

**THE MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021**

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

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

Also Present: County Councillor A Surtees

EVPC 20/21/207 **Apologies for Absence**  
There were no apologies for absence.

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

EVPC 20/21/208 **Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**  
There were no declarations of interest.

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

EVPC 20/21/209 **Public Participation**  
There were no members of the public registered to speak.

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

EVPC 20/21/210 **Minutes of the last Meeting held on 11 January 2021**

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

EVPC 20/21/211 **Minutes of the Cemetery and Grounds Committee held on 19 January 2021**

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

EVPC 20/21/212 **Matters Arising**

EVPC 20/21/189 **Sun Dial** – the Clerk had written to Mr Lonsdale to advise him that as soon as government guidance allowed a site meeting would be arranged to discuss the possibility of a sun dial at Seaton Holme.

EVPC/20/21/179 **Report of the County Councillor – History Boards** – this item had been placed on the agenda for consideration.

EVPC/20/21/174 **Sea View House, The Green** – this item had been placed on the agenda for consideration.

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

EVPC 20/21/213

**Police Matters**

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

**RESOLVED** that

- i) the information given, be NOTED.
- ii) an invitation be extended to the Chief Constable to attend a future Parish Council meeting to discuss issues surrounding traffic problems in Easington Village

EVPC 20/21/214

**Report of the County Councillor**

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

- Funding for flowers for Easington Village In-Bloom had been secured
- Seat to be installed outside of St Mary's Church facing onto Seaton Holme regarding Mental Health purchased via community funding
- Children Family and older persons activities around foods funded by both County Councillors
- Well being packs to be distributed within the Ward
- Café Together doing meal deliveries on a Thursday for £1
- Funding for ANPR camera
- Update provided on Village Club site regarding roads and parking
- Road Strategy for Easington Village is in abeyance until a site meeting can be held.
- To organise a meeting to discuss the Speed Limit reduction along the B1432
- Hedges encroaching onto footpaths along Sunderland Road. This is private land and DCC are contacting the landowner to undertake the works prior to nesting season

Councillor Murray requested that debris be removed once the hedges had been cut. Councillor Surtees advised that debris should be removed as part of the work.

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

*The Chairman thanked Councillor Surtees for her attendance*

EVPC/20/21/215

**Seaton Holme – Lime Washing**

The Clerk advised that there been some flaking of the limewash to the front of Seaton Holme near the main door. This had been reported to the contractors and it had been agreed that the repair work would be carried out when the weather improves.

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

EVPC 20/21/216

**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 20/21/217

**Parish Council Financial Status – Bank Balances as at 31.01.2021**

The Clerk reported that the bank balances as at 31.01.21 were £1000 in the Savings Account and £113,329.71 in the Current Account totalling £114,329.71.

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

EVPC 20/21/218

**Income and Expenditure Report to 31.01.21**

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

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

EVPC 20/21/219

**Bank Transfers**

The Clerk informed Members that the Transfers for January were £16,275.07 from the Savings Account and £10,275.81 from the Current Account

**RESOLVED:** to ENDORSE the Transfers.

EVPC 20/21/220

**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
12.1.21	Durham County Council	SLA Grasscutting Dog Bins	£3084.37	BACS
9.1.21	BNP Paribas	Telephone Rental	£87.60	DD
19.1.21	Barclays Bank	BACS Charges	£6.	DD
31.12.20	Chaser Communications	Line Rental/Internet	£75.70	DD
29.1.21	Document Solutions	Photocopier Usage	£10.72	DD
31.1.21	ITC	Cloud Mailbox	£6.	DD
31.1.21	ITC	Cloud Back Up	£7.20	DD
4.1.21	N Power	SH Gas	£1402.12	DD
20.1.21	Octopus Energy	Cemetery Electric	£25.98	DD
1.1.21	SLCC	Membership	£234.	BACS
14.1.21	Payroll	3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Payments Month 9	£2836.13	BACS
23.10.20	Co D'ham/D'ton Fire	Recovery cost for Fire Appliances	£698.40	BACS
29.1.21	Payroll	Net Payments Month 10	£2836.33	BACS
1.1.21	EDF	Church F/L Electric	£71	DD
28.1.21	Wave	Allotment Water	£59.67	DD
3.1.21	David Scott Tree Surgeon	Tree Report	£395	BACS
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£11836.22</b>	

EVPC 20/21/221

**Income Received**

22	Office Rent	£600.00
2	Room Hire	£49.50
3	Room Hire	£30.00
7	Allotment Rent	£40.00
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£719.50</b>

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

EVPC 20/21/222

**Request for Financial Assistance – Easington Village In-Bloom**

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

**RESOLVED:** that no donation be given and further information requested.

EVPC 20/21/223

**Request for Financial Assistance – Butterwick Hospice Care**

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

**RESOLVED:** that a donation of £100 be GRANTED.

EVPC 20/21/224

**Planning Applications**

DM/20/03784/FPA – Proposed Garage and Home Office Outbuilding to Rear of Property at 5 Mill Terrace, Easington Village for Miss Rachael Watson

DM/21/00016/FPA – Proposed Construction of Smoking Shelter to Rear at Southside Social Club, Southside, Easington Village for Mr Ronnie Walton

DM/21/00238/FPA – Proposed Erection of 1 No. Detached Two Storey Dwelling at Land West of Delgarth, Durham Lane, Easington Village for Mr and Mrs Coulbeck

DM/21/00278/FPA – Proposed Dormer window to front, dormer window and single storey extension with balcony above to rear at 20 The Spinney Easington Village for Mr R McCoy

**RESOLVED:** that

- i) information given, be NOTED.
- ii) that comments be made on DM/20/03784/FPA regarding the protection of existing trees in a conservation area, parking and traffic concerns
- iii) an objection be made on DM/21/00238/FPA regarding access/egress and parking concerns

EVPC 20/21/225

**Planning Approvals**

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

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

EVPC 20/21/226

**Planning Refusal**

There were no planning refusals

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

- EVPC 20/21/227 **Planning Applications (Withdrawn)**  
There were no planning applications withdrawn.  
**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC 20/21/228 **Planning Appeals**  
There were no planning appeals.  
**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC 20/21/229 **County Durham Association of Parish and Town Councils (CDALC)**  
Members gave consideration to correspondence received from County Durham Association of Local Councils (CDALC) regarding consultations being carried out by Durham County Council.  
**RESOLVED:** the information given, be NOTED.
- EVPC 20/21/230 **Section 106 Funding**  
The Clerk advised Members that the Parish Council had been successful in obtaining Section 106 funding for replacement play equipment on the Village Green. She had been in contact with the contractor who had estimated a 6-8 week lead in time.  
**RESOLVED:** that that Clerk write a notice to be displayed on the Parish Council's website and noticeboard.
- EVPC 20/21/231 **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/20/21/232 **Proposed History Boards/Artwork at Former Council Offices Site**  
The Clerk advised Members that she had been in contact with Gateway Plc who were the management company for the memorial garden. They were in agreement in principle to the history boards/artwork but once a proposal was agreed then this would need to be considered by residents in the area.  
**RESOLVED:** Councillor Day work with the Clerk to find a proposal for consideration by the Parish Council.
- EVPC/20/21/233 **Sea View House, The Green**  
The Clerk advised that Councillor Robson had provided evidence that the details provided on the planning application by the applicant showed a 4 metre distance from the fence line to the Village Green when in fact the maps showed a 3 metre distance from the fence line. Members felt that this information should be shared with the Planning Authority (Durham County Council) so that the information was available should the owner of Sea View House try to extend the width of the access road.  
**RESOLVED:** that the Clerk write to Durham County Council's Planning Department to advise them of the Parish Council's concerns.
- EVPC/20/21/234 **The Form Seat**  
The Clerk was awaiting quotations for the repair work to the Form Seat.  
**RESOLVED:** that the information given, be NOTED

EVPC 20/21/235

**Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 6.00 pm.

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

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

Chairman .....

Date .....