

**THE MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2020**

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

Staff: Mrs G M Crute (Parish Clerk) and Mrs K Hall (Admin Assistant)  
Also Present: County Councillor A Surtees

EVPC 20/21/025 **Apologies for Absence**  
Apologies for absence were RECEIVED and APPROVED for Councillor L Morton.

EVPC 20/21/026 **Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**  
There were no declarations of interest.

**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 20/21/027 **Public Participation**  
There were no members of the public registered to speak.  
**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 20/21/028 **Minutes of the last Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020**  
**RESOLVED:** that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record, to be signed by the Chairman.

EVPC 20/21/029 **Matters Arising**

EVPC 20/21/009 **Annual Governance Statement 2019/20** – the 2019/20 Annual Return had been forward to the external audit.

EVPC/20/21/010 **Annual Accounting Statement 2019/20** – the 2019/20 Annual Return had been forward to the external audit.

EVPC/20/21/017 **L G Therapy** – The Clerk had advised the tenant of the Parish Council's decision.

EVPC/20/21/018 **Planning Applications** – The Clerk had submitted an objection to planning application DM/20/00809/FPA on the grounds detailed in the minutes.

EVPC/20/21/023 **St Mary's Church Floodlighting** – The Clerk had written to the PCC and had received a reply, which is detailed on the agenda.

**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 20/21/030 **Report of the County Councillor**  
County Councillor Surtees was in attendance and gave County Councillor Boyes' apologies. He was unable to attend he was participating in another virtual meeting.

County Councillor Surtees spoke about the challenges that the COVID19 lockdown arrangements had given the County Council and that a Community Together Response Team had been created to deal with the pandemic. The County Council's priorities had to be changed to deal with

the challenge of the pandemic. The County Council had to adapt to the ever changing situation and adjust its services accordingly.

She updated on the following points:-

- Dog Fouling
- Flower Beds
- Pot Holes (County Councillor Boyes dealing)
- Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)
- Planning Appeal for DM/19/00806/FPA – 56 Whitehouse Court, Easington Village
- County Council would be holding Virtual Meetings
- Planning Policy had to be amended to enable planning applications to be approved

A Member asked about the ongoing problems at the former Kings Head site. Councillor Surtees advised that investigations were taking place and she would report back to the Parish Council when she was able to do so.

**RESOLVED** that the information given, be RECEIVED.

The Chairman brought forward the item agenda 14 St Mary's Church – Floodlighting as County Councillor Surtees had some information to provide.

EVPC 20/21/031

### **St Mary's Church – Floodlighting**

County Councillor Surtees advised that she had been liaising with the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and the Parish Clerk and was able to advise that she and County Councillor Boyes would be working with the East Durham Area Action Partnership in order to provide the funding to enable the floodlights at the Church to be brought up to standard and have new LED lights fitted. The new LED floodlighting should reduce the cost of the electricity by up to 50%. County Councillor Surtees also advised that a condition of the funding would be that the PCC would have sole responsibility for the maintenance and insurance of the new floodlighting.

Members gave lengthy debate to the provision of the electricity supply for the floodlighting. It was considered that as the PCC had agreed to be responsible for the inspection and maintenance of the new floodlights and that they would be now be brought up to standard and also that the supply of the electricity costs would be reduced with the new floodlighting that the Parish Council would for one year pay the full amount of the electricity.

The cost of the electricity would be reviewed after one year and at that time Members would discuss whether they Parish Council would continue to pay the electricity supply for the floodlights, make a contribution towards the supply or pay nothing. Members felt that this would provide the PCC with the opportunity to budget for potential future electricity costs

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk contact the PCC to advise that the Parish Council would continue to pay for the electricity for 1 year and this would be reviewed in June 2021 at that point the Parish Council would consider whether they would continue to pay for the electricity supply, make a contribution to the supply or pay nothing. Any potential payment would be

conditional upon evidence of an inspection and maintenance programme being carried out and appropriate insurance cover.

*County Councillor Surtees left the meeting*

EVPC 20/21/032

**Police Matters**

Members gave consideration to the report of the Police, which had been previously circulated.

**RESOLVED** that

- i) the information given, be NOTED.
- ii) the Clerk report problems of speeding around the village but particularly along Seaside Lane, Sunderland Road
- iii) Councillor Surtees would enquire whether the speed survey previously undertaken on Stockton Road was still valid and would enquire about speed surveys to be undertaken Seaside Lane and Sunderland Road.

EVPC 20/21/033

**Seaton Holme – COVID19**

The Clerk advised Members that a risk assessment had been carried out in relation to the office and shared areas for Seaton Holme. All rooms, furniture and equipment had been sanitised. Daily sanitisation of communal areas took place and staff were responsible for their own work area. Tenants with rooms in the building were responsible for their own COVID19 risk assessments and area. A review would be taken of the risk assessments when Government Guidance dictated.

**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 20/21/034

**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 20/21/035

**Parish Council Financial Status – Bank Balances as at 31.05.2020**

The Clerk reported that the bank balances as at 31.05.20 were £189,185.41 in the Savings Account and £1000 in the Current Account totalling £190,185.41

**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED

EVPC 20/21/036

**Income and Expenditure Report to 31.05.20**

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

**RESOLVED** that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 20/21/037

**Bank Transfers**

The Clerk informed Members that the Transfers for May were £11,589.74 from the Savings Account and £1,148.52 from the Current Account.

**RESOLVED:** to ENDORSE the Transfers.

EVPC 20/21/038

**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;

**May 2020**

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO/ DD/BACS
20.2.20	Homecare	Nails, Staples, Netting, Sprays	32.50	106556
13.5.20	Greenhams	Cleaning Products	24.68	BACS
3.6.20	Durham CC	Payroll SLA	753.66	BACS
2.6.20	ES Solutions	Notice Board Deposit	442.44	
11.5.20	ICO	Data Protection Fee	35.	DD
2.6.20	ITC	Office 365	6.	DD
2.6.20	ITC	Cloud Back Up	7.20	DD
5.5.20	ITC	IT Support	30.00	DD
16.4.20	ITC	Wifi	132.	DD
17.4.20	ITC	Internet Call out	66.	DD
29.5.20	BNP Paradis	Telephones	39.60	DD
30.5.20	Chaser	Telephones	75.70	DD
29.5.20	N Power	Church Electric	97.29	DD
29.5.20	N Power	Cemetery Electric	32.40	DD
19.5.20	WAVE	Water SH	43.63	DD
17.05.20	Payroll	3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Payments Month 1	2728.18	DD
29.5.20	Payroll	Net Pay Month 2	5934.64	DD
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£10481.12</b>	

106555 Petty Cash Cheque £250

EVPC 20/21/038 **Income Received**

May 2020

Customer Number	Description	Amount
Customer 28	Burial Fees	£88.00
Customer 34	Burial Fees	£148.00
Customer 3	Room Hire	£20.00
Customer 11	Burial Fees	£254.00
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£510.00</b>

**RESOLVED:** that information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 20/21/039 **Planning Applications**

DM/20/01177/FPA – Proposed Extension to Agricultural Building for the Purpose of Covering Outside Feed Area for Livestock at Calf Close Farm, Easington for Mr A Wilson

DM/20/01382/HPN – Proposed Prior Notification for the Erection of a Single Storey Extension which would project beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse by 3.12m, for which the maximum height would be 3.5m and the maximum eaves height would be 2.6m at 4 Rymers Close, Easington Village for Mrs J Mordue

**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.

- EVPC 20/21/040      **Planning Approvals**  
 There were no planning approvals.  
**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.
  
- EVPC 20/21/041      **Planning Refusal**  
 There were no planning refusals.  
**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.
  
- EVPC 20/21/042      **Planning Applications (Withdrawn)**  
 There were no planning applications withdrawn.  
**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.
  
- EVPC 20/21/043      **Planning Appeals**  
 There were no planning appeals.  
  
**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.
  
- EVPC 20/21/044      **L G Therapy**  
 Members gave consideration to a letter of thanks received from L G  
 Therapy.  
**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.
  
- EVPC 20/21/045      **Durham County Council – COVID 19 Update**  
 Members gave consideration received from Durham County Council.  
**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.
  
- EVPC 20/21/046      **Members reports of their Attendance at Meetings and Events on  
 Behalf of the Parish Council**  
 Due to the COVID19 there had been no attendance by Members.  
**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.
  
- EVPC 20/21/047      **Date and Time of Next Meeting**  
 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July  
 2020 at 7.00 pm if we are able to meet in person otherwise Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July  
 at 10.30 am 2020 for a virtual meeting.  
**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

Chairman .....

Date .....