

**ORDINARY MEETING OF EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT 1800 Hrs ON MONDAY 09<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> February 2026 to 9<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

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- 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 ..... *WSSy* .....

Date ..... *13/4/26* .....

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