EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL CEMETERY & GROUNDS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 2025

AGENDA ITEM

East Durham College Supported Internship Clothing

C&G 24/25/060 (March 2025) It was **RESOLVED**: that the Internship would be a good way of supporting young people and prepare for a possible apprentice in 2026.

EVPC/24/25/166 (March 2025) **RESOLVED**: that the Council take on one East Durham College work experience volunteer for a maximum of two days per week between April to June 2025.

Background:

The candidate who was to be attached during April to June 2025 got a job and therefore never took post, and being so close to the end of the academic year there was not enough time to recruit another.

EDC offered up another candidate (JC) who has been on a course at Houghall College 2024/25 and is keen to work outdoors in a gardening / groundworks environment.

The candidate (who is 18 years old) visited EVPC on Wednesday 10 September with his mother and Supported Internship Job Coach and visited the cemetery and met with the groundworks staff.

He will start on Friday 19 September for one day per week, with the option of increasing to two days, and his working hours will be 0800-1600 hrs. (1530 hrs in wintertime). He will be accompanied by his Job Coach initially until he no longer needs that support. He will be reported on by his Job Coach and his EVPC mentor (Mr Hunter) at regular intervals and will attend college every Tuesday.

The period of the internship will last until the end of the academic year which is July 2026.

Proposal: That the candidate be suitably equipped with EVPC branded workwear clothing and safety equipment in line with that issued to other members of staff.