

**ORDINARY MEETING OF EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT 1830 Hrs ON MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

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

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

In Attendance: Cllr L Penders DCC  
Cllr H Brown DCC

Apologies: Cllr R Godfrey  
Cllr N Fenwick  
Cllr A Dent

**EVPC 26/27/019 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 26/27/020 Declarations of Interest by members on items on the Agenda.**

None

**EVPC 26/27/021 Public Participation**

None

**EVPC/26/27/022 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Easington Village Parish Council held on Monday 13 April 2026**

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

**EVPC/26/27/023 Durham Police Report (Easington PCSO's)**

Easington Village crime statistics and anti -social behaviour incidents from the 8<sup>th</sup> of April 2026 to 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2026

Burglary – 0

Theft and Handling-0

ASB-

Personal – 1 – 16/04/2026 Laburnum Crescent, Male knocking on doors trying to sell kitchen utensils.

Nuisance – 1 – 09/04/2026 Seaside Lane, Issue regarding parking issues outside address' on Seaside Lane.

Environmental – 0

*WLD*

Vehicle Crime- 1 – 21/04/2026 Thorpe Road, Car windows damaged.

Criminal Damage-2

22/04/2026 Merrick house, Member of the public has kicked a radiator

04/05/2026 Cranford Terrace, Vehicle Tyres slashed.

Note: Be 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.

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

The next Drop-in session/Cuppa with a Copper will be held on:  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 2pm at Easington Library  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026 at 2pm at Seaton Holme (re-scheduled meeting)  
Thursday 16th July at Seaton Holme at 2pm.

Councillors noted that it had been a while since the PCSO's had attended a Parish Council meeting to report in person. In addition, each report seems to be very vague and not representative of the actual incidents known to be taking place around the village.

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

EVPC/26/27/024

### **Report from Durham County Councillors**

Cllr Penders spoke on the following:

Closure of Easington Police Station on Seaside Lane – Easington PCSO's are currently based out of Seaham Police Station 5 miles away, despite Peterlee station being only 2 miles away. Lack of Easington PCSO's patrolling Easington Village and Colliery lately is probably due to them being used on ASB tasks in Seaham rather than being deployed in Easington as they should be. It is known that local people want to see 'Bobbies on the beat' in the parish. It is noted that the Parish Council have not been informed of the imminent closure of the Easington Police House.

The Sunderland Road Development – still an unacceptable amount of mud and gravel from the site on the roads in the village as well as heavy traffic negotiating the central crossroads, and vehicles associated with the site parking in nearby streets causing a problem for residents.

*WSD*

DCC Easington Parking Measures Consultation – the response date is 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

The Garth Footpath (Easington village) – this had been trimmed by DCC staff however, the footpath itself needs clearing due to soil encroaching on the overall width of the path.

Cllr Brown spoke on the following:

Durham Bus Station – work about to start.

Cockerells on allotments – a ban on cockerels is still in place and owners have one year in which to remove them.

House purchase for SEND provision: 25 houses will be bought around the County for SEND provision which will be cheaper than the sum allocated on the daily rate at present.

Thornley Tip Closure – This is an essential local resource. It is essential that DCC know how important it is to residents.

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

EVPC/26/27/025 **Member Reports – Attendance at meetings and events on behalf of the Parish Council**

None

EVPC/26/26/026 **EVPC Internal Audit Annual Report 2025/26**

**RESOLVED:** that the EVPC Internal Audit Report for 2025/26 be approved and accepted.

EVPC/26/27/027 **EVPC RFO Report on the Effectiveness of Internal Control**

**RESOLVED:** that the EVPC RFO Report on the Effectiveness of Internal Control for 2025/26 be approved and accepted.

EVPC/26/27/028 **EVPC Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026**

**RESOLVED:** that the EVPC Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026 be approved and accepted.

EVPC/26/27/029 **EVPC Annual Governance Statement 2025-26**

**RESOLVED:** that the EVPC Annual Governance Statement 2025/26 be approved and accepted.

EVPC/26/27/030

**EVPC Asset Register 2025/26**

**RESOLVED:** that the EVPC Asset Register be approved and accepted.

EVPC/26/27/031

**Notice of Appointment of Date for the Exercise of Public**

**RESOLVED:** that the following dates shall apply and be duly notified:

Date of announcement: Friday 29 May 2026

Inspection Period: Wednesday 03 June 2026 to Tuesday 14 July 2026

EVPC/26/27/032

**Financial Monthly Report – April 2026**

**Bank Balance Report at 30/04/26**

**RESOLVED:** that the Bank Balance Report be APPROVED

**Bank Transfer Report to 30/04/26**

**RESOLVED:** that the Bank Transfer Report be APPROVED

**Expenditure Report to 30/04/26**

**RESOLVED:** that the Expenditure Report be APPROVED.

**Income Report to 30/04/26**

**RESOLVED:** that the Income Report be APPROVED.

EVPC/26/27/033

**Monthly Cash & Bank Reconciliation**

**RESOLVED:** that Cllr Dale would make a reconciliation of cash and bank during the week of 11-15 May 2026.

EVPC/26/27/034

**Planning Applications**

**a. Planning Applications**

b.

23 April 2026 – DM/26/00986/FPA (Shakespeare Terrace, Easington)

30 April 2026 – DM/26/01043/FPA (Stockton Rd, Easington)

c. **Planning Decisions** – None to consider

d. **Planning Refusals** - None to consider

e. **Planning Applications Withdrawn** – None to consider

f. **Planning Appeals / Objections** – None to consider

g. **Other Planning Matters** – None to consider

**RESOLVED:** That this information be received and noted.

EVPC/26/27/035

**To form working groups – Seaton Holme Future Repairs & Highways.**

It was resolved that two working groups will be formed to look at the following items / issues reporting back to Council as required:

**Seaton Holme Long-Term Maintenance & Repairs Working Group**

Cllr Day  
Cllr Lee  
Cllr Dale  
Cllr Lumsden

**Easington Village Highways Working Group**

Cllr Ramshaw  
Cllr Gibbins  
Cllr Godfrey  
Cllr Dent  
Cllr Fenwick

**RESOLVED:** That two working groups be formed under the terms of reference attached.

EVPC/26/27/036

**Staff Annual Leave Policy & Procedures (Revision)**

**RESOLVED:** that the Staff Annual Leave Policy & Procedures be accepted and adopted.

EVPC/26/27/037

**Verbal Report from the Clerk on matters not covered elsewhere.**

**Kings Speech – 13 May 26** Two possible items of interest:

1. Possible introduction of legislation to allow remote and hybrid meetings in England.
2. Possible reform of Councillor standards regime.

**2<sup>nd</sup> FOI Request** – response due by 13 May. Probably by email to Chair.

**DCC Parking restrictions – Comment by 15 May 26**

Email sent to all Cllrs on 22 Apr. Only one reply with comment.

(possible comments are:)

Increased yellow lines / no waiting may push the parking problem further out into neighbouring streets & residential areas.

(We already have parking issues at SH & St Mary's Close associated with the school)

Any new measures need plenty of pre-media output from DCC and School.

New measures also need enforcement action once in place.

New traffic crossing person has made a big difference. Unfortunately, she has received abuse.

New Cleaner / Caretaker in place & already a great team member.

Clerk on leave in Normandy, France 25-29 May.

*WAD*

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

EVPC/26/27/038

**Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Council Ordinary Meeting - Monday 08 June 2026 at 1800 Hrs.

Cemetery & Grounds Committee Meeting – Monday 18 May 2026 at 1100 Hrs

Events Management Committee Meeting – Monday 18 May 2026 at 1700 Hrs

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

**RESOLVED**: that the information given be NOTED.

EVPC/26/27/039

**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 1930 hrs.

**CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD**

Chairman ..... *WSD* .....  
Date ..... *8<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026* .....

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