

Easington Village Parish Council Monthly Financial Report for MONTH 4 - JULY 2026

1. Bank Balance Report

Current	£8,000.00
Savings	£5,442.46
P&IDF	£70,936.43
Cash on hand (CASHBOX)	£79.28
Total Cash Assets	£84,458.17

2. Bank Transfer Report

02/07/2026	Transfer T1	Transfer to Savings Account	£585.76	£281.58
03/07/2026	Transfer T2	Transfer from Savings Account		
08/07/2026	Transfer T3	Transfer to Savings Account	£5,734.51	
08/07/2026	Transfer T4	Transfer from Savings Account		£343.70
14/07/2026	Transfer T5	Transfer from Savings Account		£350.80
15/07/2026	Transfer T6	Transfer from Savings Account		£362.11
17/07/2026	Transfer T7	Transfer from Savings Account		£5,785.58
20/07/2026	Transfer T8	Transfer to Savings Account	£389.90	
21/07/2026	Transfer T9	Transfer to Savings Account	£480.00	
23/07/2026	Transfer T10	Transfer from Savings Account		£1,012.80
29/07/2026	Transfer T11	Transfer from Savings Account		£2,566.67
30/07/2026	Transfer T12	Transfer from Savings Account		£350.00
31/07/2026	Transfer T13	Transfer from Savings Account		£9,726.24

3. Expenditure Report

EXPENDITURE		PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	Payment Method	Invoice Number	FD Code	Nominal Code	Status
01/07/2026	Cathedral Hygiene	Hygiene Services - JUL		£97.50	DD	VII/171391JUL26	6949	4043/3	Complete
02/07/2026	Transfer T1	Transfer to Savings Account		£585.76	T1	T1	T1	4018/2	Complete
03/07/2026	IOS	Stationary Order (back order)		£21.58	Online	212120	6950	4018/2	Complete
03/07/2026	Peterlee TC	Playing Fields - Removal of goal posts/restate ground		£180.00	Online	CZ692	6951	4011/1	Complete
03/07/2026	Hi Shine Cleaning	Window Cleaning SH - JUN26		£80.00	Online	332974	6952	4043/3	Complete
06/07/2026	Barclays	Bank Charges - JUL		£18.22	DD	B46448	6953	4025/2	Complete
07/07/2026	Transfer T3	Transfer to Savings Account		£5,734.51	T3	T3	T3	4013/1	Complete
08/06/2026	DCC	Business Rates - CEM JUL		£119.00	DD	57200UJL26	6954	4013/3	Complete
08/06/2026	DCC	Business Rates - Office 6 JUL		£105.00	DD	59600UJL26	6955	4013/3	Complete
08/06/2026	DCC	Business Rates - SH 0107-3107		£155.70	DD	60226685	6956	4039/3	Complete
10/07/2026	East Durham Garden Centre	Alarm Services - SH 0107-3107		£120.00	Card	1783869	6957	4070/3	Complete
10/07/2026	East Durham Garden Centre	Hanging Basket Prizes		£38.00	Card	1783870	6958	4003/1	Complete
14/07/2026	Amazon	Stationary/ Summer Fair Supplies		£12.55	Online	67545	6959	4070/3	Complete
14/07/2026	Amazon	Summer Fair Supplies		£11.99	Online	GB66DXPABE1	6960	4070/3	Complete
14/07/2026	Rickerby	Summer Fair Supplies		£376.15	DD	GB66MXXVKTOMT1	6961	4070/3	Complete
15/07/2026	DCC	Service/Repairs - Grounds Equipment		£92.06	DD	4196-26/27/28	6962	4049/1	Complete
15/07/2026	DCC	Trade Waste - CEM JUL		£100.38	DD	Z70444136UJL26	6963	4009/3	Complete
15/07/2026	DCC	Trade Waste - SH JUL		£169.67	Card	270444141UJL26	6964	4008/1	Complete
15/07/2026	Acres Rigg Filling Station	Fuel - Grounds		£1.50	Card	TR161	6965	4018/2	Complete
15/07/2026	CO-OP Easington Post Office	Stationary - Parcel Wrap		£2,365.39	BACS	Wages	N/A	N/A	Complete
17/07/2026	Wages	Wages - JUL		£3,054.22	BACS	Wages	N/A	N/A	Complete
17/07/2026	Siemens	Lease Rental - 1607-1510		£118.81	DD	8824505	6967	4018/2	Complete
17/07/2026	Crown Gas & Power	Gas Bill - SH JUN		£245.66	DD	4022015	6968	4034/3	Complete
20/07/2026	Pennywise Easington	Craft Items, Summer Fair		£4.00	Card	587315	6969	4070/3	Complete
20/07/2026	CF Corporate	Lease Rental - JUL		£389.90	DD	V10817817JUL26	6970	4019/2	Complete
20/07/2026	Transfer T8	Transfer to Savings Account		£480.00	T9	T9	T9	4070/3	Complete
21/07/2026	Transfer T9	Transfer to Savings Account		£38.85	Card	3864559	6971	4070/3	Complete
22/07/2026	J.R Holland	Cocorns - Summer Fair		£913.95	Online	06/371631	6972	4018/3	Complete
23/07/2026	Greenham	Cleaning Supplies - SH		£38.79	Online	94350	6973	4003/1	Complete
23/07/2026	Aldor Division	Tree Survey - EYPC 17/07/2026		£3.00	DD	V02495175634	6974	4019/2	Complete
24/07/2026	EE	Mobile Phone Bill - JUL		£3.00	Card	10724	6975	4070/3	Complete
27/07/2026	Boothlegger Bus	Door Mat - SH		£22.06	Card	GB66SYP1ABE1	6976	4018/3	Complete
27/07/2026	Amazon	Cables Ties - SH		£16.50	Card	GB66SHY1ABE1	6977	4018/3	Complete
27/07/2026	Maxwells	Cable Ties - Grounds			Card	54639	6978	4018/1	Complete

29/07/2026	CF Corcorate	Lease Rental - JUN	E55.20	DD	VJ/0808132JUL26	6979	4019/2	Complete
28/07/2026	Chaser Comms	Telecom Services - JUL	E68.72	DD	81524	6980	4019/2	Complete
29/07/2026	SSE	Electricity Bill - SH 01/01/2025 - 31/05/2026	E2,367.72	DD	IV04682192	6981	4033/3	Complete
30/07/2026	JR Productions	Entertainment Package - Summer Fair	E600.00	Online	INV145	6982	4070/3	Complete
30/07/2026	SG. Atchinson	Singer - Summer Fair (Charlie Boy Sings)	E150.00	Online	EVPC290728PA	6983	4070/3	Complete
30/07/2026	Document Solutions	IT/Copier Services	E190.60	DD	374389	6984	4018/2	Complete
31/07/2026	Wages	Wages - JUL	E9,535.64	BACS	Wages	N/A	N/A	Complete

Total Expenditure:

£28,925.84

4. Income Report

INCOME		PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	Payment Method	Invoice Number	Receipt Code	Nominal Code	Status
DATE									
01/07/2026	H. Janes	Room Rent - JUL	E200.00	BACS	3492	EV2311	1093/3	Complete	
02/07/2026	A. Jones	Room Hire - JUL	E93.26	BACS	NEED INVOICE	EV2312	1092/3	Complete	
02/07/2026	J. Burnham	Room Hire - JUN	E300.00	BACS	3474	EV2313	1077/3	Complete	
30/06/2026	Believe Housing (Future Homes)	Room Hire - Public Consultation 04062026	E90.00	BACS	3473	EV2314	1077/3	Complete	
03/07/2026	Scott Memorials	Memorial Permit C/28A	E30.00	014923/100488	CEM102	EV2315	1060/1	Complete	
03/07/2026	Transfer T2	Transfer from Savings Account	E281.58	T2	T2	EV2317	1077/3	Complete	
06/07/2026	Kindred Spirits	Paranormal - Hire Deposit 15012027	E100.00	BACS	CEM101	EV2318	1060/1	Complete	
07/07/2026	Cochranes Funeral Directors	Interment Fee E/275	E460.00	BACS	3481	EV2319	1090/3	Complete	
07/07/2026	Spare 10 for Ben	Annual Room Rent 26/27	E5,162.73	BACS	3482	EV2320	1076/2	Complete	
07/07/2026	W. Milne	Summer Fair - Stall	E12.00	BACS	3483	EV2321	1076/2	Complete	
08/07/2026	L. Palmer	Summer Fair - Stall	E12.00	BACS	3484	EV2322	1076/2	Complete	
08/07/2026	Spuds & Lather	Summer Fair - Stall	E12.00	BACS	3484	EV2322	1076/2	Complete	
08/07/2026	Transfer T4	Transfer from Savings Account	E343.70	T4	T4	EV2323	1076/2	Complete	
10/07/2026	J. Collwill	Summer Fair - Stall	E24.00	BACS	3485	EV2324	1088/3	Complete	
10/07/2026	C. Martindale	Room Rent - JUN	E196.87	BACS	3477	EV2324	1088/3	Complete	
14/07/2026	Transfer T5	Transfer from Savings Account	E350.80	T5	T5	EV2324	1088/3	Complete	
15/07/2026	Transfer T6	Transfer from Savings Account	E362.11	T6	T6	EV2324	1088/3	Complete	
17/07/2026	Transfer T7	Transfer from Savings Account	E5,785.58	T7	T7	EV2324	1088/3	Complete	
20/07/2026	Scalp Inked	Room Rent - JUL	E419.50	BACS	3493	EV2326	1089/3	Complete	
20/07/2026	Little Blossoms	Room Hire - JUL	E80.00	BACS	3487	EV2327	1077/3	Complete	
21/07/2026	Nouvo Welbeing	Room Hire - MAY	E240.00	BACS	3464	EV2328	1077/3	Complete	
21/07/2026	Nouvo Welbeing	Room Hire - JUN	E240.00	BACS	3475	EV2329	1077/3	Complete	
22/07/2026	C. Martindale	Summer Fair - Stall	E24.00	BACS	3494	EV2331	1076/2	Complete	
23/07/2026	Transfer T10	Transfer from Savings Account	E1,012.80	T10	T10	EV2330	1077/3	Complete	
27/07/2026	Easington WI	Room Hire - Jul	E50.00	000009/100489	3486	EV2330	1077/3	Complete	
29/07/2026	Transfer T11	Transfer from Savings Account	E2,566.67	T10	T10	EV2332	1076/2	Complete	
30/07/2026	Post Office Counter Credit (EVPc)	Cash Income - Summer Fair	E400.00	CASH	3495	EV2332	1076/2	Complete	
30/07/2026	Transfer T12	Transfer from Savings Account	E350.00	T12	T12	T12	T12	Complete	
31/07/2026	Transfer T13	Transfer from Savings Account	E9,726.24	T13	T13	T13	T13	Complete	

Easington Village Parish Council Monthly Financial Report for MONTH 5 - AUGUST 2026

1. Bank Balance Report

Current	£8,000.00
Savings	£22,301.26
PSDF	£41,167.25
Cash on hand (CASHBOX)	£79.28
Total Cash Assets	£71,547.79

2. Bank Transfer Report

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (to)	AMOUNT (from)
03/08/2026	Transfer T1	Transfer to Savings Account	£601.53	
05/08/2026	Transfer T2	Transfer to Savings Account	£3,183.04	
07/08/2026	Transfer T3	Transfer from Savings Account		£360.00
11/08/2026	Transfer T4	Transfer from Savings Account		£917.13
17/08/2026	Transfer T5	Transfer from Savings Account		£295.26
18/08/2026	Transfer T6	Transfer to Savings Account	£419.50	
19/08/2026	Transfer T7	Transfer from CCLA		£30,000.00
19/08/2026	Transfer T8	Transfer to Savings Account	£24,443.91	
21/08/2026	Transfer T9	Transfer from Savings Account		£267.48
28/08/2026	Transfer T10	Transfer from Savings Account		£9,949.31

3. Expenditure Report

EXPENDITURE	DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	Payment Method	Invoice Number	FD Code	Nominal Code	Status
	03/08/2026	Barclays	Bank Charges - AUG	£19.23	DD	160726	6985	4025/2	Complete
	03/08/2026	Cathedral Hygiene	Hygiene Services - AUG	£97.50	DD	V/17139AUG26	6986	4043/3	Complete
	03/08/2026	Transfer T1	Transfer to Savings Account	£601.53	T1	T1	T1	T1	Complete
	05/08/2026	Transfer T2	Transfer to Savings Account	£3,183.04	T2	T2	T2	T2	Complete
	07/08/2026	AED Medical	Medical Cover - Summer Fair	£125.00	Online	INV-0119	6987	4070/3	Complete
	07/08/2026	CDS	Intruder Alarm Annual Maintenance - CEM	£235.00	Online	INV-15952	6988	4039/1	Complete
	10/08/2026	Home Bargains	Cleaning Supplies (Bleach / Air Freshner) Bulk	£8.05	Card	275345	6989	4018/3	Complete
	10/08/2026	DCC	Business Rates - CEM AUG	£119.00	DD	57200AUG26	6990	4013/1	Complete
	10/08/2026	DCC	Business Rates - Office 6 AUG	£105.00	DD	59600AUG26	6991	4013/3	Complete
	10/08/2026	ADT	Alarm Services - SH 0108 - 3108	£155.70	DD	60421606	6992	4039/3	Complete
	11/08/2026	Wave	Water Rates - SR Allotments 2804 - 2707	£721.00	DD	1681030	6993	4014/4	Complete
	11/08/2026	Sue Ryder Petreflee	Scarecrow Items	£5.25	Card	169719	6994	4070/3	Complete
	17/08/2026	DCC	Trade Waste - SH AUG	£100.38	DD	27044414AUG26	6995	4049/3	Complete
	17/08/2026	Crown Gas & Power	Trade Waste - CEM AUG	£92.06	DD	270444136AUG26	6996	4049/1	Complete
	18/08/2026	Transfer T6	Gas Bill - SH JUL	£136.82	DD	4044261	6997	4034/3	Complete
	19/08/2026	Wages	Transfer to Savings Account	£419.50	T6	T6	T6	T6	Complete
	19/08/2026	CF Corporate	Wages - AUG	£5,420.49	BACS	Wages	6998	N/A	Complete
	19/08/2026	SM Print	Lease Rental - AUG	£105.60	DD	V10817817AUG26	6999	4019/2	Complete
	19/08/2026	Transfer T8	Staff id Badges	£30.00	Card	57027		4005/3	Complete
	21/08/2026	Stiemans	Transfer to Savings Account	£24,443.91	T8	T8	T8	T8	Complete
	24/08/2026	Village New and Post Office	Lease Rental 20/08 - 19/11	£267.48	DD	001/26/8870522	7000	4018/2	Complete
	24/08/2026	Village New and Post Office	Scare crow Prizes (Vouchers)	£100.00	Card	71227	7001	4070/3	Complete
	24/08/2026	Village New and Post Office	Scare crow Prizes (Vouchers)	£200.00	Card	28337	7002	4070/3	Complete
	24/08/2026	Village New and Post Office	Scare crow Prizes (Chocs)	£9.40	Card	2604769001	7003	4070/5	Complete
	24/08/2026	EE	Mobile Phone Bill - AUG	£58.79	DD	V020505425729	7004	4019/2	Complete
	26/08/2026	WT Dove	Paving Slabs - Grounds	£23.64	Card	105628	7005	4041/1	Complete
	28/08/2026	Document Solutions	IT/Copier Services - AUG	£200.54	DD	346449	7006	4018/2	Complete
	28/08/2026	CF Corporate	Lease Rental - AUG	£55.20	DD	V1/0808132AUG26	7007	4019/2	Complete
	28/08/2026	Wages	Wages - AUG	£9,552.74	BACS	Wages	N/A	N/A	Complete
	28/08/2026	SP Poppy Shop		£159.00	BACS	270826	7008	4041/1	Complete

Total Expenditure:

£46,750.85

INCOME								
DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	Payment Method	Invoice Number	Receipt Code	Nominal Code	Status
03/08/2026	H. Jones	Room Rent - AUG	£200.00	BACS	3502	EV2333	1093/3	Complete
03/08/2026	A. Jones	Room Rent - AUG	£93.26	BACS	3503	EV2334	1092/3	Complete
03/08/2026	J. Burnham	Room Hire - JUL	£425.00	BACS	NEED INVOICE		1077/3	Complete
05/08/2026	HMRc	VAT Return	£3,063.04	BACS	3505	EV2336	1076/2	Complete
05/08/2026	Steve Hayward - Bootlegger Bus	Summer Fair Income - Bar	£120.00	BACS	3496	EV2337	1076/2	Complete
07/08/2026	Transfer T3	Transfer from Savings Account	£360.00	T3	T3	T3	T3	Complete
10/08/2026	C. Martindale	Room Rent - JUL	£196.87	BACS	3490	EV2338	1088/3	Complete
11/08/2026	Transfer T4	Transfer from Savings Account	£917.13	T4	T4	T4	T4	Complete
12/08/2026	R. Heywood	Room Hire - MR 12082026	£34.00	BACS	3497	EV2339	1077/3	Complete
17/08/2026	Transfer T5	Transfer from Savings Account	£295.26	T5	T5	T5	T5	Complete
18/08/2026	Scab Inkad	Room Rent - AUG	£419.50	BACS	3501	EV2340	1089/3	Complete
19/08/2026	Transfer T7	Transfer from CCLA	£30,000.00	T7	T7	T7	T7	Complete
21/08/2026	Transfer T9	Transfer from Savings Account	£267.48	T9	T9	T9	T9	Complete
24/08/2026	Nouvo Wellbeing	Room Hire	£220.00	BACS	3489	EV2344	1077/3	Complete
26/08/2026	Post Office Counter Credit (Scott Memorials)	Memorial Permit - E/348	£110.00	020417/100490	CEM104	EV2341	1060/1	Complete
26/08/2026	Post Office Counter Credit (Scott Memorials)	Memorial Permit - F/24	£80.00	014941/100491	CEM105	EV2342	1060/1	Complete
28/08/2026	Transfer T10	Transfer from Savings Account	£9,949.31	T10	T10	T10	T10	Complete

Total Income:

£46,750.85

National Joint Council for local government services

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**To: Chief Executives in England, Wales and N Ireland
(to be shared with Finance Director and HR Director)
Regional Employer Organisations
Members of the National Joint Council**

24 August 2026

Dear Chief Executive,

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES PAY AGREEMENT 2026

Employers are encouraged to implement this pay award as swiftly as possible.

Agreement has been reached on rates of pay applicable from **1 April 2026** (covering the period 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027). The new pay rates, each increased by 3.30 per cent per annum, are attached at **Annex 1**.

All locally determined pay points above the maximum of the pay spine but graded below deputy chief officer, should also be increased by 3.30 per cent, in accordance with Green Book Part 2 Para 5.4¹.

The new rates for allowances, uprated by 3.30 per cent, are set out at **Annex 2**.

Backpay for employees who have left employment since 1 April 2026

If requested by an ex-employee to do so, we recommend that employers should pay any monies due to that employee from 1 April 2026 to the employee's last day of employment.

When salary arrears are paid to ex-employees who were in the LGPS, the employer must inform its local LGPS fund. Employers will need to amend the CARE and final pay figures (if the ex-employee has pre-April 2014 LGPS membership and / or underpin protection) accordingly.

See the [employer resources section](#) of www.lgpsregs.org for more information including FAQs on backdated pay awards.

Yours faithfully,

*Naomi
Cooke*

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W. Dalton

Will Dalton

M. R. Short

Mike Short

¹ The Green Book Part 2 Para 5.4 provides that posts paid above the maximum of the pay spine but graded below deputy chief officer are within scope of the NJC. The pay levels for such posts are determined locally but once fixed are increased in line with agreements reached by the NJC.

SCP	01-Apr-25		01-Apr-26	
	per annum	per hour	per annum	per hour
1	<i>Deleted 01-Apr-23</i>			
2	£24,413	£12.65	<i>Deleted 01-Apr-26</i>	
3	£24,796	£12.85	£25,614	£13.28
4	£25,185	£13.05	£26,016	£13.48
5	£25,583	£13.26	£26,427	£13.70
6	£25,989	£13.47	£26,847	£13.92
7	£26,403	£13.69	£27,274	£14.14
8	£26,824	£13.90	£27,709	£14.36
9	£27,254	£14.13	£28,153	£14.59
10	£27,694	£14.35	£28,608	£14.83
11	£28,142	£14.59	£29,071	£15.07
12	£28,598	£14.82	£29,542	£15.31
13	£29,064	£15.06	£30,023	£15.56
14	£29,540	£15.31	£30,515	£15.82
15	£30,024	£15.56	£31,015	£16.08
16	£30,518	£15.82	£31,525	£16.34
17	£31,022	£16.08	£32,046	£16.61
18	£31,537	£16.35	£32,578	£16.89
19	£32,061	£16.62	£33,119	£17.17
20	£32,597	£16.90	£33,673	£17.45
21	£33,143	£17.18	£34,237	£17.75
22	£33,699	£17.47	£34,811	£18.04
23	£34,434	£17.85	£35,570	£18.44
24	£35,412	£18.35	£36,581	£18.96
25	£36,363	£18.85	£37,563	£19.47
26	£37,280	£19.32	£38,510	£19.96
27	£38,220	£19.81	£39,481	£20.46
28	£39,152	£20.29	£40,444	£20.96
29	£39,862	£20.66	£41,177	£21.34
30	£40,777	£21.14	£42,123	£21.83
31	£41,771	£21.65	£43,149	£22.37
32	£42,839	£22.20	£44,253	£22.94
33	£44,075	£22.85	£45,529	£23.60
34	£45,091	£23.37	£46,579	£24.14
35	£46,142	£23.92	£47,665	£24.71
36	£47,181	£24.46	£48,738	£25.26
37	£48,226	£25.00	£49,817	£25.82
38	£49,282	£25.54	£50,908	£26.39
39	£50,269	£26.06	£51,928	£26.92
40	£51,356	£26.62	£53,051	£27.50
41	£52,413	£27.17	£54,143	£28.06
42	£53,460	£27.71	£55,224	£28.62
43	£54,495	£28.25	£56,293	£29.18

NB: hourly rate calculated by dividing annual salary by 52.143 weeks (which is 365 days divided by 7) and then divided by 37 hours (the standard working week)

Part 3 Paragraph 2.6(e) Sleeping-in Duty Payment:

1 April 2026
£44.54

**RATES OF PROTECTED ALLOWANCES AT 1 APRIL 2026
(FORMER APT&C AGREEMENT (PURPLE BOOK))**

Paragraph 28(3) Nursery Staffs in Educational Establishments - Special Educational Needs Allowance

1 April 2026
£1,590

Paragraph 28(14) Laboratory / Workshop Technicians

City and Guilds Science Laboratory Technician's Certificate Allowance:

1 April 2026
£259

City and Guilds Laboratory Technician's Advanced Certificate Allowance:

1 April 2026
£187

Paragraph 32 London Weighting and Fringe Area Allowances £ Per Annum

Inner Fringe Area:

1 April 2026
£1,079

Outer Fringe Area:

1 April 2026
£753

Paragraph 36 Standby Duty Allowance - Social Workers (1)(a)(i) Allowance - Per Session

1 April 2026
£35.86

FORMER MANUAL WORKER AGREEMENT (WHITE BOOK)

Section 1 Paragraph 3 London and Fringe Area Allowances £ Per Annum

Inner Fringe Area:

1 April 2026
£1,079

Outer Fringe Area:

1 April 2026
£753

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Date: 3 September 2026

Dear Mr Moore

Completion of the limited assurance review for the year ended 31 March 2026

We have completed our review for the year ended 31 March 2026 and I have pleasure in enclosing the certified Annual Governance and Accountability Return. The External Auditor's Certificate and Report is given in Section 3.

If there are any significant matters arising from the review, they are summarised in the External Auditor's certificate in Section 3. If we have identified minor scope for improvement we have recorded this on page 2 of this letter. The Council should consider these matters and decide what action is required. In most cases this will be self-evident. In some instances we have referred to further guidance available, such as the Smaller Authorities Proper Practices Panel Practitioners' Guide (England) 2026/27. This can be obtained via your NALC or SLCC branch, or downloaded free of charge at the following website: <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/resource/practitioners-guide-2025.html>.

Please also note that a copy of the 2026/27 Practitioner's Guide has now been released and is available, alongside a summary of the summary of changes from the 2025 version, at the following website: <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/resource/practitioners-guide-2026-27.html>. We would encourage all authorities to become familiar with this document ahead of preparing their 2026/27 Annual Governance and Accountability Returns.

Action you are required to take:

The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 set out what you must do at the conclusion of the review. In summary, you are required to:

Publish (which must include publication on the authority's website) a statement on or before 30 September to confirm:

- that the review has been concluded and that the statement of accounts has been published;
 - of the rights of inspection conferred on local government electors by section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014; and
 - the address at which, and the hours during which, those rights may be exercised.
- Keep copies of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for purchase by any person on payment of a reasonable sum.
 - Ensure that the Annual Governance and Accountability Return remains available for public access for a period of not less than five years beginning with the date on which the Annual Governance and Accountability Return was first published.

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The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 do not specify the period the Completion Notice needs to be on the council's website, but this period must be reasonable.

Minor scope for improvement in 2026/27

The authority did not quantify and explain the variance in Box 9 (Total Fixed Assets and Long-Term Investments and Assets) in the significant variances document. As Box 9 is exempt from the 15% threshold, any movement must be fully explained and reconciled to the pound. Although explanations were subsequently obtained the authority must ensure that for the 2026/2027 AGAR, any variance in Box 9 is clearly quantified and explained within the significant variances document to comply with reporting requirements.

Amendment to the Practitioners' Guide 2026/27 in respect of Section 2 Box 11 Trust Fund Transactions

As part of the Accounting Statements (Section 2), the authority is asked to confirm whether there are any trust fund transactions included in the figures. Box 11 has been amended to state the authority should answer based on whether trust fund transactions have been excluded from the AGAR.

We wish to draw attention to a change within the 2026/27 Practitioner's Guide (point 2.32) which confirms the authority will need to respond 'Yes' where the figures include trust fund transactions. We would encourage all authorities to familiarise themselves with the 2026/27 Practitioner's Guide (available on the NALC website) ahead of completing their 2026/27 AGAR.

Accessibility Regulations

We are aware that the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 requirement for a physical 'wet ink' signature on the original AGAR, does not allow parish council's to fully comply with the Accessibility Regulations. The National Audit Office are aware that the two pieces of legislation are not compatible, therefore smaller authorities are advised to make it clear on their website that the document is a scan and will not be fully compliant with the Accessibility Regulations.

Audit fee

Our fee note for the audit, which is in accordance with the audit fee scales set by SAAA, and available at [Audit Fees | Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments \(saaa.co.uk\)](https://saaa.co.uk/Audit-Fees-Smaller-Authorities-Audit-Appointments) will follow.

If your invoice is not as expected, please check the audit fee scales via the link above as your fee band may have changed.

We would be grateful if you could arrange for this to be paid at the earliest opportunity.

We have made an additional charge as we were required to either write to you or send back your Annual Governance and Accountability Return for amendment and undertake additional work. This charge is shown separately on our fee note.

Commitment to achieving net zero

We've made an important change to how we handle post - and sustainability is driving it.

In line with our net zero targets, we encourage digital communication wherever possible. However, should it be necessary for you to communicate with us by post, our correspondence address is **30 Old Bailey, London, EC4M 7AU**.

Yours sincerely



James Collins

Director, For and on behalf of Forvis Mazars LLP

Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/26 Form 3

To be completed by Local Councils, Internal Drainage Boards and other Smaller Authorities*:

- where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure exceeded £25,000 but did not exceed £15 million; or
- where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure was £25,000 or less but that:
 - are unable to certify themselves as exempt (fee payable); or
 - have requested a limited assurance review (fee payable)

Guidance notes on completing Form 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025/26

1. Every smaller authority in England that either received gross income or incurred gross expenditure exceeding £25,000 **must** complete Form 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return at the end of each financial year in accordance with *Proper Practices*.
 2. **The Annual Governance and Accountability Return is made up of three parts, pages 3 to 6:**
 - The **Annual Internal Audit Report** **must** be completed by the authority's internal auditor.
 - **Sections 1 and 2** **must** be completed and approved by the authority.
 - **Section 3** is completed by the external auditor and will be returned to the authority.
 3. The authority **must** approve Section 1, Annual Governance Statement, before approving Section 2, Accounting Statements, and both **must** be approved and published on the authority website/webpage **before 1 July 2026**.
 4. An authority with either gross income or gross expenditure exceeding £25,000 or an authority with neither income nor expenditure exceeding £25,000, but which is unable to certify itself as exempt, or is requesting a limited assurance review, **must** return to the external auditor by email or post (not both) **no later than 30 June 2026** Reminder letters will incur a charge of £40 +VAT:
 - the Annual Governance and Accountability Return Sections 1 and 2, together with
 - a bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2026
 - an explanation of any significant year on year variances in the accounting statements
 - notification of the commencement date of the period for the exercise of public rights
 - Annual Internal Audit Report 2025/26
- Unless requested, do not send any additional documents to your external auditor. Your external auditor will ask for any additional documents needed.
- Once the external auditor has completed the limited assurance review and is able to give an opinion, the Annual Governance and Accountability Return **Section 1, Section 2 and Section 3 – External Auditor Report and Certificate** will be returned to the authority by email or post.

Publication Requirements

Under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, authorities **must** publish the following information on the authority website/webpage:

Before 1 July 2026 authorities **must** publish:

- Notice of the period for the exercise of public rights and a declaration that the accounting statements are as yet unaudited;
- **Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2025/26** approved and signed, page 4
- **Section 2 - Accounting Statements 2025/26** approved and signed, page 5

Not later than 30 September 2026 authorities **must** publish:

- Notice of conclusion of audit
- **Section 3 - External Auditor Report and Certificate**
- **Sections 1 and 2 of AGAR** including any amendments as a result of the limited assurance review. It is recommended as best practice, to avoid any potential confusion by local electors and interested parties, that you also publish the Annual Internal Audit Report, page 3.

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return constitutes the annual return referred to in the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. Throughout, the words 'external auditor' have the same meaning as the words 'local auditor' in the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

*for a complete list of bodies that may be smaller authorities refer to schedule 2 to the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

Guidance notes on completing Form 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2025/26

- The authority **must** comply with *Proper Practices* in completing Sections 1 and 2 of this AGAR. *Proper Practices* are found in the *Practitioners' Guide** which is updated from time to time and contains everything needed to prepare successfully for the financial year-end and the subsequent work by the external auditor.
- Make sure that the AGAR is complete (no highlighted boxes left empty) and is properly signed and dated. Any amendments **must** be approved by the authority and properly initialled.
- The authority **should** receive and note the Annual Internal Audit Report before approving the Annual Governance Statement and the accounts.
- Use the checklist provided below to review the AGAR for completeness before returning it to the external auditor by email or post (not both) no later than 30 June 2026
- The Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) **must** be approved before the Accounting Statements (Section 2) and evidenced by the agenda or minute references, even where approved on the same day.
- The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) **must** certify the accounts (Section 2) before they are presented to the authority for approval. The authority **must** in this order; consider, approve and sign the accounts.
- The RFO is required to commence the public rights period which **must** be a single period of 30 working days for inspection (this excludes weekends and public holidays) which **must** include the first 10 working days of July.
- You must inform your external auditor about any change of Clerk, Responsible Financial Officer or Chair, and provide relevant authority owned generic email addresses and telephone numbers.**
- Make sure that the copy of the bank reconciliation to be sent to your external auditor with the AGAR covers all the bank accounts. If the authority holds any short-term investments, note their value on the bank reconciliation. The external auditor **must** be able to agree the bank reconciliation to Box 8 on the accounting statements (**Section 2, page 5**). An explanation **must** be provided of any difference between Box 7 and Box 8. More help on bank reconciliation is available in the *Practitioners' Guide**.
- Explain fully significant variances in the accounting statements on **page 5**. Do not just send a copy of the detailed accounting records instead of this explanation. The external auditor wants to know that you understand the reasons for all variances. Include complete numerical and narrative analysis to support the full variance.
- Additional costs may be incurred if additional audit work is required.
- Make sure that the accounting statements add up and that the balance carried forward from the previous year (Box 7 of 2025) equals the balance brought forward in the current year (Box 1 of 2026).
- The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO), on behalf of the authority, **must** set the commencement date for the exercise of public rights which **must** be a single period of 30 working days for inspection (this excludes weekends and public holidays) which **must** include the first 10 working days of July.
- The authority **must** publish on the authority website/webpage the information required by Regulation 15 (2), Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, including the period for the exercise of public rights and the name and address of the external auditor **before 1 July 2026**

Completion checklist – 'No' answers mean you may not have met requirements		Yes	No
All sections	Have all highlighted boxes have been completed?	✓	
	Has all additional information requested, including the dates set for the period for the exercise of public rights , been provided for the external auditor?	✓	
Internal Audit Report	Have all highlighted boxes been completed by the internal auditor and explanations provided?	✓	
Section 1	For any statement to which the response is 'no', has an explanation been published?	✓	
Section 2	Has the Responsible Financial Officer signed the accounting statements before presentation to the authority for approval?	✓	
	Has the authority's approval of the accounting statements been confirmed by the signature of the Chair of the approval meeting?	✓	
	Has an explanation of significant variations been published where required?	✓	
	Has the bank reconciliation as at 31 March 2026 been reconciled to Box 8?	✓	
	Has an explanation of any difference between Box 7 and Box 8 been provided?	✓	
Sections 1 and 2	Trust funds – have all disclosures been made if the authority as a body corporate is a sole managing trustee? NB: do not send trust accounting statements unless requested.		✓

***Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices**, can be downloaded from www.nalc.gov.uk or from www.ada.org.uk

Annual Internal Audit Report 2025/26

Easington Village Parish Council

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During the financial year ended 31 March 2026, this authority's internal auditor acting independently and on the basis of an assessment of risk, carried out a selective assessment of compliance with the relevant procedures and controls in operation and obtained appropriate evidence from the authority.

The internal audit for 2025/26 has been carried out in accordance with this authority's needs and planned coverage. On the basis of the findings in the areas examined, the internal audit conclusions are summarised in this table. Set out below are the objectives of internal control and alongside are the internal audit conclusions on whether, in all significant respects, the control objectives were being achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of this authority.

Internal control objective	Yes	No*	Not covered**
A. Appropriate accounting records have been properly kept throughout the financial year.	✓		
B. This authority complied with its financial regulations, payments were supported by invoices, all expenditure was approved and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	✓		
C. This authority assessed the significant risks to achieving its objectives and reviewed the adequacy of arrangements to manage these.	✓		
D. The precept or rates requirement resulted from an adequate budgetary process; progress against the budget was regularly monitored; and reserves were appropriate.	✓		
E. Expected income was fully received, based on correct prices, properly recorded and promptly banked; and VAT was appropriately accounted for.	✓		
F. Cash payments were properly supported by receipts, all cash expenditure was approved and VAT appropriately accounted for.	✓		
G. Salaries to employees and allowances to members were paid in accordance with this authority's approvals, and PAYE and NI requirements were properly applied.	✓		
H. Asset and investments registers were complete and accurate and properly maintained.	✓		
I. Periodic bank account reconciliations were properly carried out during the year.	✓		
J. Accounting statements prepared during the year were prepared on the correct accounting basis (receipts and payments or income and expenditure), agreed to the cash book, supported by an adequate audit trail from underlying records and where appropriate debtors and creditors were properly recorded.	✓		
K. If the authority certified itself as exempt from a limited assurance review in 2024/25, it met the exemption criteria and correctly declared itself exempt. (If the authority had a limited assurance review of its 2024/25 AGAR tick "not covered")			✓
L. The authority published the required information on a website/webpage up to date at the time of the internal audit in accordance with the relevant legislation.	✓		
M. In the year covered by this AGAR, the authority correctly provided for a period for the exercise of public rights as required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations (during the 2025/26 AGAR period, were public rights in relation to the 2024-25 AGAR evidenced by a notice on the website and/or authority approved minutes confirming the dates set).	✓		
N. The authority has complied with the publication requirements for 2024/25 AGAR (see AGAR Page 1 Guidance Notes).	✓		
O. The authority has complied with laws, regulations & proper practices relating to digital and data compliance.	✓		
P. (For local councils only) Trust funds (including charitable) – The council met its responsibilities as a trustee.	Yes	No	Not applicable
			✓

For any other risk areas identified by this authority adequate controls existed (list any other risk areas on separate sheets if needed).
Date(s) internal audit undertaken Name of person who carried out the internal audit

13/11/2025 30/04/2026

Mr. Gordon Fletcher CMIIA

Signature of person who carried out the internal audit

G. Fletcher

Date

30/04/2026

*If the response is 'no' please state the implications and action being taken to address any weakness in control identified (add separate sheets if needed).

**Note: If the response is 'not covered' please state when the most recent internal audit work was done in this area and when it is next planned; or, if coverage is not required, the annual internal audit report must explain why not (add separate sheets if needed).

Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2025/26

We acknowledge as the members of:

Easington Village Parish Council

our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2026, that:

	Agreed		
	Yes	No*	
1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.	✓		<i>prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.</i>
2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	✓		<i>made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.</i>
3. We have assured ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and Proper Practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this authority to conduct its business or manage its finances.	✓		<i>has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with Proper Practices in doing so.</i>
4. We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	✓		<i>during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority's accounts.</i>
5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	✓		<i>considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.</i>
6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	✓		<i>arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.</i>
7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	✓		<i>responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.</i>
8. We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this authority and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements.	✓		<i>disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.</i>
9. (For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	Yes	No	N/A
			✓
10. We have put in place arrangements for the effective IT and data management in accordance with proper practices during the year under review.	✓		<i>has made suitable arrangements for its IT and data management and has complied with proper practices in doing so.</i>

*Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'No' response and describe how the authority will address the weaknesses identified. These sheets must be published with the Annual Governance Statement.

This Annual Governance Statement was approved at a meeting of the authority on:

11/05/2026

and recorded as minute reference:

EVPC/26/27/028

Signed by the Chair and Clerk of the meeting where approval was given:

Chair

Clerk

W. J. J.
[Signature]

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Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2025/26 for

Easington Village Parish Council

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	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2025 £	31 March 2026 £	
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 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 cash-book 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	213,748 0	228,393 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).

For Local Councils Only	Yes	No	
11 Do the figures in the accounting statements above exclude any trust transactions?		✓	For guidance refer to the Practitioners' Guide sections 2.31 to 2.33.

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2026 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return have been prepared on either a receipts and payments or income and expenditure basis following the guidance in Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices and present fairly the financial position of this authority.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer before being presented to the authority for approval.



Date

11/05/2026

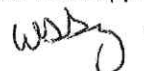
I confirm that these Accounting Statements were approved by this authority on this date:

11/05/2026

as recorded in minute reference:

EVPC/26/27/2029

Signed by Chair of the meeting where the Accounting Statements were approved



Section 3 – External Auditor’s Report and Certificate 2025/26

In respect of

Easington Village Parish Council

1 Respective responsibilities of the auditor and the authority

Our responsibility as auditors to complete a **limited assurance review** is set out by the National Audit Office (NAO). A limited assurance review is **not a full statutory audit**, it does not constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and hence it **does not** provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would. The UK Government has determined that a lower level of assurance than that provided by a full statutory audit is appropriate for those local public bodies with the lowest levels of spending.

Under a limited assurance review, the auditor is responsible for reviewing Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with NAO Auditor Guidance Note 02 (AGN 02) as issued by the NAO on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General. AGN 02 is available from the NAO website – <https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/guidance-and-information-for-auditors/>.

This authority is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The authority prepares an Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with *Proper Practices* which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2026 and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

2 External auditor’s limited assurance opinion 2025/26

On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the authority:

Box 11 of Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) has been incorrectly completed. The Council has ticked “No” to this box but does not act as a sole-managing trustee so should have selected “Yes” to evidence the exclusion of trust fund transactions. While the correct interpretation can be inferred from the rest of the AGAR, the Council is reminded that all boxes must be completed accurately to ensure clarity and compliance with the AGAR completion requirements.

We were required to return the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) to the Council to allow corrections to be made. The figures for Box 9 for the periods ending 31 March 2025 and 31 March 2026 had been omitted and were initially recorded as £0. These figures have since been amended to £213,748 and £224,387 respectively. In future the Council should ensure that the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) is accurate and complete.

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 require authorities to retain copies of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) and make them readily accessible for a period of five years (paragraph 13.2). While the Council initially complied with this requirement, our review identified that AGARs from previous years were subsequently removed from the website for a period before being reinstated following notification by the audit team. The Council should ensure that appropriate arrangements and controls are implemented during 2026/27 to maintain continuous compliance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations, including the ongoing availability of AGAR documentation for the required retention period.

3 External auditor certificate 2025/26

We certify/do not certify* that we have completed our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2026

Not applicable

External Auditor Name

Forvis Mazars LLP, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 1DF

External Auditor Signature

Forvis Mazars LLP

Date

3 September 2026

EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF CONCLUSION OF THE AUDIT

ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31ST MARCH 2026

Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014
Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015

The audit of accounts for Easington Village Parish Council for the year ended 31st March 2026 have been concluded and the statement of accounts are published.

The Annual Governance Statement and Accountability Return is available for inspection by any local government elector of the Council on application to:

Mr Paul Moore
Clerk / RFO to the Council
Seaton Holme
Hall Walks
Easington Village, SR8 3BS

Tel: 0191 5279360

Email: clerk@easingtonvillageparishcouncil.gov.uk

By appointment
Between 1000 hrs to 1300 hrs Monday to Friday

Copies will be provided to any local government elector on payment of £5.00 for each copy of the Annual Governance Accountability Return.

Announcement made by: Paul Moore
Clerk / Responsible Finance Officer

Date of Announcement: 03 September 2026

Weekly List of Planning Applications Received

Week Ending: 23 July 2026



The Planning Applications listed below have been received by Durham County Council since the publication of the previous list dated **17 July 2026**. Copy and paste the reference number from the weekly list into the search box on our online planning system using the attached link as follows:- <https://publicaccess.durham.gov.uk/online-applications/>

You can also search for planning applications and appeals online, via the same link, using a keyword, application reference, postcode or by a single line of an address and view the current status of any application (including the decision if it has been made) and any comments or objections received.

If you register as a user of the system there are additional features which enable you to:

- post comments or objections online or directly to the case officer, if the consultation period is open
- receive email notifications of new planning applications based on your search criteria
- track individual application progress
- obtain information about applications in individual Wards or Parishes

If you need any help please view the [Planning System User Guide](#) or contact us at Planningssystemsupport@durham.gov.uk

Note for Members

Under the terms of the delegation scheme, Members and Parish or Town Councils are reminded that if they wish any applications, which have a relevant timescale of more than 28 days to be referred to Committee for determination, they should write to the Head of Planning and Assets. Any such request should state the particular material planning reasons why the request is made. Please note that following recent changes to the Councils constitution the time scale for requesting applications to be 'called in' to committee is now 21 days from publication on the weekly list OR the publication of the site notice or press notice and service of neighbour consultation letters, whichever is the later.

Proposals which fall outside the categories appropriate for delegation will automatically be reported to the Planning Committee. A copy of the scheme of delegation is available upon request. The expected decision level at the time of registration of the application is shown on the list.

Please note that the Government is introducing legislation changes to planning delegations and a National Scheme of Delegation is due to come in on 31 October 2026. This will remove the call in ability of Members and Local Council's however you can still make representations on applications. If you call in an application on the list but it is not determined until after 31 October 2026 then the matter may not be heard at Committee.

Please note the Strategic Team receive applications from all areas of the County of strategic importance.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Reed'.

Stephen Reed

Planning Manager

(T) 03000 263 870

(e) stephen.reed@durham.gov.uk

Delves Lane/ No Parish/ West North	DM/26/01899/FPA	Mr and Mrs Telford	9 Grange Street Delves Lane Consett DH8 7AH	Single storey front extension. Loft conversion with dormer roof to front and rear.	Tracey Outhwaite Delegated
Elvet, Gillesgate And Shinccliffe/ City Of Durham/ East North	DM/26/01812/FPA	Allergate Investments Limited	6 High Wood Terrace Durham DH1 3DS	First floor rear extension over existing kitchen offshoot to create 2no shower rooms with associated internal alterations to existing C4 HMO	Jess White Delegated
Easington And Shotton/ Easington Village/ East South	DM/26/01744/FPA	Mr Geoff Watson	Felside Seaside Lane Easington Village Peterlee SR8 3TW	First floor rear extension	Jess White Delegated
Lanchester And Burnhope/ Lanchester/ West North	DM/26/01829/FPA	Mr Edward Green	39 Front Street Lanchester Durham DH7 0HT	Repairs and improvements to a listed dwelling including roof repairs and partial reroofing, rooflights, replacement insulated kitchen floor, repair and replacement of doors and windows, installation of a first-floor bathroom, drainage alterations, reduction in height of an unsafe chimney stack, and alterations to the approved stable rebuilding scheme including a revised door and additional rooflight (pursuant to permissions DM/19/01282/FPA and DM/19/01283/LB).	Chloe Robinson Delegated

Weekly List of Planning Applications Received

Week Ending: 30 July 2026



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Elvet, Gillesgate And Shinccliffe/ Shinccliffe/ East South	DM/26/01835/FPA	Mr Kay Elliot	11 St Marys Close Shinccliffe Durham DH1 2ND	Single-storey side extension, and single-storey rear extension	Amy Beveridge Delegated
Elvet, Gillesgate And Shinccliffe/ City Of Durham/ East North	DM/26/01884/CEU	Mr Peter Smith	7 Diamond Terrace Durham DH1 5SX	Certificate of Lawful Development for the implementation of planning permission DM/26/00504/FPA	Jess White Delegated
Elvet, Gillesgate And Shinccliffe/ City Of Durham/ East North	DM/26/01894/FPA	Saddlers Land & Property Ltd	First Floor 58 - 62 North Road Durham DH1 4SQ	Change of use and extension of the of the redundant lift shaft, lift access, lift motor room and storage at the rear second floor level of 58-62 North Road to a 4-bedroom C4 HMO.	Emma Price Delegated
Easington And Shotton/ Easington Village/ East South	DM/26/01756/FPA	Believe Developments Ltd	Land At Petwell Crescent Easington County Durham SR8 3DU	Demolition of existing dwellings and construction of 37 affordable dwellings with associated parking, open space and SuDS.	Lisa Morina Committee
Framwellgate And Newton Hall/ No Parish/ East North	DM/26/01942/FPA	Mr Garry Widdop	7 Rochester Road Newton Hall Durham DH1 5QD	Single storey porch and WC forward extension	Hugo Robinson Delegated

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Easington And Shotton/ Easington Village/ Strategic	DM/26/01837/FPA	Zenobe Energy Limited	Land To North West Of Halffield Farm Easington SR8 3NY	Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) with associated infrastructure, access (primary and secondary) and ancillary works, including drainage, landscaping and biodiversity enhancements.	Mike Rowson Committee
Lower Teesdale/ Staindrop/ West South	DM/26/01826/FPA	Miss Hayley Beadle	6 Beechside Staindrop Darlington DL2 3PE	Retention of detached ancillary outbuilding	Wendy Dawson Delegated
Lower Teesdale/ Winston/ West South	DM/26/01953/VOC	Kully Brooks	8 Church Mews Winston Darlington DL2 3RL	Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) pursuant to planning permission DM/24/02991/FPA to amend the approved plans to alter and extend the rear raised platform.	Sophie White Delegated
Neville's Cross/ City Of Durham/ East North	DM/26/01986/FPA	Salvatore Campisi	7 Lyndhurst Drive Crossgate Moor Durham DH1 4AE	Erection of a single-storey rear extension connecting to the existing side extension, alterations to the existing single-storey rear extension including replacement of the existing flat roof with a pitched roof, installation of four rooflights to the rear roof slope, and associated external alterations.	Amy Beveridge Delegated

Weekly List of Planning Applications Received

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Easington And Shotton/ Shadforth/ East South	DM/26/01982/FPA	Mr Connor Megoran	69 Local Avenue Sherburn Hill Durham DH6 1HG	Two storey side and front extension	Amy Beveridge Delegated
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Easington And Shotton/ Easington Village/ East South	DM/26/02072/FPA	Mrs Faye Nicholl	31 St Marys Close Easington Village Peterlee SR8 3BB	Single storey rear extension	Amy Beveridge Delegated
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Easington And Shotton/ Easington Village/ East South	DM/26/02057/TPO	Easington Village Parish Council	Mill Cottage Thorpe Road Easington Village Peterlee SR8 3UA	T38 Wych Elm (semi mature, fair condition) - Reduce western canopy 1.5 to 2 metres T39 Wych Elm (semi mature, fair condition) - Reduce western canopy 1.5 to 2 metres	Kelly Scott Delegated
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T40 Wych Elm (semi mature,
fair condition) - Reduce
western canopy 1.5 to 2
metres, remove retained
snapped out branch hangar
in SW canopy
T41 Mountain Ash (young,
poor condition) - Fell to
ground level

Horden And Dene House/ Peterlee/ East South	DM/26/01645/FPA	Mr Andrew Price	183 Hatfield Place Peterlee SR8 5TB	Render to front and rear elevations of host dwelling	Allan Fenwick Delegated
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Easington And Shotton/Haswell/East South	DM/24/02410/FPA Mr Omar Phillips	Land To The Side Of Prospect House 15 Church Street Haswell Durham DH6 2DZ	Change of use of unadopted access road into residential garden curtilage and erection of boundary fence (Retrospective)	Refused 27th July 2026
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Easington And Shotton/Haswell/East South	DM/26/00424/FPA Mr Jordan Scott	Land To The North And East Of Haswell Childrens Centre Church Street Haswell DH6 2DZ	Erection of a single-storey short breaks facility providing overnight respite accommodation for up to eight children and young people aged 5-17 with disabilities, complex health needs and challenging behaviour, and associated car parking, accessible bays, EV charging points, secure gardens, outdoor play and sensory areas and landscaping.	Approved BNG Required 6th July 2026
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Easington And Shotton/Easington Village/East South	DM/26/00869/FPA High Fallowfield Land & Property Ltd	2 Lea Lane Easington Village Peterlee SR8 3TT	Single-storey rear extension with rendered finish, installation to canopy to the front elevation	Approved BNG Not Required 21st July 2026
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Easington And Shotton/Easington Village/East South	DM/26/01030/FPA GC Kitchen and Grill	Unit 1 3 Cook Way North West Industrial Estate Peterlee SR8 2HY	Installation and use of two 20ft shipping containers as a hot food takeaway (retrospective).	Approved BNG Not Required 21st July 2026
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Easington And Shotton/Shotton/East South	DM/26/01266/FPA InstaVolt Ltd.	Stirling Close Cook Way North West Industrial Estate Peterlee SR8 2RH	Installation of four rapid electric vehicle charging stations and ancillary equipment within car park including fully accessible EV charging bay.	Approved BNG Not Required 20th July 2026
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Easington And Shotton/Easington Village/East South	DM/26/01416/FPA Gary Huntley	5 Highgrove Court Little Thorpe Peterlee SR8 3UU	Erection of detached sunroom in garden (retrospective)	Approved BNG Not Required 16th July 2026
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Ferryhill/Spennymoor/East South	DM/26/00704/FPA Mr Jason Maddison	40 North Close Kirk Merrington Spennymoor DL16 7HH	First floor side extension, porch extension, window replacements and the application of render and cladding	Approved BNG Not Required 30th July 2026
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Easington Village Parish Council
Easington Village Parish Council Paul Moore
Seaton Holme
Hall Walks
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SR8 3BS

1st September 2026

Dear Sir/Madam

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Proposed

T35 - Sycamore (Semi mature, good condition) - Remove all deadwood within the canopy, pruning back to suitable pruning points in accordance with current arboricultural best practice

At

The Green The Green Easington Village Peterlee SR8 3BG

For

Easington Village Parish Council

Further to your letter received on 5 August 2026 giving us notice that you propose to carry out the above tree work I can confirm that the Council have raised no objection to the above proposed works.

Please note that the work must be undertaken within two years from 28 August 2026. All tree works should be carried out in accordance with current best practice BS3998:2010 "Recommendations for Tree Works".

Informatives

Bats, Nesting Birds and Trees

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2nd September 2026

Dear Sir/Madam

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Proposed

T6 Sycamore - reduce canopy by 1.5m to provide clearance from building
T7 Downey Birch - remove dead branch back to branch bark ridge
T8 Norway Maple - reduce deadwood from canopy & reduce canopy by .5 m
T9 Sycamore - reduce canopy by 1.5 m
T13 Sycamore - remove dead medium diameter branch & remove affected branch containing cavity
T18 Common Beech - reduce crown by 20% (approx 3 metres)
T19 Sycamore - sever ivy at 2 m above ground level
T20 Sycamore - sever ivy at 2 m above ground level
T21 Common Horse Chestnut - install cable bracing system
T23 Sycamore - undertake sectional dismantling to ground level
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Easington And Shotton/Easington Village/East South	DM/26/01744/FPA Mr Geoff Watson	Felside Seaside Lane Easington Village Peterlee SR8 3TW	First floor rear extension	Approved BNG Not Required 26th August 2026
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Easington And Shotton/Shadforth/East South	DM/26/01766/FPA Mr Andrew Howe	31 The Croft Sherburn Hill Durham DH6 1QL	Retention of single storey rear extension and removal of roof terrace	Approved BNG Not Required 2nd September 2026
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HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

4 September 2026

The Rt Hon Matthew Pennycook MP
Minister of State (Minister for Housing and Planning)

Michael Shanks MP
Minister of State (Minister for Energy)

Sent via email

Dear Ministers,

I am writing to raise concerns about the growing number of solar farm and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) developments proposed and approved within the Easington constituency, and to seek your views on how the planning system can better address the cumulative impact of these developments on local communities.

At the outset, I wish to make clear that I support renewable energy projects, including solar and battery storage. Diversifying and reducing the UK's dependence on imported oil and gas is essential to strengthening our national energy security, improving resilience, and supporting our transition to a low-carbon economy. I fully recognise that all parts of the country have a role to play in delivering these national objectives, including my own constituency.

However, there are growing concerns about the number, scale, and concentration of solar farms and BESS facilities being proposed across East Durham. While individual applications are assessed through the planning process, local residents increasingly feel that insufficient consideration is given to the cumulative impact of multiple developments concentrated within a relatively small geographic area.

Issues such as the loss of agricultural land, implications for food security, visual intrusion, landscape change, and the impact on local amenity are frequently raised during planning consultations. In a number of cases, these concerns have resulted in planning committees refusing applications. However, there is a widespread perception that objections raised by local communities carry insufficient weight when decisions are subsequently appealed to the Planning Inspectorate. As a result, schemes that have been rejected locally are often approved on appeal despite significant local opposition.

I am concerned that the current planning framework does not adequately assess or account for the cumulative effect of numerous solar farms and BESS facilities located within the same area. Residents increasingly feel that communities such as those in East Durham are being disproportionately targeted for such developments and that there are limited mechanisms available to influence the overall concentration of projects. Although local people have the opportunity to object to individual applications, many feel that the cumulative burden on their communities is not being properly considered, particularly at appeal stage.

As I have stated, I recognise the importance of energy security and accept that solar farms and battery storage facilities are an important part of achieving our national objectives. However, many residents question whether communities hosting this infrastructure receive a fair share of the benefits.

Beyond construction and installation, these developments often generate relatively little long-term local employment or economic activity. The financial returns from energy generation are frequently realised elsewhere by companies with limited connection to the communities in which the infrastructure is located. Meanwhile, household energy bills remain high, and many residents are unable to access the benefits of renewable technologies themselves because the upfront costs of domestic renewables remain prohibitive.

Delivering energy security will require not only large renewable infrastructure but also a significant expansion of domestic renewable generation. It is difficult to stand beside a large solar farm while overlooking hundreds of nearby homes that could equally contribute to energy generation and grid resilience if rooftop solar were more widely accessible. Greater deployment of domestic renewable technologies would help lower household energy costs, reduce demand on the grid, strengthen energy security, and ensure that communities directly benefit from the transition to net zero.

For this reason, I believe there is a strong case for considering whether large-scale solar and BESS developments should be expected to provide more meaningful community benefit. One possible approach would be to explore mechanisms whereby major renewable energy developments contribute towards the deployment of domestic renewable technologies within host communities, enabling local residents to share more directly in the benefits created by these projects.

The strength of local concern is reflected in the establishment of the East Durham Action Group (EDAG), a community organisation formed in response to the proliferation of renewable energy developments across the area. EDAG has produced a comprehensive report examining the scale and concentration of green energy infrastructure proposed throughout East Durham. I have enclosed a copy of this report for your consideration. The report provides a detailed, evidence-based assessment of local concerns and includes a range of recommendations which I hope you will consider carefully. Additional resources are also available through the group's website.

I would be grateful if you could address the concerns raised, particularly regarding how local communities can be empowered within the planning system and how cumulative impacts can be more effectively considered, both during the planning process and, importantly, during any subsequent appeals.

I would also welcome your views on how host communities can receive a greater share of the benefits generated by renewable energy infrastructure and whether more can be done to link large-scale renewable developments with programmes that support the rollout of renewable technologies directly to local residents.

Finally, I would appreciate your consideration of the specific concerns and recommendations contained within the EDAG report and would welcome any observations you may have in response.

As a strong advocate of renewable technology and the opportunities it can create for economic growth, skilled employment, decarbonisation, and energy security, I believe it is vital that local communities see and experience the benefits of the transition. Unfortunately, for many constituents, their first interaction with the renewable energy sector is through a planning application for a solar farm or battery storage facility. If public support for the energy transition is to be maintained, communities must be confident that both the burdens and benefits of this infrastructure are being shared fairly.

Thank you in advance for your kind attend to this enquiry and I look forward to your response which I can share with my constituents

Yours sincerely,

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Grahame Morris, M.P.

AGENDA ITEM

EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING

September 2026

Partnership Opportunity – EVPC & MySpace Housing – Cooking at Holme Project

For Council consideration and approval

During the summer recess, the Clerk had a meeting with the manager of the MySpace Housing facility known locally as 'Kings Mews' (Darren Ellis), who was accompanied by Amy Pickles, a MySpace tenant. During this discussion, much of the long history of the facility was discussed, and it became clear that 'under new management' there was a willingness to engage with the local community in a positive and outward looking sense.

Darren tabled a proposal to partner with EVPC through MySpace running a short cookery class at Seaton Holme on a Thursday for up to six tenants starting on Thu 08 October, culminating in a Christmas lunch for the elderly at Seaton Holme on Thu 10 December.

Darren has approached MySpace for the costs of the course to be covered while EVPC are requested to approve the use of the facility.

Darren and Amy intend to attend Council on 14 September firstly to introduce themselves to Council, and to answer any questions that Council may have on their proposal.

Mr Paul Moore MSc

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09 September 2026

To: All Easington Village Parish Councillors,

You are summoned to attend an ordinary meeting of Easington Village Parish Council to be held on **Monday 14TH September 2026 in the Milburn Room at Seaton Holme** commencing at 1800 Hrs.

Paul Moore

Clerk to Council

AGENDA

- 1 **Exclusion of Press and Public:** The Council is requested to RESOLVE that in accordance with Section 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the item of business (Agenda item 20) 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 of items on the agenda by Members 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 Parish Council 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 Ordinary Council Meeting held on 13 July 2026** – to consider for approval.
- 6 **Minutes of the Cemetery & Grounds Committee Meeting held on 07 September 2026** – to consider for approval.
- 7 **Durham Police Report (Easington PCSO's)** – to receive the report of July / August 2026.
- 8 **Report from Durham County Councillors** – to receive any report.
- 9 **Member Reports** - Attendance at Meetings and Events on behalf of the Parish Council – to receive any reports.

- 10 **EVPC Monthly Financial Report – July 2026** - to consider for approval.
- i. Bank Balance Report at 31/07/2026
 - ii. Bank Transfer Report to 31/07/2026
 - iii. Expenditure Report to 31/07/2026
 - iv. Income Report to 31/07/2026
- 11 **EVPC Monthly Financial Report – August 2026** - to consider for approval.
- i. Bank Balance Report at 31/08/2026
 - ii. Bank Transfer Report to 31/08/2026
 - iii. Expenditure Report to 31/08/2026
 - iv. Income Report to 31/08/2026
- 12 **Monthly Cash & Bank Reconciliation.** A Councillor is requested to complete a cash and bank reconciliation during the week of 14-18 September 2026.
- 13 **Local Government Services Pay Award 2026** – to consider for approval
- 14 **Annual Governance & Accountability Review 2025-2026 (Notice of Completion)** - to consider for approval
- 15 **Planning Applications**
- a. **Planning Applications** – Planning Weekly Lists July / August/ September 2026
 - List 23 July 26 – DM/26/01744 Fellside, Seaside Lane, Easington Village.**
First floor rear extension.
 - List 30 July 26 – DM/26/01756/FPA 2 Land at Petwell Crescent, Easington Village.**
Demolition of existing dwellings and construction of 37 affordable dwellings with associated parking, open space and SUDS.
 - List 05 Aug 26 – DM/26/01837/FPA Land to north-west of Hallfield Farm, Easington Village.**
Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) with associated infrastructure, access and ancillary works including drainage, landscaping and bio-diversity enhancements.
 - List 13 August 2026 – DM/26/02072/FPA 31 St Mary’s Close, Easington Village.**
Single storey rear extension.
 - List 13 August 2026 – DM/26/02057/TPO Mill Cottage, Thorpe Road, Easington Village.**
Management of trees – T38, T39, T40, T41
 - b. **Planning Decisions Under Delegated Authority** – List 31 July 26
 - DM/26/00869/FPA, 2 Lea Lane, Easington Village (Approved)**
Single storey rear extension with rendered finish, installation of canopy to the front elevation.
 - DM/26/01030/FPA, Unit 1, Cook Way, NW Industrial Estate, Peterlee (Approved)**
Installation of 2 x 20 foot shipping containers as hot food takeaway (Retrospective)
 - DM/26/01416/FPA, 5 Highgrove Court, Little Thorpe (Approved)**
Erection of detached sunroom in garden (Retrospective)
 - DM/26/02056/TCA – T35 Easington Village Green, Sycamore – (Approved)**
Remove all deadwood within the canopy, pruning back.
 - DM/26/020058 – Trees requiring management. Seaton Holme, Easington Village. T6, T7, T8, T9, T13, T18, T19, T20, T21, T23, T29 – (Approved)**

List 28 August 2026

DM/26/01744/FPA – First floor rear extension, Felside, Seaside Lane, Easington Village –
Approved 26 Aug 26

- c. Planning Refusals** – None to report.
- d. Planning Applications Withdrawn** – None to report
- e. Planning Appeals / Objections** – None to report
- f. Other Planning Matters:**

Letter from Grahame Morris MP to Ministers of State for Housing & Planning and Energy. (In response to query from Cllr Ramshaw) – for information only

- 16 **Confirmation of Council re-commitment to Civility & Respect Pledge** – (Previously agreed by Council) - for signature
- 17 **Partnership Opportunity - EVPC & MySpace Housing 'Cooking at Holme'** – to consider for approval
- 18 **Report of Clerk** – to receive a verbal update on items of interest to Council not covered elsewhere.
- 19 **Date, Time, and Venue of the Next Meeting**

Ordinary Meeting of Council - Monday 12 October 2026 at 1800 Hrs

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

None notified

To:

All Members - Easington Village Parish Council

Cc:

Durham County Councillors:
Cllr Louise Penders DCC
Cllr Howard Brown DCC
Cllr Louise Taylor DCC

EVPC Website & Public Notice Board

**ORDINARY MEETING OF EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT 1830 Hrs ON MONDAY 13th July 2026**

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

Staff: Mr Paul Moore (Clerk)

In Attendance: Cllr L Penders DCC
Cllr H Brown DCC
Mr Ian Myers – Durham & Cleveland Fire Brigade

Apologies: Cllr A Dent
Cllr N Fenwick
Mrs H Hall (Deputy Clerk)

Prior to the council meeting starting, Cllr Dale introduced Mr Ian Myers, a firefighter based at Peterlee station and a representative of Durham Fire Brigades Union, who gave an appraisal of concerns that the Fire brigade Union have regarding potential plans to re-locate crews to other stations around the county. This has the potential to reduce the amount of fire-cover available in the East Durham area and leave one of Peterlee's two pump units unmanned and thus unable to support the first pump unit in an emergency.

The Chair thanked Firefighter Myers for taking the time to come and brief the Parish Council on this important matter and assured him that the Council consider any reduction in fire-fighting capability in the local area to be an unacceptable risk to the public. Cllr Dale would endeavour to invite the Chief Fire Officer to the September meeting so that a balanced point of view could be taken into account.

EVPC 26/27/059 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 26/27/060 Public Participation

None

EVPC 26/27/061 Declarations of Interest by members on items on the Agenda

None

EVPC 26/27/062 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of Easington Village Parish Council held on Monday 08 June 2026

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

EVPC/26/27/063

Minutes of the Cemetery & Grounds Committee Meeting held on Monday 06 July 2026

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

EVPC/26/27/064

Durham Police Report (Easington PCSO's)

Easington Village crime statistics and Anti -social behaviour incidents from the 9th of June 2026 to 11th of July 2026

Burglary- 1

- 23/6/2026 – The Spinney – Attempt burglary

Theft and Handling- 0

Anti-Social Behaviour- 2

Personal – 0

Nuisance-

- 25/06/2026 – Rymers Close – Noise related nuisance.
- 07/07/2026 – Kings Mews – Persons being a nuisance / shouting in the street

Environmental - 0

Vehicle Crime- 0

Criminal Damage- 2

- 17/06/2026 – Thorpe Road – Graffiti, dens made and goal posts damaged.
- 19/06/2026 – Easington Academy – 3 youths enter site and set fire to small tree.

Of note:

- 30/07/2026 – Male arrested for threatening member of staff at Merrick House over parking issue.

Please 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 of July 2026 at 6pm at The Parish Rooms, Crawlaw Road, Easington SR8 3LP.

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 16th of July at Seaton Holme 2pm to 3pm.

Cllr Godfrey made note of an incident at Thorpe Road playing field on Friday 10th July when a youth fired an air rifle in her direction. The matter was reported to the police.

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

EVPC/26/27/065

Report from Durham County Councillors

Cllr Penders DCC:

At the road safety meeting a resident mentioned the empty traffic sign pole outside of Delanoys funeral directors on Stockton Road. I have asked for the sign to be replaced. It has been missing for quite a while, so I have suggested a SLOW sign.

In regard to the yellow lines – I'm expecting an update this week. The reason it's taken so long is because the primary school keep objecting the proposals. DCC is going to try and get this overturned due to the length of time it's taking.

Sunderland Road development – I have sent in a report about the state of the roads inside the site which is causing dust and debris to be moved by the wind and vehicles outside of the site. The dry weather may not be helping the situation but a clean-up inside the site wouldn't go a miss.

Planning issues with the new house on Clappersgate. I met with a neighbour of the property who raised several issues which evidently needed addressing. DCC came back to me with the following enforcement issues:

As of the 24th June 2026 Durham County Council has written to the property owner following a site visit and a review of the case. The letter sets out a number of outstanding breaches of planning control, including:

- The dwelling not being constructed in accordance with the approved plans, including alterations to the approved design, windows, doors, roof features and layout.
- Unauthorised development on land outside the approved site boundary, including the creation of a parking area that encroaches onto the village green.
- The installation of an unauthorised air source heat pump.
- Unauthorised excavation and engineering works within the garden area.
- Boundary treatments that differ from those approved by the planning permission.
- An access track that has been constructed wider than approved.

The owner has been advised that DCC cannot allow these unauthorised developments to remain unresolved and he has been given a period of 8 weeks either to submit the necessary planning applications to seek approval for certain works or to undertake remedial works to bring the development back into compliance.

DCC has also made it clear that, should satisfactory progress not be made within the specified timescales, formal enforcement action will be considered.

At this stage, DCC is monitoring the situation and awaiting either the submission of applications or evidence that the required remedial works have been completed. Once the compliance period has expired (19 August) the case will be reviewed and the next appropriate course of action determined.

Cllr Brown DCC:

The **Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025** (which was known as the Planning and Infrastructure Bill before passing) officially became law when it received Royal Assent on **18 December 2025**.

Instead of all rules changing on a single date, the Act is coming into force in **staged phases**:

- **18 December 2025 (Immediate):** Specific powers took effect right away upon Royal Assent. This included fast-tracked approvals for building reservoirs, grid connection prioritization for clean energy projects, and energy bill discount schemes for households near new pylons.
- **18 February 2026 (2 Months Post-Assent):** A second wave of provisions kicked in. This included enabling powers for the Secretary of State to set planning application fee surcharges and the formal rollout of Part 3 regarding Environmental Delivery Plans (EDPs) managed by Natural England.
- **31 October 2026 (Upcoming):** The mandatory **National Scheme of Delegation** will come into force. This scheme shifts major chunks of routine planning decisions away from local councillor committees and places them directly into the hands of professional planning officers to speed up approvals.
- **Summer 2026 & Beyond (Gradual Regulations):** Many complex structural elements of the Act are being rolled out gradually via ongoing "commencement orders" and secondary legislation. For example, the updated National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) that aligns with this Act is scheduled to take effect in **Summer 2026**.

1. The National Scheme of Delegation

- The current practice where each Local Planning Authority (LPA) uses its own constitution to dictate which applications go before locally elected councillors is being dismantled. It is being replaced by a strict two-tier legal framework:
- **Schedule 1 (Mandatory Officer Delegation):** Routine, minor, or technical applications **must** be determined by professionally trained planning officers. Councillors are **legally barred** from reviewing these. This includes minor residential developments and applications to change existing planning permissions (Section 73 applications).
- **Schedule 2 (Committee Consideration):** Only major, complex, or highly sensitive applications can be referred to the full planning committee. This includes applications for large outline developments **exceeding 500 dwellings or 50,000 square metres of floorspace**.
- **End of "Member Call-ins":** Local practices like ward councillors single-handedly "calling in" an officer's decision to a committee or triggering automatic

committee reviews based purely on a set number of neighbour objections, **will no longer be permitted.**

2. Committee Size Restrictions

- To make committee meetings more efficient and less prone to political gridlock, the new regulations place a hard statutory cap on committee sizes. No local planning committee or sub-committee in England will be allowed to exceed a **maximum of 13 members.**

3. Mandatory Training and Certification

- Elected local councillors will no longer be allowed to sit on a planning committee or vote on applications simply by virtue of being elected.
- Under the new regulations, all committee members must undergo formal, standardized training in planning law and decision-making and hold a **valid certificate of completion** to participate.

4. Revised Implementation Date

- The implementation date for these regulations was originally targeted for September 2026. However, following widespread feedback from local councils regarding the time needed to overhaul their constitutions, the government formally pushed the start date back. The final regulations are being laid before Parliament, with the **National Scheme of Delegation and committee caps officially coming into force on 31 October 2026.**

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

EVPC/26/27/066

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

Cllr Fenwick and Clerk will attend the CDALC Smaller Councils Forum on Thursday 16 July 26 on behalf of council.

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

EVPC/26/27/067

EVPC Monthly Financial Report – June 2026

Bank Balance Report at 30/06/26

RESOLVED: that the Bank Balance Report be APPROVED

Bank Transfer Report to 30/06/26

RESOLVED: that the Bank Transfer Report be APPROVED

Expenditure Report to 30/06/26

RESOLVED: that the Expenditure Report be APPROVED.

Income Report to 30/06/26

RESOLVED: that the Income Report be APPROVED.

EVPC/26/27/068

Withdrawal of DCC Payroll Service (Effective 31 March 2027)

The Clerk gave details of the notification by DCC that it will be withdrawing its payroll service SLA with effect of 31 March 2027. A number of town and parish councils are affected, and work is ongoing to find a suitable future payroll provider. An update will be provided as soon as it is available.

EVPC/26/27/069

Monthly Cash & Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED: that Cllr Dale would make a reconciliation of cash and bank during the week of 13 – 17 July 2026.

EVPC/26/27/070

Planning Applications

a. Planning Applications – Planning Weekly Lists June-July 26

List 11 June 26 – DM/26/014101/TPO Mill Cottage, Easington Village.
(Submitted by parish council) Requires an up to date tree survey which is being conducted on Tue 14 July following which this will be re-submitted.

DM/26/01416/FPA 5 Highgrove Court, Little Thorpe

List 18 June 26 – DM/26/00869/FPA 2 Lea Lane, Easington Village
DM/26/01445/FPA Club Motors, Seaside Lane
DM/26/01486/FPA South Grange Farm

RESOLVED: No objections.

b. Planning Decisions – Delegated List 03 July 26

DM/26/00604/FPA Eagle Crest, 2 Lea Lane, Easington Village (Approved)
DM/26/01043/FPA Delview, Stockton Td, Easington Village (Approved)

RESOLVED: No observations.

c. Planning Refusals – None to report.

d. Planning Applications Withdrawn – List 03 July 26

DM/26/00729/OUT – Land to north of 14 Shakespeare Terrace (Withdrawn)

e. Planning Appeals / Objections – None to report

f. Other Planning Matters:

BESS Sites / Solar Farm update. – Cllr Ramshaw gave details of the refusal to the proposed BESS / solar project at Hare Hill Farm.

RESOLVED: That this information be received and noted.

Roller Shutters on former village fish shop - The Clerk gave details of an enquiry made to DCC following an email received from a resident regarding planning permission for roller shutter to be installed on the former village fish shop which is in the village conservation area. In

addition, the Clerk also made enquiries regarding planning permission for outdoor washing machines and courier delivery containers outside of the Go Local store which is within the village conservation area. An update is to follow.

RESOLVED: That this information be received and noted.

EVPC/26/27/071

EVPC Confirmation of Council Re-Commitment to Civility and Respect Pledge

DCC had recently urged Councils to commit to the Civility and Respect Pledge. The Clerk confirmed that EVPC ratified this document in 2024, however, if Council wished to re-affirm its commitment to the pledge this could be done.

RESOLVED: that this Council re-affirm its continued commitment to the Civility and Respect pledge.

EVPC/26/27/072

Thorpe Road Playing Field

Thorpe Road playing field had recently been vandalised and both goal posts were torn down rendering the field as non-playable for football or other sports. The goal posts had been removed at a cost to council and the cost of replacing the goal posts had been obtained. Marking of the pitch has been paused but it is still on the DCC grass-cutting plan. It is known that this location attracts a degree of anti-social behaviour which causes local residents to be disturbed, and several residents would like to see the land used for other purposes, however, the land is listed as a designated playing field.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk confirm the designation of the playing field and request the police to visit the area on a regular basis over the school holidays to help reduce anti-social behaviour in that area. A decision to replace the goal posts would be taken at a later date.

EVPC/26/27/073

EVPC Provision of Dog Bags

This Council provides free dog bags to residents on the basis that the provision of these items encourages responsible behaviour from dog owners. These are provided from a self-help dispenser located at the front of Seaton Holme. Dog owners are expected to only take what they immediately need, however, the rate at which the dog bags are being used is causing concern due to cost. It has been noted that less dog bags are used mid-week and more on a weekend, and in the last year this Council has spent over £1800 on dog bags. A sign has been placed on the dispenser to urge dog-owners to only take what they need and the situation will be monitored.

RESOLVED: A sign to be placed on the dispenser and notices placed of the Facebook and website pages.

EVPC/26/27/074

Golden Friends Lunch Club (Durham Aged Miners Homes Association)

Durham Aged Miners Homes Association held their first 'Golden friends' luncheon at Seaton Holme on Monday 29th June 26 from 1200 hrs to 1400 hrs. It is open to members of the public who pay a nominal £5 to attend.

Golden Friends was attended by 25 local elderly residents from both the village and colliery. They were treated to a pie and pea lunch followed by cream cakes and tea with a game of bingo and music. As this was a 'taster event' to see if it would work, EVPC staff assisted with setting up and running the event. There was a clear benefit to the well-being of those attending and they all said they would attend another.

DAMHA wish to book the use of the kitchen and Liddell Room every last Monday of the month for the rest of the year to hold a regular 'Golden friends' luncheon on the same basis of 2 hours – 1200 to 1400 hrs on one day per month.

RESOLVED: To approve the use of the Liddell Room and Kitchen by Durham Aged Miners Homes Association for two hours for one day per month at no charge.

EVPC/26/27/075

EVPC Representation to Durham & Cleveland Fire Brigade

Cllr Dale gave information on her aspiration to bring the Chief Officer of Durham and Cleveland Fire Brigade to speak with Council in order for Council to receive information from the force headquarters direct. She will try to achieve this for the September meeting.

RESOLVED: The information was received and noted..

EVPC/26/27/075

Verbal Report from the Clerk on matters not covered elsewhere.

EVPC Summer Fair Sat 25th July. As many Cllrs as possible are required to attend and help out.

Litter outside of school – the Clerk will write to the school and perhaps get another bin placed nearby.

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

EVPC/26/27/076

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Cemetery & Grounds Committee Meeting – Monday 07 September 2026 at 1100 Hrs

Events Management Committee Meeting – Monday 14 September 2026 at 1700 Hrs

Council Ordinary Meeting - Monday 14 September 2026 at 1800 Hrs.

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

RESOLVED: that the information given be NOTED.

EVPC/26/27/077

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 2000 hrs.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

Chairman

Date

Distribution / Publication:

All Easington Village Parish Councillors
EVPC Website
Councillor L Penders DCC
Councillor H Brown DCC
Councillor L Taylor DCC

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CEMETERY AND GROUNDS
COMMITTEE HELD ON Monday 07th September 2026 at 1100hrs**

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

Staff: Mr P Moore (Clerk)

In Attendance: None

C&G 26/27/025 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

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 26/27/026 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr A Dent
Cllr J Ramshaw
Mr W Hunter
Mrs H Hall (Deputy Clerk)

Apologies were **NOTED**.

C&G 26/27/027 **Declaration of Interest on Items on the Agenda – To note any declarations in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and the Council's Code of Conduct.**

Cllr Lee (Allotment holder)

Declaration - **NOTED**

C&G 26/27/028 **Public Participation**

None

C&G 26/27/029 **Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 06th July 2026.**

The minutes of the previous Cemetery & Grounds committee meeting held on Monday 06 July 2026 were ratified at a meeting of Council on Monday 13th July 2026.

C&G 26/27/030 **Play Equipment Inspection Report**

The latest Play Inspection Report had not been received from DCC and therefore could not be presented at the meeting. This will be circulated electronically when received.

RESOLVED: To receive the Play Equipment Report at a later date.

C&G
26/27/031

Allotments Report from Deputy Clerk

In the absence of the Deputy Clerk the allotment report will be circulated electronically at a later date.

RESOLVED: To receive the Allotment Report at a later date.

C&G
26/27/032

Allotment Review (Spare 10 for Ben)

The current allocation of a half-plot to the charity Spare 10 for Ben has been reviewed and is to continue on the same basis until a further review in September 2027.

RESOLVED: To continue to allocate one half-plot to the charity Spare 10 for Ben free of charge, and to review this in September 2027.

C&G
26/27/033

Cemetery Supervisor Report

In the absence of the Cemetery Supervisor the cemetery report will be received at a later date.

RESOLVED: To receive the Cemetery Report at a later date.

C&G
26/27/034

Cemetery Fees Review 2027-28

RESOLVED: that the Cemetery fees for 2027-28 have been reviewed and there is to be no change for the calendar year 2027-28.

C&G
26/27/035

Thorpe Road Playing Field

The Thorpe Road playing field goal posts were vandalised in mid-June. Peterlee Town Council were tasked with removing the goal post bases, posts and returned the ground to a safe and level condition.

Pitch marking has been paused while there are no goal posts.

This matter was considered at the July Ordinary Meeting of Council:

EVPC/26/27/072

Thorpe Road Playing Field

Thorpe Road playing field had recently been vandalised and both goal posts were torn down rendering the field as non-playable for football or other sports. The goal posts had been removed at a cost to council and the cost of replacing the goal posts had been obtained. Marking of the pitch has been paused but it is still on the DCC grass-cutting plan. It is known that this location attracts a degree of anti-social behaviour which causes local residents to be disturbed, and several residents would like to see the land used for other purposes, however, the land is listed as a designated playing field.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk confirm the designation of the playing field and request the police to visit the area on a regular basis over the school holidays to help reduce anti-social behaviour in that area. A decision to replace the goal posts would be taken at a later date.

It has been confirmed that the playing field is land owned by the Parish Council for the sole purpose of providing a children's playing field. (See attached Deed)

There have been no reports of anti-social behaviour on the playing field over the period of the school summer holidays.

RESOLVED: that the goal posts be replaced with a 12ft x 6ft mini heavy duty wheeled freestanding pair of goal posts.

C&G
26/27/036

HM Prison & Probation Service Community Placement Service

HM Prison & Probation Service operate a Community Placement Scheme where low risk offenders who have been served Community Orders are rehabilitated into the community by serving the time of their order by conducting work and skills based training, and work that has a benefit in the community. The CPS scheme is operating Nationally and across County Durham.

This serves two purposes: Firstly, to rehabilitate the offender and reduce the risk of re-offending, and secondly so that residents see, and feel the benefit of the work of those who have committed low level crimes within the community.

In general, a CPS group would be one supervisor plus a team of 6 or 7 offenders. They come fully trained, suitably dressed and equipped, and need little in the way of support other than access to welfare facilities.

Consumables ie. paint / brushes etc are to be provided by EVPC. Local tractor / trailer support may be required for some tasks and will therefore require EVPC groundsmen to engage with the CPS Supervisor and team. The hours of work are 0900 – 1500 hrs.

A recent visit to Easington Village identified a number of small projects that are suitable for a CPS group. Some examples are:

The Garth – cutting back the hedges / bushes to open it up and make the footpath feel lighter / safer for pedestrians.

The Form Seat – Repaint the Form Seat and all railings. Renovate / improve the immediate area.

Cemetery – All edging around footpaths. Trimming hedges and trees. Repaint all gates and railings.

Seaton Holme – Renovate and repaint the coal tub and the ‘Seaton Holme’ wall.

Allotments – Renovate / repaint ISO container

RESOLVED: that the engagement with the Community Placement Service be approved and reviewed in February 2027.

C&G
26/27/037

Report of the Clerk on any further cemetery or grounds issues

Email from resident re: memorial bench fitting in cemetery. Very complimentary message has been passed on to grounds staff.

Email from resident regarding well-kept cemetery. Very complimentary message has been passed on to grounds staff.

Repairs to Thorpe Road playing field gate causing noise nuisance – completed 27 July 26.

Repair to village green swing completed 02 September.

Repair to village green playpark gate – quote received and accepted. Awaiting parts & repair

Entry to Northumbria in Bloom competition & attendance at awards ceremony Wed 16th Sep. Deputy Clerk will be attending.

Community Placement Scheme – MOU signed and planning to start work on The Garth on Friday 11th September. (First 50 m only)
Potentially a longer-term relationship with the Community Placement Scheme

Bench fitting – Village Green. Gardens of Grace quote received and accepted. Work started 07 September.

Allotment Seating Area – two old benches from village green to be re-allocated to Sunderland Road allotment.

Village green playpark benches. Two existing benches. Allocate one from village green centre

Village green perimeter fence repairs. Work started 07 September.

Cemetery Digital Mapping – Awaiting cemetery staff input to comments. Version 2 of the map to be sent to Pear Technology by end of September.

Village memorial stone – in production. Should be in place by mid - October in time for dedication and Armistice Day. Minister of St Mary’s Church will be invited to conduct dedication.

Tree works. Tree surveys have been carried out on Thorpe Rd, Village Green and Seaton Holme. A plan of works and cost will be produced shortly.

C&G
26/27/038

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday 02 November 2026 at 1100 hrs in the Milburn Room of Seaton Holme.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

CHAIR

DATE

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