

**THE MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 11TH JANUARY 2021**

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

Staff: Mrs G M Crute (Parish Clerk)

Also Present: County Councillor D Boyes

EVPC 20/21/181 **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Burn.

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

EVPC 20/21/182 **Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**
There were no declarations of interest.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 20/21/183 **Public Participation**
There were no members of the public registered to speak.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 20/21/184 **Minutes of the last Meeting held on 14th December 2020**

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

EVPC 20/21/185 **Matters Arising**

EVPC 20/21/163 **Door Entry System** – this is included on the agenda for update

EVPC 20/21/164 **Sun Dial** – this is included on the agenda for update

EVPC 20/21/166 **The Form Seat** – no update to provide at present.

EVPC 20/21/172 **2021/22 Precept** – the Precept Request had been submitted to Durham County Council

EVPC 20/21/179 **Report of the County Councillor** – Persimmon Development at former Council Offices Site – History Boards. Members to consider what action to take.

EVPC 20/21/174 **Sea View House, The Green** – Councillors Andrews, Lee and Robson had looked at the boundary lines for the Village Green and a more definitive map was required to find the exact boundary. The Clerk would look through the Parish Council's land ownership certificates and pass to Councillor Robson. It was recommended that this be item should be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

RESOLVED: that

- i) the information given, be NOTED;
- ii) the Clerk enquire as to whether Persimmon Developments would allow history boards to be installed in the Memorial Garden at the former Council offices housing development;
- iii) the Clerk forwarded necessary plans and documentation regarding the Village Green to Councillor Robson for inspection.

EVPC 20/21/186

Police Matters

The Clerk read out to Members a copy of the report received from the Police together with a response regarding parking of vehicles on Thorpe Road outside the Village Retreat and the Penfold.

RESOLVED that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 20/21/187

Report of the County Councillor

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

- Village Club Site problems with car parking in the area had been reported to Believe housing for action.
- North Crescent – Road sweeper had been requested
- Increase in anti-social behaviour from off-road bikes and quads. A request had been made for attendance of the Police off road bike team and an action plan was being put in place to deal with this issue
- Dog Fouling Problems – A leaflet was to be produced and circulated to advise residents on how to report dog fouling. If this issue is to be tackled effectively information from resident is vital to its success.
- Road Strategy for Easington Village had been delayed due to COVID restrictions ie Highways Officers were unable to undertake site visits.

A Councillor queried responsibility for taking away the debris left from the cutting back of hawthorn bushes. When the hawthorn bushes were cut back along Stockton Road the remaining debris had caused injury to a dog. Councillor Boyes would look into this matter and report back.

The Councillor also advised that there had been workmen surveying the Stockton Road area over the past two weeks. When a resident had approached them they advised that they were looking at installing street lighting. The Councillor enquired if County Councillor Boyes was aware of this. County Councillor Boyes advised that he was not aware of any proposal to install street lights in this area.

RESOLVED that the information given, be NOTED;

The Chairman thanked Councillor Boyes for his attendance

Door Entry System

In line with delegated authority received at the last meeting a new quotation had been received and accepted. The new door entry system had been installed and was working well.

RESOLVED: the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 20/21/189

Sun Dial – Seaton Holme

The Clerk had contacted Ray Lonsdale who had advised that he would be able to provide a sun dial for Seaton Holme. He had requested information regarding size and design in order to be able to provide an indication of cost.

RESOLVED: that

- i) a site meeting be arranged with Mr Lonsdale when Covid restrictions allowed;
- ii) the Clerk write to Mr Lonsdale to update him on the situation.

EVPC 20/21/190

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 20/21/191

Parish Council Financial Status – Bank Balances as at 31.12.2020

The Clerk reported that the bank balances as at 31.12.20 were £119,328.97 in the Savings Account and £915.29 in the Current Account totalling £120,244.26

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED

EVPC 20/21/192

Income and Expenditure Report to 31.12.20

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

RESOLVED that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 20/21/193

Bank Transfers

The Clerk informed Members that the Transfers for December were £12,379.51 from the Savings Account and £874.58 from the Current Account

RESOLVED: to ENDORSE the Transfers.

EVPC 20/21/194

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.

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHEQUE NO/DD/ BACS
13.12.20	Greenham	Hand Towels	£20.50	BACS
14.12.20	Wave	Cemetery Water	£41.15	BACS
15.12.20	TJ's Heating & DIY	Fire & Boiler Service	£455.	BACS
9.12.20	BNP Paribas	Telephone Rental	£39.60	DD
17.12.20	Barclays Bank	BACS Charges	£6.	DD
15.12.20	Chaser Communications	Line Rental/Internet	£79.68	DD
9.12.20	Wave	SH Water	£931.28	DD
23.12.20	N Power	SH Electric 25.9-22.12	£653.16	DD
30.12.20	Document Solutions	Photocopier Usage	£4.44	DD
30.11.20	Document Solutions	Photocopier Usage	£5.03	DD

31.12.20	ITC	Cloud Mailbox	£6.	DD
31.12.20	ITC	Cloud Back Up	£7.20	DD
8.12.20	Vince Elwick	Floodlight Repair SH	£89.87	BACS
28.1.21	RBS	Annual Support Fee	£70.80	BACS
14.1.21	RBS	Cemetery Software	£231.60	BACS
15.12.20	Payroll	3 rd Party Payments Month 8	£3489.20	BACS
22.12.20	Payroll	Net Payments Month 9	£6073.50	BACS
6.1.21	EDF	Church F/L Electric	£71	DD
8.1.21	Geo. Robinson	Decorating & DIY Products	£109.37	BACS
		TOTAL	£12204.01	

Petty Cash Cheque 106563 £250

EVPC 20/21/195 **Income Received**

December 2020

Customer Number	Description	Amount
Customer 22	Office Rent	£1,200.00
Total Income		£1,200.00

RESOLVED: that information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 20/21/196 **Planning Applications**

There were no planning applications.

RESOLVED: that information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 20/21/197 **Planning Approvals**

DM/20/02932/FPA – Proposed Detached Garage for Private Vehicle and Business Storage at Pear Tree Cottage, Pesspool Lane, Haswell for Mrs S Archer

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 20/21/198 **Planning Refusal**

DM/19/03904/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 (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) (amended plans received) at Land and Buildings West of Hallfield Drive, Hall Walk, Easington Village for Acland Homes Ltd for Acland Homes Ltd

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 20/21/199 **Planning Applications (Withdrawn)**

There were no planning applications withdrawn.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 20/21/200 **Planning Appeals**

There were no planning appeals.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 20/21/201

Centralised Custody Suite

Members gave consideration to correspondence received from County Durham Association of Local Councils (CDALC) regarding Durham Constabulary's proposal to provide a centralised custody suite.

RESOLVED: the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 20/21/202

Double Taxation

Members gave consideration to correspondence received from County Durham Association of Local Councils (CDALC) regarding a motion by Great Aycliffe Town Council that was put to the meeting of both the Larger and Smaller Councils Forum in November.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be RECEIVED and no comments made.

EVPC 20/21/202

East Durham AAP Annual Report 2019/20

Members gave consideration to the annual report of East Durham AAP which had been previously circulated.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 20/21/203

Priority Services Register Awareness

Members gave consideration to correspondence received from Citizens Advice County Durham.

RESOLVED: that the information give, be NOTED.

EVPC 20/21/204

Police Crime and Victim Commissioners Precept Consultation

Members gave consideration to correspondence received from the Police Crime and Victims Commissioner's office regarding the precept consultation.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

EVPC 20/21/205

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 20/21/206

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Monday 8th February 2021 at 6.00 pm.

RESOLVED: that the information given, be NOTED.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

Chairman

Date