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To Councillors:

Cllr J Lee (Chair), Cllr W Day, Cllr A Lumsden, Cllr A Dent, Cllr J Ramshaw,
Mr W Hunter, (Cemetery Superintendent) & Mrs H Hall (Deputy Clerk)

THE CEMETERY AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE will meet on **MONDAY 06 July 2026** at **1100 Hrs** in the Milburn Room.

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EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL

CEMETERY AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Agenda

1 **Exclusion of Press and Public**

The Council is asked 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 any item on the agenda 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 of interest 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 Cemetery & Grounds Sub Committee 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 previous meeting held on Monday 18th May 2026** – (Previously ratified at Council on Mon 08 June 2026)

6 **Play Equipment Inspection Report** – to consider Play Inspection Reports to July 2026. (Note – electronic format only due to size of document)

7 **Allotments Report** – (Deputy Clerk) - to consider for approval.

8 **Cemetery Supervisor Report** – (Mr Hunter) to consider for approval.

9 **Request for installation of a memorial bench (Cemetery)** – to consider for approval

10 **Request for installation of a gate (SR Allotment)** – to consider for approval

11 **Report from the Clerk on any further cemetery or grounds issues** – for information.

12 **Date and time of next meeting** – Monday 7 September 2026 at 1100 Hrs in the Milburn Room.

13 **Exclusion of Press and Public**- in accordance with Section 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

14 None notified.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CEMETERY AND GROUNDS
COMMITTEE HELD ON Monday 18th May 2026 at 1100hrs**

Present: Cllr J Lee (Chair)
Cllr J Ramshaw
Cllr A Lumsden
Cllr W Day

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

Apologies for
Absence Cllr A Dent
Mr W Hunter

Apologies were **NOTED**.

In Attendance: None

C&G **Exclusion of the Press and Public**
26/27/001

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Section 2 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public may be excluded from the meeting for any item on the agenda by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

C&G **Declaration of Interest on Items on the Agenda** – To note any
26/27/002 declarations in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and the Council's Code of Conduct.

Cllr Lee (Allotment holder)

Declaration - **NOTED**

C&G **Public Participation**
26/27/003

None

C&G **Previous Minutes**
26/27/004

The minutes of the previous Cemetery & Grounds committee meeting held on Monday 09 February 2026 were ratified at a meeting of Council on Monday 09th March 2026.

C&G **Play Inspection Reports**
26/27/005

Play Inspection Report were received and circulated electronically due to file size.

RESOLVED: that the Play Equipment Inspection report be accepted.



C&G
26/27/006

Allotments Report from Deputy Clerk

The Deputy Clerk noted that at this time of year there is very little to report regarding the allotments as such, but in general, the condition of the allotments is good. A couple of allotment holders have been written to in order to remind them that they must make progress. The allotment track could do with strimming so the grounds team will be tasked with that.

RESOLVED: that the Allotments Report be accepted.

C&G
26/27/007

Cemetery Supervisor Report

No report

RESOLVED: that the absence of the Cemetery Supervisor report be noted.

C&G
26/27/008

Allotment Security

A recent break-in and theft of a log burner (none of which has been formally reported to police nor the Parish Council) prompted discussion regarding allotment security. The council hold a number of trail cameras which could be made available to individual allotment holders upon request on the understanding that any footage is passed to police at the appropriate time.

RESOLVED: that four trail cameras be made available to allotment holders on request.

C&G
26/27/009

Allotment Management Policy 2026-29

RESOLVED: that the Allotment Management Policy 2026-29 be approved and adopted.

C&G
26/27/010

Cemetery - Residential Rate Request (Plot F23)

RESOLVED: that the request for a residential rate for Plot F23 be denied as the request falls outside of the scope of the Cemetery Rules.

C&G
26/27/011

Cemetery – Memorial Installation Request (Plot E96)

RESOLVED: that the request for a memorial to be installed on Plot E96 (Public Plot) be denied.

RESOLVED: that the cemetery rules be amended specifically to mention that no memorials are to be placed on public graves, but a memorial garden plot may be obtained for such purposes.

C&G
26/27/012

Report of the Clerk on any further cemetery or grounds issues

Equipment Servicing – Rickerby Ltd

We currently have 2 x strimmers and 2 x lawnmowers in for service at Rickerby's. This is taking some time as they are apparently having difficulty obtaining spares due to the age of the machines which are all Husqvarna. We are chasing this up.

Rickerby recently came out to fix the cutting bed on a tractor.

Summer Bedding Plants

These are due in the first week of June. Date tbc.

Enhanced Security – Cemetery Workshop – the new fuel storage locker has been installed in the container. The proposed roller doors will be fitted in the near future.

C&G
26/27/013

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday 06 July 2026 at 1100 hrs in the Milburn Room of Seaton Holme.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

CHAIR *J Lee*

DATE *8.6.26*

[Signature]
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AGENDA ITEM – Request for installation of a memorial bench

From: Andrew Barker <Andy@orgtree.me>
Sent: 26 June 2026 13:03
To: Deputy <deputy@easingtonvillageparishcouncil.gov.uk>
Cc: brdriana1947@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Burial Plot - Durham Lane Easington Village

Dear Members of the Parish Council,

I am writing on behalf of my aunt, Audrey, following the recent loss of her husband, George.

Audrey is a lifelong member of Easington Village community. She was born and raised in Easington and remains very much part of the local community.

George, too, was well known and warmly remembered by many. Among many things, he served as a policeman in the area, and after retiring became a qualified chef, something he pursued for the love of it rather than as work. Together with a partner, Audrey and George also set up and ran a small village sandwich shop.

George contributed to village life in quiet but meaningful ways. He cooked for community events, and many people will remember his roasts, soups, and the care he put into feeding others. He was also musical, privately wrote poetry, and was known by those close to him as a kind, caring, and significant presence in the lives of the people around him.

Audrey cared devotedly for George through many years of illness, until his declining health eventually took him from us. Thanks to your help, she now has a plot in the cemetery for both George's ashes and, in the future, her own. Her wish is to place a bench there, so she has somewhere peaceful to sit, remember him, and feel close to him.

This bench would not only be for Audrey. George and Audrey's wider family and friends would also value having somewhere to sit with her, share memories, and talk about his life. It would also offer comfort to others visiting the cemetery to remember their own loved ones. In that sense, it would be more than a memorial to one man. It would be a small, practical place of rest and reflection for the village community.

Cemeteries are not only places of loss. They are places where the lives of those who shaped and enriched the community continue to be remembered. George was one of those people. He gave to Easington in his own quiet way, through service, food,

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friendship, care, and community spirit. Audrey's request is simply for a bench that allows those memories to be held with dignity.

We understand the Council may have concerns about setting a precedent, maintenance, location, or the appearance of the cemetery. Audrey and the family would be very willing to understand the Council's concerns and discuss them to achieve most appropriate position, style, wording, and any reasonable conditions required.

We would be very grateful if the Parish Council could give this request sympathetic consideration and allow Audrey, George's family, friends, and others in the community a place to sit, reflect, and remember.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Barker, Nephew and friend

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AGENDA ITEM – Request for installation of an allotment gate (SR25)

The allotment holder of plot SR25 has requested to install a gate on the track outside of his allotment to prevent the dumping of cuttings / weeds etc .



Note: Dumping of allotment waste has become a nuisance in recent months and the solution may be to encourage individual allotment holders to compost as much as possible but also install a collective composting area somewhere within the allotment area.