

**ORDINARY MEETING OF EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT 1830 Hrs ON MONDAY 8th June 2026**

Present: Cllr W Day (Chair)
Cllr J Lee (Vice Chair)
Cllr J Ramshaw
Cllr A Lumsden
Cllr S Gibbins
Cllr C Dale
Cllr N Fenwick
Cllr R Godfrey

Staff: Mrs H Hall (Deputy Clerk)

In Attendance: Cllr L Penders DCC
Cllr H Brown DCC

Apologies: Cllr A Dent
Mr Paul Moore (Clerk)

EVPC 26/27/040 **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 26/27/041 **Declarations of Interest by members on items on the Agenda.**

None

EVPC 26/27/042 **Public Participation**

Member of the Public presented Council with concerns regarding Traffic in the Village with a focus of concern in and around Durham Lane. Issues raised included concerns with:

- An increase in traffic speed going through Durham Lane
- Car parking on Durham Lane at all times of the day, school times are a major concern.
- Cars passing on Durham Lane is a concern due to the road being very narrow

Member of Public informed by Council of Roads Working Group and invited to the initial Meeting on 25th June which will cover the area of concern.

RESOLVED: Council to write to DCC to chase up previous request regarding vegetation on the road. Council to write to DCC regarding traffic calming measure and speed reduction enforcement on Durham Lane. Cllr Howard Brown suggests that three separate requests be submitted to DCC via relevant departments.

- EVPC 26/27/043 **Minutes of the Annual Assembly of Electors Meeting of Easington Village Parish Council held on Monday 11 May 2026**
- RESOLVED:** That the minutes be confirmed as an approved and correct record, and as such were signed by the Chair.
- EVPC 26/27/044 **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Easington Village Parish Council held on Monday 11 May 2026**
- RESOLVED:** That the minutes be confirmed as an approved and correct record, and as such were signed by the Chair.
- EVPC 26/27/045 **Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of Easington Village Parish Council held on Monday 11 May 2026**
- RESOLVED:** That the minutes be confirmed as an approved and correct record, and as such were signed by the Chair.
- EVPC/26/27/046 **Minutes of the Cemetery & Grounds Committee Meeting held on Monday 18 May 2026**
- RESOLVED:** That the minutes be confirmed as an approved and correct record, and as such were signed by the Chair of Committee (Cllr Lee).
- EVPC/26/27/047 **Durham Police Report (Easington PCSO's)**
- Easington Village crime statistics and Anti -social behaviour incidents from the 6th of May 2026 to 3rd of June 2026
- Burglary- 0**
- Theft and Handling- 1**
- 17/05/2026- Carlton Terrace – Plant pot stolen from garden.
- ASB-**
- Personal – 1**
- 08/05/2026 – Easington C of E School - youths verbal argument.
- Nuisance- 0**
- Environmental - 0**
- Vehicle Crime- 3**
- 02/06/2026 – Seaside Lane – hire vehicle theft.
 - 21/05/2026 – Thorpe Road- Driver's side window damaged.
 - 21/05/2026 – West View – Driver's side window damaged.
- Criminal Damage-**
- 12/05/2026 – Low row – Bus stop damaged with brick- 1 suspect identified.
 - 13/05/2026 – Easington Academy – youths fighting at school, escalated with parents.
 - 18/05/2026 – Kings Mews – property windows damaged.

- 25/05/2026 – Thorpe Road – Property windows damaged.

Please make those in attendance aware 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.

Our next PACT meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th of July 2026 at 6pm at The Parish Rooms, Crawlaw Road, Easington SR8 3LP.

Please could it be mentioned that the PACT meetings are held for both the Colliery and the Village. PACT meetings are for Police issues and at this time are not joint meetings held with our local county councillor.

Our next Drop-in session/Cuppa with a Copper will be held on Thursday 16th of July at Seaton Holme 2pm and 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/26/27/048

Report from Durham County Councillors

Cllr Penders and Cllr Brown gave a verbal update on local matters.

I have been trying to chase a date for the traffic management order (yellow lines) to be installed but there is no update on this as of yet.

I will be chasing up the enforcement side of the Sunderland Road development.

A vehicle was damaged on a pothole around the water main on the junction of Sunderland Road/Seaside Lane. This is presumably why the temporary 4-way lights have now been put in place.

All of the road safety campaign meetings are in my diary, and I will be in attendance and assist where possible.

RESOLVED: that the County Councillor Reports for May 2026 be noted and accepted.

EVPC/26/27/049

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

Cllr Fenwick and Clerk attended the CDALC Smaller Councils Forum 21 May 26 on behalf of council. Cllr Fenwick gave a brief resume of key points covered.

It was **RESOLVED:** that the information as received be accepted.

EVPC/26/27/050

EVPC Monthly Financial Report – May 2026

Bank Balance Report at 31/05/26

RESOLVED: that the Bank Balance Report be APPROVED

Bank Transfer Report to 31/05/26

RESOLVED: that the Bank Transfer Report be APPROVED

Expenditure Report to 31/05/26

RESOLVED: that the Expenditure Report be APPROVED.

Cllr Ramshaw highlighted a concern with expenditure on dog waste bags.

RESOLVED: Concern be brought to the next Council Meeting as an agenda item.

Income Report to 31/05/26

RESOLVED: that the Income Report be APPROVED.

EVPC/26/27/051

Monthly Cash & Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED: that Cllr Lumsden would make a reconciliation of cash and bank during the week of 15 – 19 June 2026.

EVPC/26/27/052

Planning Applications

- a. **Planning Applications** – Planning Weekly Lists May-June 26
List 21 May 26 – DM/26/00593/FPA
List 28 May 26 – DM/26/01030/FPA
- b. **Planning Decisions – Delegated Authority List – 29 May 26**
DM/26/00397/VOC – Land west of Aireville, Loaning Burn (Approved)
DM/26/00986/FPA – 8 Shakespeare Terrace (Approved)
- c. **Planning Refusals** – None to report.
- d. **Planning Applications Withdrawn** – None to report
- e. **Planning Appeals / Objections** – None to report
- f. **Other Planning Matters:**

HM Land Registry correspondence 17 May 26

RESOLVED: That this information be received and noted.

EVPC/26/27/053

EVPC Allotment Management Policy 2026-29 – to consider for approval (previously reviewed and ratified by Cemetery & Grounds Committee 18 May 26)

RESOLVED: that the Allotment Management Policy 2026-29 be accepted.

EVPC/26/27/054

EVPC Cemetery Rules of Management (Amended June 2026) – to consider for approval

RESOLVED: that the Cemetery Rules of Management be accepted.

EVPC/26/27/055

Durham Fire Service Peterlee Sation Reduction of Crews – to consider EVPC response

Cllr Dale discussed concerns regarding reduced fire cover across Easington District addressing concerns raised by local residents.

RESOLVED: Cllr Dale to write to the Fire Service Authority and Chief Fire Officer requiring clarification on points raised and to invite a representative to the next Council Meeting.

EVPC/26/27/056

Verbal Report from the Clerk on matters not covered elsewhere.

Letter received from Easington Colliery Parish Council in recognition of support from EVPC at the Mining Anniversary Event. The letter was gratefully received and extended thanks given by Council.

PSTN Switch Off – Verbal Update. Item to be displayed on Council Publications, Website and Noticeboard for public awareness.

EVPC Staffing Committee – it is required that EVPC Staffing Committee is increased from three to five members. Cllr Lumsden and Cllr Dale appointed to Staffing Committee. Council in agreement.

Roads Management Working Group – Verbal update given by Cllr Ramshaw. First meeting will be held on Thursday 25th June 1800hrs Milburn Room (Public Meeting).

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

EVPC/26/27/057

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Cemetery & Grounds Committee Meeting – Monday 06 July 2026 at 1100 Hrs

Events Management Committee Meeting – Monday 13 July 2026 at 1700 Hrs

Council Ordinary Meeting - Monday 13 July 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/26/27/058

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

None

The meeting closed at 1945 hrs.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

Chairman

Date

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Councillor L Taylor DCC

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