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Easington Village Parish Councillors,

You are summoned to attend the Easington Village Parish Council meeting to be held on **Monday 13TH April 2026 in the Milburn Room at Seaton Holme** commencing at 1800 Hrs.

Paul Moore
(Clerk)

AGENDA

1 Exclusion of Press and Public

The Council is requested to **RESOLVE** that in accordance with Section 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public may be excluded from the meeting for an item of business (**Agenda Item 18**) by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

2 Apologies for Absence - to consider for approval.

3 Declarations of Interest - to note any declarations in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and the Council's Code of Conduct.

4 Public Participation – to receive any representations or questions from members of the public in accordance with Standing Order 3 (e-g). (Members of the public are invited to address the Parish Council on matters relating to the agenda for up to 3 minutes per person during the public participation period which is not to exceed 15 minutes in total)

5 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Easington Village Parish Council held on Monday 09 March 2026 – to consider for approval.

6 Minutes of the Events Management Committee Meeting held on Monday 09 March 2026 – to consider for approval.

7 Police Report – to receive the neighbourhood police report of March 2026. (To follow)

8 Report from Durham County Councillors – to receive a County Councillors verbal report.

9 Member Reports - Attendance at Meetings and Events on behalf of the Parish Council – to receive any Member verbal reports.

10 Financial Report

Monthly Report - March 2026 - to consider for approval

Bank Balance Report at 31/03/2026

Bank Transfer Report to 31/03/2026

Expenditure Report to 31/03/2026

Income Report to 31/03/2026

- 11 **Monthly Cash & Bank Reconciliation.** A Councillor is requested to complete a cash and bank reconciliation during the week of 13-17 April 2026.
- 12 **Appointment of Internal Auditor FY 2026-27 – Mr Gordon Fletcher** – to consider for approval
- 13 **End of Year 2025-26 Internal Audit** – Booked for Thu 30 April & Fri 01 May 2026.
- 14 **Easington (St Mary’s) Brownies request for a donation** – to consider for approval
- 15 **Planning Applications**
- a. **Planning Applications** – Planning Weekly Lists March/April 26
- Weekly list 12 March 2026** – DM/26/00397/VOC
Land west of Aireville, Loaning Burn, SR8 3TX
- Weekly list 26 March 2026** – DM/26/00729/OUT
Land to north of 14 Shakespeare Terrace, SR8 3DT
- b. **Planning Decisions** – None to report
- c. **Planning Refusals** – None to report.
- d. **Planning Applications Withdrawn** – None to report
- e. **Planning Appeals / Objections** – None to report
- f. **Other Planning Matters:**
- Delegated Authority List 27 March 2026** – DM/25/00669/FPA Garden House, Rectory Farm, Hall Walks, SR8 3BS
- 16 **Report of Clerk – to receive a verbal update on items of interest to Council not covered elsewhere.**
- 17 **Date, Time, and Venue of the Next Meeting(s):**
- Annual Electors Meeting 2026 - Monday 11 May 2026 at 1800 Hrs.
- Annual Meeting of Council 2026 – Monday 11 May 2026 at 1815 Hrs
- Council Ordinary Meeting - Monday 11 May 2026 at 1830 Hrs.
- Cemetery & Grounds Committee Meeting – Monday 18 May 2026 at 1100 Hrs
- Events Management Committee Meeting – Monday 18 May 2026 at 1700 Hrs
- 18 **Exclusion of Press and Public - in accordance with Section 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960:**
- None

To: All Members - Easington Village Parish Council

Cc: Durham County Councillors
Cllr Louise Penders DCC
Cllr Howard Brown DCC
Cllr Louise Taylor DCC
EVPC Website
Public Notice Board

**ORDINARY MEETING OF EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT 1800 Hrs ON MONDAY 09th March 2026**

Present: Cllr W Day (Chair)
Cllr J Lee (Vice Chair)
Cllr J Ramshaw
Cllr A Lumsden
Cllr S Gibbins
Cllr A Dent
Cllr R Godfrey

Staff: Mr P Moore (Clerk to Council)
Mrs H Hall (Deputy Clerk)

In Attendance: Cllr Howard Brown DCC
2 members of the public

EVPC/25/26/274 Exclusion of Press and Public

The Council **RESOLVED** that in accordance with Section 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public may be excluded from the meeting for any item of business to be transacted by reason of the confidential nature.

EVPC 25/26/275 Apologies for Absence

Cllr N Fenwick
Cllr L Penders DCC
Cllr L Taylor DCC

EVPC 25/26/276 Declarations of Interest by members on items on the Agenda.

None

EVPC 25/26/277 Public Participation

None

EVPC/25/26/278 Minutes of the Cemetery & Grounds Committee Meeting held on Monday 09 February 2026

RESOLVED: That the minutes be confirmed as an approved and correct record, and as such were signed by the Chair.

EVPC/25/26/279 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Easington Village Parish Council held on Monday 09 February 2026

RESOLVED: That the minutes be confirmed as an approved and correct record, and as such were signed by the Chair.

EVPC/25/26/280

To receive an application for co-option from Mrs Claire Dale, a resident of Easington village.

Mrs Dale gave a short resume of her interest in being a Councillor and her working life.

RESOLVED: To accept Mrs Claire Dale as a co-opted Councillor.

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr Dale signed the declaration of acceptance of office and took a seat at the Council table.

EVPC/25/26/281

Durham Police Report (Easington PCSO's)

Easington Village Crime statistics and Anti -social behaviour incidents from the 7th February 2026 to 9th March 2026

Burglary- 1

- 06/03/2026 - Petwell Crescent – Residential (abandoned building)

Theft and Handling – 0

ASB – 0

Vehicle Crime – 2

- 12/02/2026 – Little Thorpe roundabout- Vehicle crash/ abandoned.
- 27/02/2026 – Thorpe Road – wind screen chipped.

Criminal Damage – 1

- 09/02/2026 – Easington Academy – damage to forestry.

There have been reports of opportunists trying home/ car door handles in and around Easington Village. Easington neighbourhood police team will make efforts to safeguard those that could have been affected by providing advice as well as reassurance.

The next PACT meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th March 2026 at 6pm at The Parish Rooms, Crawlaw Road, Easington SR8 3LP.

The next Drop-in session/Cuppa with a Copper will be held on Thursday 12th March at Seaton Holme 2pm to 3pm.

RESOLVED: That the information received is noted and accepted and that the Neighbourhood PCSO's and Neighbourhood Wardens be invited to future meetings.

EVPC/25/26/282

Report from Durham County Councillors

Cllr Brown DCC gave a verbal report on DCC and local issues including:

- Action on empty homes in east Durham area.
- Shotton day of action (Durham Police)
- Seaham Garden Village – potentially designated as a 'Care Village' and possibly two other sites by 2029.

- Future meeting with Durham Police and DCC CCTV Officer to discuss constraints on the use of CCTV in crime reduction / prevention.

EVPC/25/26/283

Member Reports – Attendance at meetings and events on behalf of the Parish Council

Smaller Councils Forum (Thu 19 Feb 26 – online) Clerk

CDALC Special Meeting (Sat 07 March 26 - online) Cllr Fenwick was unable to access the link.

EVPC/25/26/283(a)

Financial Monthly Report – February 2026 (Attached)

Bank Balance Report at 28/02/26

RESOLVED: that the Bank Balance Report be APPROVED

Bank Transfer Report to 28/02/26

RESOLVED: that the Bank Transfer Report be APPROVED

Expenditure Report to 28/02/26

RESOLVED: that the Expenditure Report be APPROVED.

Income Report to 28/02/26

RESOLVED: that the Income Report be APPROVED.

EVPC/25/26/283(b)

Request for a grant – Durham Hospitals Radio

This request was carefully considered but was unable to be approved.

RESOLVED: that the request for a grant be denied.

EVPC/25/26/283(c)

Monthly Cash & Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED: that Cllr Day would make a reconciliation of cash and bank on Wed 11 March 26.

EVPC/25/26/284

Planning Applications

- Planning Applications** – None to consider
- Planning Decisions** – None to consider
- Planning Refusals** - None to consider
- Planning Applications Withdrawn** – None to consider
- Planning Appeals / Objections** – None to consider
- Other Planning Matters** –
- Reserved matters application in relation to appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to planning application DM/19/03765/OUT for 29 dwellings. (Site of former Little Thorpe hospital)

- h. DM/25/02042/FPA Land to north of Hackworth Road NW Industrial Estate – Temporary planning permission for 40 years for construction & operation of a solar farm and battery energy storage system. – Cllr Ramshaw spoke on the proliferation of solar farms and BESS sites in east Durham area.

RESOLVED: That this information be received and noted.

EVPC/25/26/285

Location Filming Enquiry (Seaton Holme)

RESOLVED: That this information be received and approved should Seaton Holme be chosen as a filming location.

EVPC/25/26/286

Date and Time of Next Meeting (s)

Cemetery & Grounds Committee – Monday 13 April 2026 at 1100 hrs

Ordinary Meeting of Council – Monday 13 April 2026 at 1800 hrs

All Council meetings will take place in the Milburn Room, Seaton Holme unless otherwise stated.

RESOLVED: that the information given be NOTED.

EVPC/25/26/287

Exclusion of the Press and Public – In accordance with Section 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

Security Enhancement (Seaton Holme) - RESOLVED: that the information given be NOTED and APPROVED.

Letter of Complaint (Damage to Village Green) - RESOLVED: that the information given be NOTED and the Clerk is to raise the matter with DCC.

EVPC/25/26/288

Verbal Report from the Clerk on matters not covered elsewhere.

- Creative Youth lottery funding application
- Office 2 / Studio 2 re-decoration and improvements

It was **RESOLVED:** that the information as received be NOTED

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

Chairman

Date

Distribution / Publication:

All Easington Village Parish Councillors

EVPC Website

Councillor L Penders DCC

Councillor H Brown DCC

Councillor L Taylor DCC

**MINUTES OF THE EVENTS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 09 MARCH 2026**

Present: Councillor S Gibbins
Councillor R Godfrey
Councillor J Ramshaw

Staff: Mr P Moore (Clerk to Council)
Mrs H Hall (Deputy Clerk to Council)

EM **Exclusion of the Press and Public**
25/26/086

Not required

EM **Apologies for Absence**
25/26/087

None

EM **Declaration of Interest on Items on the Agenda – To note any**
25/26/088 declarations in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and the Council's Code of Conduct.

There were no declarations of interest.

Prior to the meeting beginning in earnest, Creative Youth presented their ideas and thoughts for the upcoming Easter Event and were able to share their enthusiasm for future events.

EM **Feedback and Lessons Learned (Previous Events)**
25/26/089

None

EM **Update on Planning for Future Council Sponsored Events**
25/26/085

- a. **Easter Event. (Sunday 29 March 2026)** This event is currently fully booked. Creative Youth will be providing ideas for children's activities and Magic Jack some entertainment.
- b. **Hanging Basket Competition. (July 2026)** This will take place in the week before the Summer Fair with judging taking place on Thu 23rd / Fri 24th July and the winners announced at the Summer Fair on Saturday 25th July. The prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd were vouchers obtained from the Garden Centre. John Delanoy has kindly agreed to sponsor the event again this year.
- c. **Summer Fair (Saturday 25 July 2026)** This will follow a similar theme to last year's successful event being aimed at a 'party in the park' with a small craft fair / artisan market attached. There will be a children's entertainer, a bar and catering has been booked (www.bootleggerbus.com). Singer / entertainer 'Charlie Boy

Sings' has been booked (confirmed) and East Durham Veterans are also attending.

- d. **Village Scarecrow Competition (August 2026)** This event will take place during the school holidays with the display period starting on Monday 17th August and Scarecrow judging taking place on Sunday 23 August.
- e. **Remembrance Day & Armistice Day 2026.** A wreath has been ordered for the Chair of Council to lay at the war memorial in St Mary's Church on Remembrance Day (Sunday 8th November). An Armistice Day Service will be held at Seaton Holme at 1055 hrs on Wednesday 11th November where the flag lowering will take place at 1100 hrs. A Bugler will play The Last Post / Reveille. Pupils from St Mary's CE Primary School will be invited to take part in the act of Remembrance.
- f. **Christmas Tree Lighting Event (Friday 04 December 2026).** An 18 foot tree has been ordered to be delivered on Monday 30 November 2026. This will be put up during the week with the aim of it being tested on Wed 02 / Thu 03rd December. The primary school children have been invited to Seaton Holme for carols on Friday 04 December and the Colliery Brass Band have been invited accompany the children's carols (TBC). Each child will receive a small gift and there will be refreshments (Tea / Coffee / warm squash) in Seaton Holme afterwards.

It was RESOLVED that the information be noted.

EM
25/26/086

How Haunted Podcast – Request to use Seaton Holme – to consider for approval a request for the use of Seaton Holme by the maker of the 'How Haunted' Podcast. This is not a commercial venture nor a dedicated paranormal group therefore falls outside of the scope of the normal EVPC charging parameters, but will still incur costs to Council by the 'out of hours' nature and the fact that a member of staff must open up for the group.

It was RESOLVED that the 'How Haunted' group be offered a concessionary rate of £300 for the evening of their podcast.

EM
25/26/0687

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday 018 May 2026 at 1700 hrs in the Milburn Room, Seaton Holme.

Councillors are respectfully reminded that items for consideration of inclusion on the agenda for this meeting are to be sent to the Clerk in writing no later than 1800 hrs on Monday 11 May 2026.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

CHAIR

DATE

Eastington Village Parish Council Monthly Financial Report for MONTH 12 - MARCH 2026

1. Bank Balance Report

Current	£8,000.00
Savings	£23,424.90
PSDF	£30,072.34
Cash on hand (CASHBOX)	£22.39
Total Cash Assets	£61,519.63

Total Income: £48,110.87
 Total Expenditure: £48,110.87

2. Bank Transfer Report

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (to)	AMOUNT (from)
02/03/2026	Transfer T1	Transfer from Savings Account		£2,256.93
10/03/2026	Transfer T2	Transfer from Savings Account		£1,166.46
12/03/2026	Transfer T3	Transfer from Savings Account		£338.43
13/03/2026	Transfer T4	Transfer from Savings Account		£970.00
16/03/2026	Transfer T5	Transfer from Savings Account		£702.57
19/03/2026	Transfer T6	Transfer from Savings Account		£6,123.27
23/03/2026	Transfer T7	Transfer from Savings Account		£1,672.73
24/03/2026	Transfer T8	Transfer to Savings Account	£16,103.39	
30/03/2026	Transfer T9	Transfer from Savings Account		£7,180.78
31/03/2026	Transfer T10	Transfer from Savings Account		£9,527.81

3. Expenditure Report

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	Payment Method	Invoice Number	FD Code	Status
02/03/2026	SSE Energy	Electricity Bill - SH	£185.60	DD	IV04112700	6801	Complete
02/03/2026	CF Corporate	Yealink Router Lease - FEEB	£55.20	DD	VI/0808132FEB26	6802	Complete
02/03/2026	Cathedral Hygiene	Hygiene Services - MAR	£97.50	DD	VI/17141391MAR26	6803	Complete
02/03/2026	Global Flooring	Laminate Flooring - Studio 2C	£590.00	Online	GFO-16679	6804	Complete
02/03/2026	SICC	Annual Membership Fee - PM	£316.00	Online	MEM/257771-1	6805	Complete
02/03/2026	DCC	SLA - Play Equipment VG	£529.92	Online	253254114	6806	Complete
02/03/2026	Steadfast	Alarm & Key Holding Services	£474.00	Online	23281	6807	Complete
02/03/2026	Franks Portlock	Monthly Water Testing	£51.97	Online	1036736	6808	Complete
02/03/2026	Post Office - 15.0102MARK(LK)R000	Cash Withdrawal - Petty Cash Top Up	£50.00	Card	Journal Entry (PM)	6809	Journal Entry
03/03/2026	Post Office Counter Credit (Village News)	Card Payment - Stamps / Stamp Top Up	£47.76	Card	1-675442	6810	Complete
09/03/2026	Barclays	BACS File Charges - MAR	£6.00	DD	816423	6811	Complete
09/03/2026	ADT	Alarm Services - MAR	£155.70	DD	59463903	6812	Complete
09/03/2026	M. Wood	Decorating Services - SH (Office 2 C)	£590.00	Online	INV06	6813	Complete
09/03/2026	ICCM	Cem Management Training - PM/HH 070726	£252.00	Online	20812	6814	Complete
11/03/2026	TJ Heating	Roof Repairs/Guttering - SH	£435.00	Online	INV132	6815	Complete
11/03/2026	Amazon	Archive Boxes - SH	£50.00	Online	GB305694227	6816	Complete
11/03/2026	Amazon	Cables Ties - SH	£14.97	Card	GB30563422754	6817	Complete
11/03/2026	Specialised Canvas (Flag Makers)	St George Flag (inc del)	£94.46	Card	317780/1	6818	Complete
11/03/2026	Maxwells	Hinges/Screws - Grounds	£24.00	Card	155996	6819	Complete
12/03/2026	Maxwells	Radiator Cover - Office 2C	£155.00	Card	156165	6820	Complete
13/03/2026	TJ Heating	New Sink / Wall Repair - Office 2	£610.00	Online	INV134	6821	Complete
13/03/2026	TJ Heating	Repairs / Leak in roof - SH	£360.00	Online	INV135	6822	Complete
16/03/2026	Home Bargains	Easter Supplies	£13.89	Card	338642	6823	Complete
16/03/2026	Home Bargains	Easter Supplies	£38.86	Card	338546	6824	Complete
16/03/2026	Home Bargains	Hinges/Screws - Grounds	£4.00	Card	58727	6825	Complete
16/03/2026	Maxwells	Easter Supplies	£3.87	Card	46043	6826	Complete
16/03/2026	Card Factory (Petelee Relo)	Easter Supplies	£6.00	Card	55994	6827	Complete
16/03/2026	Breath of Fresh Air - Petelee (Sun Up)	Gas Bill - SH	£912.82	DD	3871990	6828	Complete
17/03/2026	EDGC - British Garden Centres	Compost/Tubs - Grounds	£428.89	Card	17365	6829	Complete
18/03/2026	Maxwells	Radiator Cover - Office 2C	£215.00	Card	97941	6830	Complete
19/03/2026	DCC	Wages - MAR	£6,053.28	BACS	N/A	N/A	Wages Journal
19/03/2026	CF Corporate	Lease Rental - MAR	£105.60	DD	VI/0817817MAR26	6830	Complete

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	Payment Method	Invoice Number	Receipt Code	Status
23/03/2026	TJ Heating	Repairs / Outside Lights - SH	£620.00	Online	INV133	6831	Complete
23/03/2026	DCC	Repairs / Gate - Playground	£110.16	Online	235298768	6832	Complete
23/03/2026	M. Wood	Decorating Services - SH (Office 2C)	£60.00	Online	INV09	6833	Complete
23/03/2026	Rickerby	Tractor Repair - Grounds	£268.74	Online	415261	6834	Complete
23/03/2026	Greenham	Cleaning Supplies - SH	£70.94	Online	06/355406	6835	Complete
23/03/2026	Wave	Water Bill - SH	£572.89	DD	16293681	6836	Complete
24/03/2026	EE	Mobile Phone Bill	£53.39	DD	V0245040271	6837	Complete
24/03/2026	V Elwick & Son	Electrical Works (Power Outage 04/02)	£90.00	Online	24956	6838	Complete
24/03/2026	Glasdon UK Ltd	Hooded Bins - \$106	£2,341.87	Online	3191170	6839	Complete
24/03/2026	Glasdon UK Ltd	Berches Village Green - \$106	£5,095.52	Online	3191162	6840	Complete
26/03/2026	Amazon	Eye Wash Station - CEM	£29.74	Card	GB6040GRIZEFI	6841	Complete
29/03/2026	Chaser	Phone Bill - SH	£68.38	DD	80293	6842	Complete
27/03/2026	Wave	Water Bill - CEM 13/12 - 12/03	£86.55	DD	10742639001	6843	Complete
27/03/2026	SM Print	Lanyard - Clir Dale	£12.00	Card	56608	6844	Complete
30/03/2026	CF Corporate	Yealink Router Lease - MAR	£55.20	DD	V/0808132MAR26	6845	Complete
30/03/2026	Transfer T9	Transfer to Savings Account	£15,103.39	T9	T9	T9	Awaiting Omega
31/03/2026	Document Solutions	IT Services - MAR	£159.64	DD	366197	6846	Complete
31/03/2026	DCC	Wages - MAR	£9,385.17	BACS	N/A	N/A	Wages Journal

Total Expenditure:

£48,110.87

4. Income Report

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	Payment Method	Invoice Number	Receipt Code	Status
02/03/2026	A. Jones	Room Rent - FEB	£93.26	BACS	3432	EV258	Complete
02/03/2026	Transfer T1	Transfer from Savings Account	£2,256.93	T1	T1	EV260	Awaiting Omega
09/03/2026	C. Archibald	Paranormal Room Hire - Balance 28032026	£320.00	BACS	3391	T2	Complete
10/03/2026	Transfer T2	Transfer from Savings Account	£1,166.46	T2	T2	EV259	Awaiting Omega
12/03/2026	Scott Memorials	Memorial Permit - F/16	£80.00	020289/100479	CEM91	T3	Complete
12/03/2026	Transfer T3	Transfer from Savings Account	£338.43	T3	T3	T3	Awaiting Omega
13/03/2026	Transfer T4	Room Rent - FEB	£970.00	T4	T4	T4	Complete
16/03/2026	C. Martindale	Transfer from Savings Account	£196.87	BACS	3433	T5	Awaiting Omega
16/03/2026	Transfer T5	Room Rent - FEB	£702.57	T5	T5	T5	Complete
17/03/2026	J. Burnham	Room Hire - Feb	£260.00	BACS	3427	EV263	Awaiting Omega
18/03/2026	Scalp Inked	Room Rent - MAR	£419.50	BACS	3440	EV264	Complete
19/03/2026	Transfer T6	Transfer from Savings Account	£6,123.27	T6	T6	T6	Awaiting Omega
17/03/2026	Easington W/ (Lee)	Room Hire - March	£50.00	000002/100480	3428	EV262	Complete
23/03/2026	Kindred Spirit	Room Hire - 25032026	£30.00	BACS	3443	EV265	Complete
23/03/2026	Transfer T7	Transfer from Savings Account	£1,672.73	T7	T7	T7	Awaiting Omega
24/03/2026	R. Delaney	Interment Fee - F/22	£350.00	BACS	CEM93	EV266	Complete
24/03/2026	Transfer T8	Constituency Office - Annual Rental (Office 4/5)	£7,180.78	T8	T8	EV267	Awaiting Omega
30/03/2026	IPSA	Room Rent - MAR	£16,067.00	BACS	3441	EV268	Complete
30/03/2026	A. Jones	Room Rent - MAR	£93.26	BACS	3439	EV269	Complete
30/03/2026	L. Johnson	Room Hire - Sound Bath session	£25.00	BACS	CEM92	EV270	Complete
30/03/2026	R. Delaney	Purchase of Grave Fee - F/22	£170.00	BACS	3438	EV271	Complete
31/03/2026	Little Blossoms	Room Hire - MAR	£17.00	BACS	T10	T10	Complete
31/03/2026	Transfer T10	Transfer from Savings Account	£9,527.81	T10	T10	T10	Complete
Total Income:			£48,110.87				

AGENDA ITEM

EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING

APRIL 2026

Appointment of Internal Auditor for the financial year 2026-27 – Mr Gordon Fletcher – to consider for approval.

Extract from the Practitioners Guide 2026/27 (Governance and accountability for smaller authorities in England)

Assertion 6 — Internal Audit

We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.


To warrant a positive response to this assertion, the authority needs to have taken the following actions:

1.34 Internal audit - The authority needs to appoint an independent and competent person to undertake an effective internal audit to evaluate the effectiveness of its risk management, control and governance processes considering internal auditing guidance for smaller authorities.

1.35 The internal auditor must be able to demonstrate independence from the authority's financial decision making. The Clerk, RFO or members (or close associates such as family members of those individuals) are not considered independent from the authority's financial decision making.

1.36 Provision of information - The authority needs to ensure it has taken all necessary steps to facilitate the work of those conducting the internal audit, including making available all relevant documents and records and supplying any information or explanations required. The internal auditor is expected to inspect all documentation which should be supplied by the authority on request from the auditor.

1.37 Non-statutory guidance on internal audit can be found in Section 4.

 Outlook

Contact Us Form: Easington Village Brownies


From Parish Online Websites <no-reply@parish-online.co.uk>

Date Sun 22/03/2026 18:23

To Paul Moore <clerk@easingtonvillageparishcouncil.gov.uk>

The Brownies who meet weekly in St Mary's church hall are working towards their local history badge followed by a sleepover at Beamish. Our funds are very low having just had to pay £ 1000 for our yearly subscriptions. We have 13 girls and we were wondering if there are any grants available as we are looking to buy badges and badge books for our pack. Any would be much appreciated thank you .

Katharine BrownieLeader

Sent by: 

Sent from: Easington Village Parish Council



Weekly List of Planning Applications Received

Week Ending: 12 March 2026

The Planning Applications listed below have been received by Durham County Council since the publication of the previous list dated **6 March 2026**. Copy and paste the reference number from the weekly list into the search box on our online planning system using the attached link as follows:-
<https://publicaccess.durham.gov.uk/online-applications/>

You can also search for planning applications and appeals online, via the same link, using a keyword, application reference, postcode or by a single line of an address and view the current status of any application (including the decision if it has been made) and any comments or objections received.

If you register as a user of the system there are additional features which enable you to:

- post comments or objections online or directly to the case officer, if the consultation period is open
- receive email notifications of new planning applications based on your search criteria
- track individual application progress
- obtain information about applications in individual Wards or Parishes

If you need any help please view the [Planning System User Guide](#) or contact us at Planningsystemsupport@durham.gov.uk

Note for Members

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Elvet, Gilesgate And Shinccliffe/ No Parish/ East North	DM/26/00535/FPA	Gilmoor Vets	39 Sunderland Road Gilesgate Durham DH1 2LG	Change of use of the existing first floor flat from residential to office use for the existing veterinary business at ground floor level. Existing bedrooms would be used as offices and the kitchen and living space would be used for staff purposes.	Emma Price Delegated
Elvet, Gilesgate And Shinccliffe/ City Of Durham/ East North	DM/26/00552/AD	Star Pubs & Bars	The Shakespeare 63 Saddler Street Durham DH1 3NU	Erection of illuminated and non-illuminated signage to the exterior of the building and redecoration of the exterior walls	Hugo Robinson Delegated
Easington And Shotton/ Shotton/ East South	DM/26/00385/FPA	Mr Stephen Bond	Land To The South East Of 1 Fleming Field Shotton Colliery DH6 2JF	Detached outbuilding in garden adjacent to 1 Fleming Field, Shotton Colliery	David Richards Delegated
Easington And Shotton/ Easington Village/ East South	DM/26/00397/VOC	Eden Homes (Durham) Ltd	Land West Of Aireville Loaning Burn Easington Village SR8 3TX	Application for the variation of Condition 1 (approved plans) to allow for the resting of dwellings and amended land levels, and for the removal of Condition 2 (materials), Condition 7 (EV charging), and Condition 8 (bin store), as the required details have been submitted pursuant to application DM/24/03198/RM	Clare Walton Delegated



Weekly List of Planning Applications Received

Week Ending: 26 March 2026

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<https://publicaccess.durham.gov.uk/online-applications/>

You can also search for planning applications and appeals online, via the same link, using a keyword, application reference, postcode or by a single line of an address and view the current status of any application (including the decision if it has been made) and any comments or objections received.

If you register as a user of the system there are additional features which enable you to:

- post comments or objections online or directly to the case officer, if the consultation period is open
- receive email notifications of new planning applications based on your search criteria
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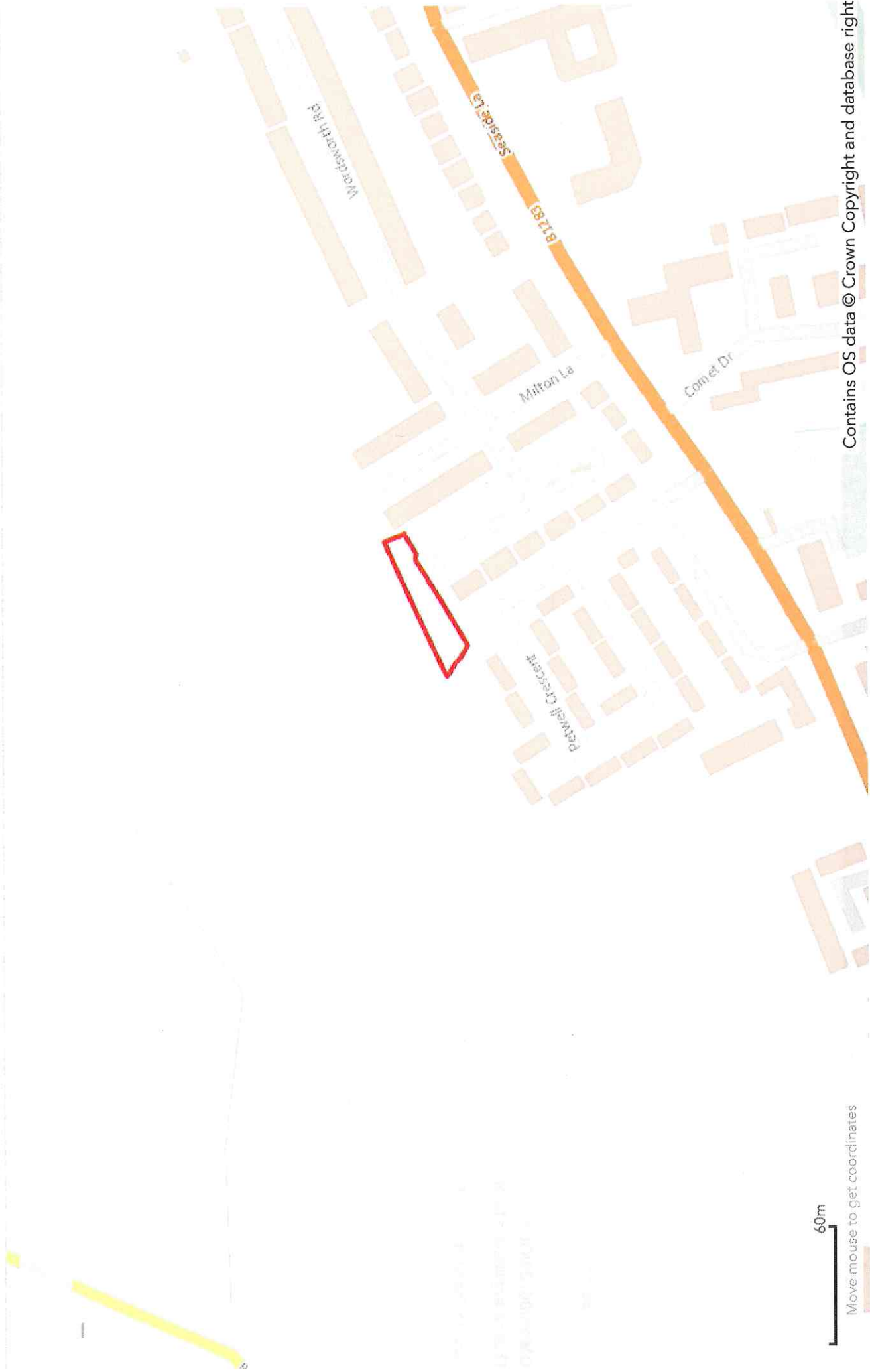
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Easington And Shotton/ Easington Village/ East South	DM/26/00729/OUT	Mr Brian Orchard	Land To The North Of 14 Shakespeare Terrace Easington Colliery SR8 3DT	Outline application for the erection of 2 no. dwellings with all matters reserved.	Michelle Penman Delegated
Framwellgate And Newton Hall/ Framwellgate Moor/ East North	DM/26/00468/TEL	H3G UK and EE Ltd	Telecommunications Mast Abbey Road Industrial Estate Pity Me DH1 5HB	Installation of lattice mast with 3no. antennas fixed to a headframe up to a maximum height of 25.4m (amended description).	Emma Price Delegated
Framwellgate And Newton Hall/ No Parish/ East North	DM/26/00703/FPA	Mr Chris Thompson	24 Lytton Road Newton Hall Durham DH1 5LS	Single-storey side extension	Amy Beveridge Delegated
Langley And Esh/ West North	DM/26/00564/FPA	DeFranco Ltd	Youth Centre Front Street Langley Park Durham DH7 9SG	Change of use to create two units - shop (Use Class E(c)) and office (Use Class E(g)(1)) - external alterations including creation of shop front, removal of 4 no. windows to be blocked up and installation of new UPVC windows to remaining, installation of cladding to the front elevation and demolition of existing stone porch.	Hilary Sperring Delegated



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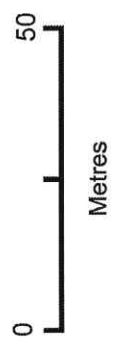
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APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

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To view full details of conditions attached to approvals or reasons for refusal please access individual applications via the Planning Public Access element of the Council's website at www.durham.gov.uk using the following link:

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Elvet, Gillesgate And Shincliffe/City Of Durham/East North	DM/26/00177/FPA NatWest Group	NatWest 12 Market Place Durham DH1 3NG	Alterations to facilitate level access for wheelchair users and persons with ambulant disabilities. Alterations to the main entrance door, including removal of the stone threshold steps. Lowering a portion of the internal floor with the provision of a platform lift.	Approved BNG Not Required 23rd March 2026
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Easington And Shotton/Easington Village/East South	DM/25/00660/FPA Stephanie Shone/Nicola Howard	Garden House Rectory Farm Hall Walk Easington Village Peterlee SR8 3BS	Change of use from agricultural use to an equestrian facility	Approved BNG Not Required 13th March 2026
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Easington And Shotton/Easington Colliery/East South	DM/26/00157/FPA Ms Danni Egan	9 Hazel Crescent Easington Colliery Peterlee SR8 3HP	Demolish existing outbuilding/extension and erect new 2 storey extension comprising utility room, WC/shower room and en-suite bedroom	Approved BNG Not Required 24th March 2026
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Calendar of Council & Sub Committee Dates for the Council Year 2026-2027

All Council and Sub Committee Meetings will be held in the Milburn Room, Seaton Holme unless otherwise stated.

Appeals and Staffing Sub Committees will meet on an 'As Required' basis.

The public are welcome to attend all Council meetings but may be excluded during certain items of business.

May 2026

Annual Assembly of Electors	Monday 11 May 2026	1800 Hrs	Burn Room
Annual Meeting of Easington Village Parish Council	Monday 11 May 2026	1815 Hrs	Burn Room
Ordinary Meeting of Council	Monday 11 May 2026	1830 Hrs	Burn Room
Cemetery & Grounds Sub Committee	Monday 18 May 2026	1100 Hrs	Milburn Room
Events Management Sub Committee	Monday 18 May 2026	1700 Hrs	Milburn Room

June 2026

Ordinary Meeting of Council	Monday 08 June 2026	1800 Hrs	Milburn Room
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July 2026

Cemetery & Grounds Sub Committee	Monday 06 July 2026	1100 Hrs	Milburn Room
Events Management Sub Committee	Monday 13 July 2026	1700 Hrs	Milburn Room
Ordinary Meeting of Council	Monday 13 July 2026	1800 Hrs	Milburn Room

August - No Meetings

September 2026

Cemetery & Grounds Sub Committee	Monday 07 September 2026	1100 Hrs	Milburn Room
Events Management Sub Committee	Monday 14 September 2026	1700 Hrs	Milburn Room
Ordinary Meeting of Council	Monday 14 September 2026	1800 Hrs	Milburn Room

October 2026

Ordinary Meeting of Council	Monday 12 October 2026	1800 Hrs	Milburn Room
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November 2026

Cemetery & Grounds Sub Committee	Monday 02 November 2026	1100 Hrs	Milburn Room
Events Management Sub Committee	Monday 09 November 2026	1700 Hrs	Milburn Room
Ordinary Meeting of Council	Monday 09 November 2026	1800 Hrs	Milburn Room

December 2026

Budget & Precept Sub Committee (Mtg 1)	Monday 07 December 2026	1700 Hrs	Milburn Room
Ordinary Meeting of Council	Monday 14 December 2026	1800 Hrs	Milburn Room

January 2027

Budget & Precept Sub Committee (Mtg 2)	Wednesday 06 January 2027	1700 Hrs	Milburn Room
Cemetery & Grounds Sub Committee	Monday 11 January 2027	1100 Hrs	Milburn Room
Events Management Sub Committee	Monday 11 January 2027	1700 Hrs	Milburn Room
Ordinary Meeting of Council	Monday 11 January 2027	1800 Hrs	Milburn Room

February 2027

Ordinary Meeting of Council	Monday 08 February 2027	1800 Hrs	Milburn Room
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March 2027

Cemetery & Grounds Sub Committee	Monday 01 March 2027	1100 Hrs	Milburn Room
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Ordinary Meeting of Council	Monday 08 March 2027	1800 Hrs	Milburn Room

April 2027

Ordinary Meeting of Council	Monday 12 April 2027	1800 Hrs	Milburn Room
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