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**TO: The Electorate of the Parish of Easington Village  
Members of Easington Village Parish Council**

01 May 2026

**THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF ELECTORS** for the **PARISH OF EASINGTON VILLAGE** will be held in the Liddell Room at Seaton Holme, Hall Walks, Easington Village on **MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026** at 1800 Hrs.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'WS Day'.

**Councillor WS Day  
Chair 2025/26  
Easington Village Parish Council**

### AGENDA

- 1 **TO RECEIVE** a copy of the minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting of Easington Village Parish held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025.
- 2 **TO RECEIVE** the annual report of the Chair of Easington Village Parish Council.
- 3 **TO RECEIVE** the report of the Parish Council Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026.
- 4 **TO CONSIDER** any resolutions of which due written notice has been given to the Chair or Clerk by the date of this notice.
- 5 **TO CONSIDER** any other urgent business or matter raised by the electorate.

Copy to:

Cllr L Penders DCC  
Cllr H Brown DCC  
Cllr L Taylor DCC

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF ELECTORS HELD OF EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH HELD ON MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025**

- Present: Councillor W Day (Chair)  
Councillors: J Lee, S Gibbins, A Lumsden, A Morton, J Ramshaw,
- Staff: Mr P Moore (Clerk to Council)  
Mrs H Hall (Deputy Clerk to Council)
- Apologies: Mr N Fenwick
- In Attendance: Ms A Dent, Ms R Godfrey, Cllr H Brown DCC and three members of the public.
- EVPC/AAE/25/001 **Minutes of the Meeting of the Annual Assembly of Electors** held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 were received and accepted.
- EVPC/AAE/25/002 **Report of the Chairman of the Parish Council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

During the past year the Council has continued to improve systems and procedures and to introduce more efficient working practices, in particular the joint caretaking arrangements, which has enabled more flexible working to accommodate various events and bookings. The Council has continued to press the County Highways Section for road improvements in and around the village, with little progress being made, despite meetings with all interested parties. Disappointingly, yet another large housing development was approved by the County Council, only by the Planning Committee Chairman's casting vote. I have no doubt that the Parish Council will continue to oppose any further such applications.

The Council has continued to stage new events, such as the Summer fair and a revived Scarecrow Competition. However, for me the event which sticks in my mind was the Armistice Ceremony on November 11<sup>th</sup>, a first for the village, an event which was very well attended, and which will now be held each year. Seaton Holme continues to attract bookings, in particular its popularity for ghost hunts, which brings in welcome income for the Council.

Financially the Council is on a firm foundation, despite the challenges of inflation and national policies. The Council will continue to carefully monitor spending and look for economies wherever it can.

I would like to thank Councillors Ritchie Parker and Arlene Childs for their service to Council, following their decisions not to stand for re-election.

Congratulations are in order to Paul for his success in becoming a fully qualified Local Council Clerk, and I would like to thank all our staff for their work and support this year.

Cllr Bill Day  
Chairman of the Council

**RESOLVED** that the report of the Chair be received and accepted.

- EVPC/AAE/25/003      **Report of the Accounts for the Parish Council for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025** The accounts for the financial year 2024/25 were received.
- RESOLVED** that the accounts be accepted.
- EVPC/AAE/25/004      **Resolutions of which Written Notice had been given to the Clerk or Chairman**
- None submitted.
- EVPC/AAE/25/005      **Any Other Urgent Business or Matter Raised by the Electorate**
- A member of the public spoke on his concerns that Persimmon Homes may be considering developing the field to the south of the village cemetery which lies between Thorpe Road and the A19. It had been noted that a surveyor from Persimmon Homes had made a survey of that field on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April. It is believed that the field belongs to the Diocese of Durham but is leased to a local farmer as grazing land.
- The public raised their concerns that there are already several planned developments around the village which if all come to fruition could potentially see around 1000 houses being built within the next five years with little or no added infrastructure support. In addition, to develop the Thorpe Road site traffic would have no choice but to enter and leave the site via the village green which would create an added hazard and disruption near to a busy school site.
- This situation is already a serious concern, and frustration is mounting that Durham County Council are not taking the concerns of the residents of Easington Village seriously.
- RESOLVED** that the Clerk would write to the Diocese of Durham, Durham County Council and Persimmon Homes in order to determine if there are any such plans.
- EVPC/AAE/25/006      The next Annual Assembly of Electors will take place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 1800 hrs.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

Chairman *W.D.J.* .....

Date *9<sup>th</sup> June 2025* .....

Chairman's report for the Year ended 31st March 2026.

Yet another year has passed by very quickly! The year has seen a number of changes, with members leaving and new ones co-opted, and at last we have a full council.

There have been changes too at county level with a wholesale shift from a coalition to a majority party. This has resulted in new faces at local ward level, with a good working relationship being formed.

Whilst for many years the council has opposed new housing developments without success, a new threat to the west side of the village in the form of planning applications for solar farm and battery storage installations. The council has joined with opposition groups to further raise awareness to the environmental effects and safety aspects of such developments.

The council has again this year staged its now well established events programme, and in particular the Armistice and Christmas events which were extremely well attended.

The council is facing increasing financial pressures, just like everyone, and continually looks for savings and efficiencies. However, there will be further pressures because of the current global situation. On the positive side all available rooms to let are occupied, maintaining a good revenue stream.

On the staffing side, we lost Margaret one of our caretakers, and appointed Dawn in her place. I would like to place on record my thanks to Paul and Hayley for their sterling work in dealing with the many problems which come their way. I would also like to thank all members for their support this year.



Bill Day,

Chairman of the Council

# EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL



ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED  
31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2026

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Balance Sheet at 31 March 2026

31st March 2025

31st March 2026

<b>Current Assets</b>		
614	TRADE DEBTORS	725
2,073	VAT RECOVERABLE	3,050
0	PREPAYMENTS	35,077
8,000	CURRENT BANK ACCOUNT	8,000
16,513	HI BUSINESS ACCOUNT	23,425
28	PETTY CASH	22
57,445	PUBLIC SECTOR DEPOSIT FUND	30,072
7,930	WAGES CONTROL	0
9,157	NI / PAYE Control	0
1,634	SUSPENSE	0
<u>103,394</u>		<u>100,371</u>
<b>103,394</b>	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>100,371</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
3,960	OTHER DEBTORS	0
4,200	PREPAYMENTS	0
337	TRADE CREDITORS	337
0	WAGES CONTROL	9,385
0	NI / PAYE Control	3,153
4,993	Pension Control	2,836
<u>13,490</u>		<u>15,711</u>
<b>89,904</b>	<b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b>	<b>84,660</b>
<b>Represented By</b>		
53,484	GENERAL FUND	48,240
36,420	Earmarked Reserves	36,420
<u>89,904</u>		<u>84,660</u>

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the Authority as at 31/03/2026 and reflects its Income and Expenditure during the year.

Signed : \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

Signed : \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_  
Responsible  
Financial  
Officer

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Detailed Profit & Loss Account  
at Month 12  
for year ended 31 March 2026

## Detailed Profit and Loss Account - Excluding Stock Movement

Month 12 Date 31/03/2026

<u>Account</u>	<u>Sales/Income</u>	<u>Month Actual</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>
1060	BURIAL FEES	542	4,992
1070	WILLERBY ENERGY RENT	(0)	0
1072	G M MORRIS, MP	16,067	16,067
1076	MISCELLANEOUS	10,726	23,108
1077	FUNCTN ROOM BOOKINGS	797	15,486
1078	ALLOTMENTS	0	2,115
1079	REFRESHMENTS	0	45
1085	GRANT FUNDING INCOME	0	9,670
1088	CLAIRE MARTINDALE RENT INCOME	0	760
1089	SCALP INKED RENT INCOME	420	4,896
1090	SPARE 10 FOR BEN RENT INCOME	0	4,987
1092	ANGELA JONES RENT INCOME	93	1,036
1176	PRECEPT	0	186,140
1190	HI BANK INTEREST REC	85	506
1191	PSDF INTEREST REC	124	2,628
	<b>Total Sales/Income</b>	<b>28,854</b>	<b>272,436</b>
<u>Account</u>	<u>Direct Expenditure</u>		
4070	EVENTS MNGT SUB CTTEE	55	1,882
	<b>Total Direct Expenditure</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>1,882</b>
	<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>28,799</b>	<b>270,554</b>
	<b>% Gross Profit to Sales</b>	<b>99.81%</b>	<b>99.31%</b>
<u>Account</u>	<u>Indirect/Overhead Expenditure</u>		
4002	HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENTS	0	790
4003	HORTICULTURAL	358	4,205
4004	TOOLS/MISC ITEMS	0	287
4005	PROTECTIVE CLOTHING	0	341
4007	REPAIRS & MAINTNCE	224	4,359
4008	FUEL	0	493
4009	REPLACEMENT	102	130
4010	GRASSCUTTING	0	4,048
4011	PLAY AREA MAINTNCE	533	898
4012	DOG BINS-MAINT/SUPPL	0	774
4013	GENERAL RATES	0	3,102
4014	WATER RATES	659	4,363
4015	CONTINGENCIES	0	57
4017	WAGES	1,512	169,054
4018	SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	808	10,236
4019	TELEPHONE	235	2,808
4020	INSURANCES	0	17,993
4021	COURSES & TRAINING	210	786
4022	SUBSCRIPTIONS	316	3,915
4023	DONATIONS	0	400
4024	AUDIT FEE	0	1,270
4025	BANK CHARGES	6	72
4026	GEN REV CONTINGENCY	0	270
4028	GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REG	0	47
4033	ELECTRICITY	252	3,377
4034	GAS	869	5,249

**Detailed Profit and Loss Account - Excluding Stock Movement****Month 12 Date 31/03/2026**

	<u>Month Actual</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>
4039 SECURITY ALARM	525	2,065
4040 FIRE ALARM	0	75
4041 MISC ITEMS	0	2,660
4043 S/H REPAIRS/MAINT	3,265	8,815
4049 TRADE WASTE	0	1,465
4052 REFRESHMENTS	0	291
4053 PETTY CASH WRITE OFF	5	405
4060 SECTION 106 SCHEME	6,198	9,670
4068 ERS NI	1,288	9,714
4069 ERS Pension	2,173	1,314
<b>Total Indirect/Overhead Expenditure</b>	<b>19,539</b>	<b>275,798</b>
<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>9,260</b>	<b>(5,244)</b>
<b>% Operating Profit</b>	<b>32.09%</b>	<b>-1.92%</b>

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Cash & Investment Reconciliation  
at 31 March 2026

## Easington Village Parish Council

### Bank - Cash and Investment Reconciliation as at 31 March 2026

	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Balance</u>	
<u>Bank Statement Balances</u>			
1	31/03/2026	CURRENT BANK ACCOUNT	0.00
2	31/03/2026	HI BUSINESS ACCOUNT	23,424.90
3	31/03/2026	Public Sector Deposit Fund	30,072.34
			<b>53,497.24</b>
<u>Other Cash &amp; Bank Balances</u>			
		PETTY CASH	22.39
			<b>22.39</b>
			<b>53,519.63</b>
<u>Receipts not on Bank Statement</u>			
0	31/03/2026	All Receipts Cleared	0.00
			<b>0.00</b>
<u>Closing Balance</u>			
<u>All Cash &amp; Bank Accounts</u>			
1		CURRENT BANK ACCOUNT	8,000.00
2		HI BUSINESS ACCOUNT	23,424.90
3		PUBLIC SECTOR DEPOSIT FUND	30,072.34
		Other Cash & Bank Balances	22.39
		<b>Total Cash &amp; Bank Balances</b>	<b>61,519.63</b>

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Supporting Statement

**EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2026**  
**SUPPORTING STATEMENT**

**ASSETS**

As at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026, the following assets were held:  
(See fixed assets register for detailed breakdown)

	Value
<b>Buildings &amp; Land</b>	
Seaton Holme (Council Headquarters)	£1
Cemetery Office/Workshop	£52,957
<b>Community Assets at Notional Value</b>	
Village Green	£1
Cemetery	£1
Petwell Lane Allotments	£1
Lee Terrace Allotments	£1
The Pinfold	£1
Children's Playing Field	£1
<b>Machinery/Equipment</b>	
Plant / Machinery / Equipment	£125,624.14
Play Equipment/Street Furniture/Misc	£25,512.62
Office Equipment/Machinery	£5350.00
Seaton Holme Furniture/Equipment	£18429.77
Other Miscellaneous Items	£500
	<b>£228,373.53</b>

**BORROWINGS**

No loans to the Councils were outstanding on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026.

**LEASES**

No leases to the Council were in operation on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026.

**DEBTS OUTSTANDING**

No debts to the Council outstanding on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026.

## TENANCIES

During the year the following tenancies (Council as Landlord) were held:

<b>Tenant</b>	<b>Property</b>	<b>Rent pa</b>	<b>Repairing/ Non-Repairing</b>
Claire Martindale Art Studio	Office 1	£2279.79	Non – Due July 2026
Clare Dale Spare 10 for Ben	Office 3 & Studio 2A	£4987.20	Non – Due April 2026
Angela Jones Holistic Harmony	Studio 2B	£1080.00	Non – Due November 2026
Hannah Janes Cosmetic Tattooing	Studio 2C	£240.00	Non – Due June 2026 (Short term trial lease)
Jonny Smith Scalp Inked	Studio 2D	£4680	Non – Due November 2026
G M Morris, MP	Offices 4 & 5	£15585	Non – Due March 2027

## SECTION 137 PAYMENTS

None

## AGENCY WORK

None

## ADVERTISING AND PUBLICITY

None

## PENSIONS

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026, the Council contributed to the pension scheme for all 7 of the Council's permanent employees.

## EARMARKED RESERVES (REVENUE)

Closing Balance at 31st March 2026

Current Bank Account	£8000.00
High Interest Business Account	£23,424.90
Public Sector Deposit Fund	£30,072.34
Cash on hand	£22.39
<b>Total</b>	<b>£61,519.63</b>

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Fixed Assets Register

<u>Group</u>	<u>Original Cost</u>	<u>Current Value</u>	<u>Insurance Value</u>
Buildings and Land	52,957.00	52,957.00	4,415,006.00
Council Regalia	500.00	500.00	500.00
Furniture and Equipment	18,429.77	18,449.77	18,430.77
Machinery and Equipment	125,624.14	125,624.14	125,348.14
Office Equipment & IT	5,350.00	5,350.00	5,350.00
Street Furniture	25,512.62	25,512.62	25,512.62
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>228,373.53</b>	<b>228,393.53</b>	<b>4,590,147.53</b>

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Annual Return for Year Ended  
31 March 2026

**ANNUAL RETURN**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026**  
**Easington Village Parish Council**

**SECTION 2 - THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

I certify that the accounts contained in this return present fairly the financial position of the council, are consistent with the underlying financial records and have been prepared on the basis of Income and Expenditure.

Responsible Financial Officer  Date

I confirm that these accounts are approved by the Council and recorded as council minute reference  Dated

Signed on behalf of the above Council (Chair)  Date

	<u>Last Year £</u>	<u>This Year £</u>	<u>General Notes for Guidance</u>
1 Balances brought forward	114,990	89,904	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of the previous year.
2 (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	166,392	186,140	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3 (+) Total other receipts	51,129	86,296	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.
4 (-) Staff costs	169,220	180,082	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.
5 (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).
6 (-) All other payments	73,386	97,598	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7 (=) Balances carried forward	89,904	84,660	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. [Must equal (1+2+3)-(4+5+6)]
8 Total value of cash and short term investments	81,985	61,520	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – To agree with bank reconciliation.
9 Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	0	0	The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.
10 Total borrowings	0	0	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).

The following documents should accompany the accounts when submitted to the auditor:

- \* A brief explanation of significant variations from last year to this year in Section 2;
- \* Bank Reconciliation as at 31 March

## Easington Village Parish Council

### Supporting Reserves Reconciliation for ANNUAL RETURN 31 March 2026

Explains the difference between boxes 7 & 8 on the Annual Return

<u>Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Last Year £</u>	<u>This Year £</u>
	<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>89,904.40</b>	<b>84,660.07</b>
101	TRADE DEBTORS	614.25	724.87
105	VAT RECOVERABLE	2,073.47	3,049.84
110	PREPAYMENTS	0.00	35,076.90
516	WAGES CONTROL	7,930.44	0.00
517	NI / PAYE Control	9,156.89	0.00
555	SUSPENSE	1,633.51	0.00
	<b>Less Total Debtors</b>	<b>21,408.56</b>	<b>38,851.61</b>
106	OTHER DEBTORS	3,960.00	0.00
110	PREPAYMENTS	4,200.00	0.00
501	TRADE CREDITORS	336.58	336.58
516	WAGES CONTROL	0.00	9,385.17
517	NI / PAYE Control	0.00	3,153.41
518	Pension Control	4,992.92	2,836.01
	<b>Plus Total Creditors</b>	<b>13,489.50</b>	<b>15,711.17</b>
	<b>Equals Total Cash and Bank Accounts</b>	<b>81,985.34</b>	<b>61,519.63</b>
201	CURRENT BANK ACCOUNT	8,000.00	8,000.00
202	HI BUSINESS ACCOUNT	16,512.95	23,424.90
210	PETTY CASH	27.56	22.39
211	PUBLIC SECTOR DEPOSIT FUND	57,444.83	30,072.34
	<b>Total Cash and Bank Accounts</b>	<b>81,985.34</b>	<b>61,519.63</b>

