and A Robson declared a personal interest on item 12 (c) as they are members of the Southside Social Club.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 19/20/297 **Public Participation**
There were no members of the public registered to speak.
RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 19/20/298 **Minutes of the last Meeting held on 10 February 2020**
RESOLVED: that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record, to be signed by the Chairman.

EVPC 19/20/299 **Matters Arising**

EVPC 19/20/267	Police Matters – The Clerk had reported the parking concerns to the Police.
EVPC/19/20/270	Sun Dial – The Clerk was still looking for suitable companies to provide a quotation.
EVPC/19/20/272	Easington Village WI – The Clerk had written to the WI advising of the Parish Council's decision and enclosing a grant application form.
EVPC/19/20/290	Replacement and Updated Play Equipment Consultation – The Clerk had organised for the options to be advertised.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 19/20/300 **Police Matters**
The Clerk read out a report which had been submitted by the Police.
RESOLVED that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 19/20/301 **Report of the County Councillor**
County Councillor Surtees was in attendance and reported on the following:-

- Attendance at Young Heroes Award Ceremony
- Easington Village Defibrillator Launch
- Fundraising Film Club Event for St Mary's Church

- Petwell Lane – sink hole
- B1432 – Easington to Hawthorn – Request for review of 60 mph speed limit
- Summer activities programme
- V E Day Celebration Events
- Old Easington Colliery School Consultation – there had been 98.5% in favour of demolitions with regeneration on the site.
- Selective Licensing Consultation
- Domestic Abuse Charter had been approved by Durham County Council
- Campaign to raise the profile of Unpaid Carers

A Member requested the road sweeper along Sunderland Road and also reported pot holes at the entrance to Fennel Grove. County Councillor Surtees said she would submit requests to the appropriate department at the Durham County Council.

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

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 19/20/302

Tree Work – Seaton Holme

The Clerk advised Members that the planning application to have work carried out to two sycamore trees had been approved and work would be scheduled to take place in the coming weeks.

RESOLVED: the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 19/20/303

Car Park – Seaton Holme

The Clerk advised on discussions that she had with the owners of Tithe Barn Cottages regarding the problems of vehicles still using the car park as a run through. They had requested that the Parish Council give consideration to putting a gate or similar at the entrance nearest to the farm. They had also requested either a small fence or bollards be put around the grassed area to the front of the Cottages. She also advised that the cost to purchase a rising arm barrier would be £1,148 plus installation costs.

After lengthy debate Members felt that some improved signage should be installed to advise of “No Through Road” and that a survey ought to be undertaken on a morning between 8.45am to 9.10 am for one week to assess how many vehicles were using the car park as a through road. That the request for low level fencing or rocks around the grassed area to the front of Tithe Barn Cottage not be granted.

RESOLVED: that

- i) New signage be purchased and installed at both entrances to Seaton Holme car park;
- ii) the Groundstaff undertake a survey of the traffic using Seaton Holme car park for one week

- iii) the Clerk advise the owners of Tithe Barn Cottages of the Parish Council's decision.

EVPC 19/20/304

Review of Exclusive Bar Rights

The Clerk reported that the current agreement with Mr M Bloomfield continued to work successfully and recommended that the current charges remain in place for the Bar Rights.

RESOLVED: that Mr M Bloomfield be granted exclusive bar rights until 31st March 2021.

EVPC 19/20/305

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 19/20/306

Tree Survey

The Clerk had received a quotation of £395 for a tree survey for the trees around Seaton Holme and the Village Green to be carried out.

RESOLVED: that the work be undertaken.

EVPC 19/20/307

Public Space Protection Orders

Members gave consideration to correspondence received from Durham County Council regarding Public Space Protection Orders. The Clerk advised that the Play Area on the Village Green was suitable to be included.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk contact Durham County Council to have the Village Green Play Area included in the next Order.

EVPC 19/20/308

Parish Council Financial Status – Bank Balances as at 29.02.20

The Clerk reported that the bank balances as at 29.02.20 were £83,915.49 in the Savings Account and £1000 in the Current Account totalling £84,915.49.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED

EVPC 19/20/309

Income and Expenditure Report to 29.02.20

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

RESOLVED that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 19/20/310

Bank Transfers

The Clerk informed Members that the Transfers for February were £9,805.76 from the Savings Account and Nil from the Current Account.

RESOLVED: to ENDORSE the Transfers.

EVPC 19/20/311

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;

February 2020

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO/DD
8.1.20	TJ's Heating& HI	Radiator Value repl. & Lighting	£145	106551
18.2.20	Greenham	Hand Towels& Wiper Roll	£63.30	BACS
20.2.20	IOS	Xerox Paper & Storage Boxes	£100.09	BACS
6.2.20	Hutton Fire Protection	Ann Fire Ext Service	£42.	BACS
6.2.20	Hutton Fire Protection	Ann. Fire Ext. Service Cem	£12.	BACS
13.12.19	WAVE	Water SH	£569.69	DD
9.12.19	WAVE	Water Cem	£90.95	DD
8.2.20	BNP Paradis	Telephones	£39.60	DD
29.2.20	ITC	Cloud Mailbox	£12	DD
2.3.20	Arco	Wellington Boots	£34.16	BACS
4.3.20	Hutton Fire Protection	Fire Extinguisher	£26.40	BACS
7.3.20	Arco	Wellington Boots 9	£34.16	BACS
1.4.20	Cathedral Leasing	Hygiene Services	£187.20	BACS
31.1.20	Chaser	Telephones	£79.51	DD
11.2.20	N Power	Church Electric	£138.59	DD
11.2.20	N Power	Cemetery Electric	£45.82	DD
19.2.20	Barclays	Bank Charges	£6	DD
18.3.20	Payroll	3 rd Party Payments Month 9	£2716.06	DD
28.2.20	Payroll	Nett Pay Month 10	£5874.44	DD
		TOTAL	£10216.97	

Petty Cash Cheque 106552 £200.00

EVPC 19/20/312 **Income Received**

February 2020

Customer Number	Description	Amount
Customer 6	Books	£19.99
Customer 6	Burial Fees	£68.00
Customer 2	Room Hire	£200
Customer 9	Room Hire	£70.0
Customer 1	Room Hire	£18.
Customer 12	Room Hire	£27.50
Customer 10	Room Hire	£14.
Customer 6	Allotment Rent Key Dep.	£30
Customer 29	Room Hire	£75
Customer 10	Room Hire	£17.50
Customer 6	Book Sales	£5
Customer 14	Burial Fees	£15
	Total Income	£594.99

RESOLVED: that information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 19/20/313 **Review of Outstanding Accounts**

The Clerk reported that there was an outstanding amount of £7.50 for allotment rent from 2018 which related to a quarter plot that had been let

due to problems with a tree. The Clerk requested that this amount be written off.

RESOLVED: that the £7.50 outstanding be written off.

EVPC 19/20/314

Request for Financial Assistance – NEPACS

Members gave consideration to a request from NEPACS for a donation which could be granted under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972.

RESOLVED: that no donation be given at this time.

EVPC 19/20/315

Effectiveness of Internal Control

Members gave consideration to the report of the Clerk on the effectiveness of internal control.

RESOLVED that the report be RECEIVED.

EVPC 19/20/316

Proposed New Photocopier

Members gave consideration to quotations received and the different options for a new photocopier. The Clerk advised that the quotations received were for 3 and 5 year leases and gave the different costs involved.

RESOLVED: that Option 3 be ACCEPTED.

EVPC 19/20/317

Durham County Council Pension Fund Funding Strategy (FFS)

The Clerk advised Members that she had reviewed the FFS from the Parish Council's point of view and found no concerns.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 19/20/318

Planning Applications

DM/20/00092/FPA – Proposed Residential Development of 96 Dwellings (inc Bungalows) with access, open space, SUDs and Landscaping. Provision of dedicated parking spaces and acoustic boundary fencing to boundary of the existing vehicle maintenance workshops at Site of Former Easington Village Workingmen's Club, Seaside Lane, Easington for Believe Housing/Esh Living (Previously Circulated)

DM/20/00376/TCA – Proposed Lateral Reduction of 1 No. Sycamore (TA) and Crown Lift and lateral Reduction of 1 No. Sycamore (T2) to give Building Clearance at Seaton Holme, Easington Village for Easington Village Parish Council

DM/20/00523/VOC – Proposed Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Permission DM/19/02591/VOC in respect of construction hours at Land to the North of Hackworth Road North West Industrial Estate, Peterlee for Pegasus Group Ltd

DM/20/00522/FPA – Proposed Dormer Window to Front Elevation (Resubmission of DM/19/03377/FPA) at 7 Essyn Court, Easington Village for Mr S Cummings

RESOLVED: that the Chairman and Councillor Robson meet with representatives from Believe Housing to discuss the planning application DM/20/0092/FPA and comments be submitted to the Planning Authority as deemed appropriate.

- EVPC 19/20/319 **Planning Approvals**
 DM/20/0053/FPA – Proposed Demolition of Existing Rubber Building and Replacement with Steel Framed Building at TRW Automotive, Mill Hill, North West Industrial Estate for TRW Automotive
 DM/20/00376/TCA – Proposed Lateral Reduction of 1 No. Sycamore (TA) and Crown Lift and Lateral Reduction of 1 No. Sycamore (T2) to give Building Clearance at Seaton Holme, Easington Village for Easington Village Parish Council
- RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC 19/20/320 **Planning Refusal**
 There were no planning refusals.
- RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC 19/20/321 **Planning Applications (Withdrawn)**
 There were no planning applications withdrawn.
- RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC 19/20/322 **Planning Appeals**
 There were no planning appeals.
- RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC 19/20/323 **Sea View House, Easington Village**
 Members gave consideration to correspondence received from Ryder and Associates prior to an application for planning permission, which the Parish Council would be consulted on once an application had been received and validated by the Planning Authority.
- RESOLVED** that the Chairman and Councillor Robson meet with the architect to discuss the application.
- EVPC 19/20/324 **Selective Licensing Consultation**
 Members gave consideration to correspondence received regarding Durham County Council's Consultation on Selective Licensing.
- RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC 19/20/325 **Temporary Road Closure – Unclassified 21.10 Petwell Lane**
 Members gave consideration to correspondence received from Durham County Council.
- RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.
- Councillors Morton and Robson declared a personal interest in the item and took no part in the discussion*
- EVPC 19/20/326 **New Premises Licence Application – Southside Social Club**
 Members gave consideration to correspondence received regarding a new premises licence application for the Southside Social Club.
- RESOLVED:** that no objections be raised.

EVPC 19/20/327

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.

EVPC 19/20/328

St Mary's Church – Floodlighting and Church Clock

Members considered the service contract for the Church Clock at St Mary's Church and agreed that the contract would continue to be reviewed every 3 years as per the current contract term.

Further discussion ensued regarding the supply of electricity to the church floodlights and their repair, maintenance and public liability. Confirmation had been previously received from Durham County Council (18.12.19) that although the churchyard was closed and maintained by the County Council this did not include the floodlights. The Clerk had contacted Easington PCC in January advising on the response from DCC and asking if they had anything further to report. The Clerk also offered a further meeting with the Parish Council to discuss the matter. To date no response had been received.

Members agreed that the Clerk contact the PCC again to advise that the payment of the electricity supply to the floodlights would continue until the end of the current contract and that further consideration would be given to the electricity supply upon receipt of confirmation of the safety of the floodlights and insurance cover.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk contact Easington PCC advising of the Parish Council's decision as detailed above.

EVPC 19/20/329

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 6th April 2020.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

Chairman

Date