

**THE MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

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

Staff: Mrs G M Crute (Parish Clerk)

Also Present: County Councillor Surtees

EVPC 20/21/155 **Apologies for Absence**  
Apologies for absence were received from Councillor T Murray.

**RESOLVED:** that the apologies for absence were RECEIVED and APPROVED.

EVPC 20/21/156 **Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**  
There were no declarations of interest.

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

EVPC 20/21/157 **Public Participation**  
There were no members of the public registered to speak.

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

EVPC 20/21/158 **Minutes of the last Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

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

EVPC 20/21/159 **Minutes of the Cemetery and Grounds Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes and recommendations be APPROVED.

EVPC 20/21/160 **Matters Arising**

EVPC 20/21/135 **Report of the County Councillor** – the Clerk had contacted Councillor Surtees to advise of the Parish Council's suggested scheme to incorporate the history of the former Council Offices site and a request that the plaques be held in safe keeping by the Parish Council.

EVPC 20/21/136 **Asbestos Report** – the asbestos report was schedule to take place in the new year by Safe Strip UK.

EVPC 20/21/146 **Planning Applications** - the Clerk had submitted the Parish Council's objections/comments as detailed in the resolution.

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

EVPC 20/21/161

**Police Matters**

The Clerk read out to Members a copy of the report received from the Police.

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

EVPC 20/21/162

**Local Restrictions Support Grant**

The Clerk advised Members that she had successfully applied for the above Grant totalling £2968.50 for the ground floor of Seaton Holme Community Centre. The grant was available for businesses that had been affected by Local Restrictions. She also advised that a further grant had been received today of £467.00

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

EVPC 20/21/163

**Door Entry System**

The Clerk was awaiting a further quotation for a replacement audio system. She requested delegated authority to proceed with a replacement system as the current door entry system was in a poor condition.

**RESOLVED:** the Clerk be granted delegated authority to proceed with a new door entry system.

EVPC 20/21/164

**Sun Dial – Seaton Holme**

As previously discussed the Clerk had been unable to obtain a clear photograph of the sun dial that was on the front of Seaton Holme. She requested Members give consideration to the next course of action.

**RESOLVED:** that the Clerk contact Ray Lonsdale to ascertain a design and cost for consideration at a future meeting of the Parish Council.

EVPC 20/21/165

**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 20/21/166

**The Form Seat, Easington Village**

The Clerk advised Members that following enquiries regarding the Form Seat no ownership had been clarified. The seat was on an adopted highway and requests had been made to Durham County Council (DCC) to see if they were able to repair the seat. A quotation for repairs had been received in excess of £10,000. As a result of the high quotation DCC were not able to undertake the work. The Clerk had made enquiries of DCC to see if the Parish Council could have permission to undertake the work, which had been received. Enquiries had then been made to see if this work could be undertaken via a Section 106 Funding application from the Parish Council. In response it was confirmed that although agreement of funding could not be given at this point a project of this kind would be eligible for funding. If the Parish Council was to undertake the work to repair The Form Seat then it would be advisable to have a maintenance budget for any future work. The Clerk requested members views.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk obtain further quotations and report back to a future meeting of the Parish Council.

EVPC 20/21/167

**Parish Council Financial Status – Bank Balances as at 30.11.2020**

The Clerk reported that the bank balances as at 30.11.20 were £130,830.20 in the Savings Account and £1000 in the Current Account totalling £131,830.20

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

EVPC 20/21/168

**Income and Expenditure Report to 30.11.20**

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

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

EVPC 20/21/169

**Bank Transfers**

The Clerk informed Members that the Transfers for November were £17,609.93 from the Savings Account and £10,032.30 from the Current Account

**RESOLVED:** to ENDORSE the Transfers.

EVPC 20/21/170

**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.

**November 2020**

| DATE     | PAYEE           | DESCRIPTION                            | AMOUNT           | CHEQUE NO DD/BACS |
|----------|-----------------|--|------------------|-------------------|
| 18.11.20 | Darlington B.C. | Autumn Bedding & Compost               | £1353.35         | BACS              |
| 5.12.20  | Norton          | Anti-Virus                             | £70.83           | BACS              |
| 25.11.20 | Mazars          | Audit Fee                              | £480.            | BACS              |
| 9.11.20  | BNP Paribas     | Telephone Rental                       | £39.60           | DD                |
| 19.11.20 | Barclays Bank   | BACS Charges                           | £6.00            | DD                |
| 13.11.20 | Chaser Comm.    | Line Rental/Internet                   | £75.85           | DD                |
| 1.12.20  | Siemens         | Photocopier Rental                     | £114.02          | DD                |
| 1.12.20  | Octopus Energy  | Cemetery Electric                      | £19.82           | DD                |
| 1.12.20  | EDF Energy      | Church F/L Electric                    | £71.             | DD                |
| 6.11.20  | N Power         | SH Gas                                 | £1519.20         | DD                |
| 30.11.20 | ITC             | Cloud Mailbox                          | £6.              | DD                |
| 30.11.20 | ITC             | Cloud Back Up                          | £7.20            | DD                |
| 17.11.20 | Payroll         | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Payments Month 7 | £2836.13         | BACS              |
| 30.11.20 | Payroll         | Net Payments Month 8                   | £6900.94         | BACS              |
|          |                 | <b>TOTAL</b>                           | <b>£13499.94</b> |                   |

EVPC 20/21/171

**Income Received**

**November 2020**

| Customer Number | Description | Amount  |
|-----------------|-------------|---------|
| Customer 2      | Room Hire   | £298.00 |

Total Income **£298.00**

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

EVPC 20/21/172

**2021-22 Precept**

Members gave careful consideration to the report of the Clerk which had been previously circulated. After lengthy debate Members agreed that the precept be set at £138,579 which meant a Band D Council Tax of £174.71 which meant an increase of £0 per annum and 0% from 2020/21

**RESOLVED:** that the precept for 2021/22 be set at £138,579.

EVPC 20/21/173

**Planning Applications**

DM/20/03289/TPO – Proposed Various Works to Tree as detailed in Arboricultural Impact Assessment Tree Report at 22-26 Brook Fields, Little Thorpe for Mr Brent Ganley  
DRC/20/00385 – Proposed Discharge of Conditions 4 (foul drainage), 6 (internal highway network), 7 (external finishing materials), 8 (Hard surfaces), 9 (site levels), 10 (noise mitigation, plots 7-12), 11 (acoustic barriers) and 14 (landscaping scheme) of planning permission DM/20/0092/FPA at Site of former Easington Village Workingmens Club for Believe Housing

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

EVPC 20/21/174

**Planning Approvals**

DM/20/02110/FPA – Proposed Change of use from agricultural to equestrian, erection of stable block for personal use with associated menage and new vehicular access, gate and parking area at Land to the West of Moor House, Durham Lane, Easington for Lynda Collis  
DM/20/00809/FPA – Proposed Residential Two-Storey Side and Rear Extensions with New Enlarged/Increased Roof, Attached Side Garage, Replacement Fenestration and Landscaping Involving Change of Use to Access road and Garden Curtilage at Sea View House, The Green, Easington Village for Mr C Murphy

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

EVPC 20/21/175

**Planning Refusal**

There were no planning refusals.

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

EVPC 20/21/176

**Planning Applications (Withdrawn)**

There were no planning applications withdrawn.

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

EVPC 20/21/177

**Planning Appeals**

There were no planning appeals.

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

EVPC 20/21/178

**Members reports of their Attendance at Meetings and Events on Behalf of the Parish Council**

Due to COVID19 there had been no attendance by Members.

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

EVPC 20/21/179

**Report of the County Councillor**

County Councillor Surtees was in attendance and gave an update on the following issues:-

- Persimmon Development on former Council Offices Site following the Parish Council's request regarding plaques. They are to be cleaned and installed on the wall as per the original planning covenant. If the Parish Council wants to go forward with a history board then contact would need to be made direct with Persimmon
- Road Sweeper request for North Crescent was already scheduled to attend
- A member requested that the paths be cleaned along North Crescent. Councillor Surtees would make a request with the Clean and Green Team.
- Funding for an Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera for use in the Easington Division
- Covert cameras to be purchased
- Neighbourhood Budget to be used for Children's Activities for Easter and spring 2021.
- A Member advised that since the staggered times of dropping off and picking up of children at Easington Village Primary School had been in place the traffic problems along Hall Walks had eased substantially and enquired whether this could continue. Councillor Surtees said that as she was a Governor at the School she could raise this on behalf of the Parish Council
- Speed Survey had been requested along B1423

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

*The Chairman thanked Councillor Surtees for her attendance*

EVPC 20/21/180

**Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 6.00 pm.

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

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

Chairman .....

Date .....