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02 September 2026

To Councillors:

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

THE CEMETERY AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE will meet on **MONDAY 07**
September 2026 at **1100 Hrs** in the Milburn Room.

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Clerk to the Council

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EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL

CEMETERY AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Agenda

1 Exclusion of Press and Public

The Council is asked to **RESOLVE** that in accordance with Section 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public may be excluded from the meeting for any item on the agenda by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

2 Apologies for Absence – to consider for approval.

3 Declarations of Interest – to note any declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and the Council's Code of Conduct.

4 Public Participation – to receive any representations or questions from members of the public in accordance with Standing Order 3 (e-g). (Members of the public are invited to address the Cemetery & Grounds Sub Committee on matters relating to the Agenda for up to 3 minutes per person during the public participation period which is not to exceed 15 minutes in total)

5 Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 06th July 2026 – (Previously ratified at Council on Mon 13 July 2026)

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

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

8 Allotment Review (Spare 10 for Ben) – to consider for approval

9 Cemetery Report – (Mr Richardson) to consider for approval.

10 Cemetery Fees Review 2027 – 2028 – to review and set Cemetery Fees for 2027-28

11 Thorpe Road Playing Field – to consider for approval

12 HM Prison & Probation Service Community Placement Scheme – to consider for approval

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

14 Date and time of next meeting – Monday 02 November 2026 at 1100 Hrs in the Milburn Room.

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

16 None notified.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CEMETERY AND GROUNDS
COMMITTEE HELD ON Monday 06th July 2026 at 1100hrs**

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

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

Apologies for
Absence Cllr A Dent
Mr W Hunter

Apologies were **NOTED**.

In Attendance: None

C&G **Exclusion of the Press and Public**
26/27/014

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

C&G **Declaration of Interest on Items on the Agenda** – To note any
26/27/015 declarations in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and the Council's Code of Conduct.

Cllr Lee (Allotment holder)

Declaration - **NOTED**

C&G **Public Participation**
26/27/016

None

C&G **Previous Minutes**
26/27/017

The minutes of the previous Cemetery & Grounds committee meeting held on Monday 18 May 2026 were ratified at a meeting of Council on Monday 08th June 2026.

C&G **Play Inspection Reports**
26/27/018

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

RESOLVED: that the Play Equipment Inspection report be accepted.

C&G
26/27/019

Allotments Report from Deputy Clerk

The allotment track and car parking areas could do with strimming so the grounds team will be tasked with that.

Works on the proposed seating area had stalled. It may be better to make this area car parking rather than seating.

The steel container requires work to the outside eg. De-rusting and painting.

The access track requires plant work to reduce potholes and subsidence.

RESOLVED: that the Allotments Report be accepted.

C&G
26/27/020

Cemetery Supervisor Report

The Clerk provided details of recent works in the cemetery which included two burials and an ashes interment.

The grounds staff had taken receipt of the new fuel storage facility, and water bowser and a new roller door had been fitted to the cemetery workshop garage.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

C&G
26/27/021

Request for Installation of a Memorial Bench

A resident requested to install a memorial bench within the cemetery, in memory of a relative who was well known locally. A location is yet to be decided but in principle the committee approved the request. The Clerk will meet with the applicant to decide on a location.

RESOLVED: that the application be approved subject to identifying a suitable location.

C&G
26/27/022

Request for Installation of an allotment gate

A request has been received from an allotment holder to install a gate close to his allotment to prevent dumping of garden waste close to the perimeter fence. It was noted that all allotment holders are required to compost their own garden waste as much as possible, although a 'central' composting area might be useful. This would be investigated.

RESOLVED: that the request to install a gate be approved.

2345


C&G
26/27/023

Report of the Clerk on any further cemetery or grounds issues

Thorpe Road Playing Field – the goalposts were recently vandalised and torn down. These have been disposed of and the ground made safe. There will be an item at the next council meeting to replace the goal posts. A S106 application may be made.

The Village In Bloom Competition inspection will take place on Wednesday 22 July at 1100 hrs.

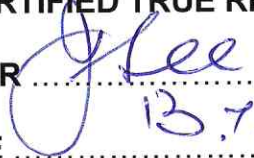
Arbor Division have been asked to provide a quote for a tree survey on 3 particular areas: Thorpe Road / Mill Terrace, Village Green and Seaton Holme.

C&G
26/27/024

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday 07 September 2026 at 1100 hrs in the Milburn Room of Seaton Holme.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

CHAIR 

DATE 13.7.26

AGENDA ITEM

EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL CEMETERY & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING

September 2026

Cemetery Fees 2027-28.

Cemetery fees were last reviewed in 2025 in comparison to surrounding parishes in the local area. No change in the fees was made to the fees for the financial year 2026/27.

There is no significant increase in burial costs over the previous year and no indication of any increase in the future other than the overall rate of inflation.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that there is no change to Cemetery Fees for the 2027 – 2028 financial year and that these are reviewed annually in September 2027.



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CEMETERY FEES AND CHARGES WITH EFFECT FROM 1ST APRIL 2026

(No change 2026-27)

DURHAM LANE CEMETERY, EASINGTON VILLAGE, SR8 3BA

	Resident	Non Resident
Exclusive Right		
Grave Spaces (All Spaces)	£170.00	£330.00
Cremated Remains Space	£50.00	£100.00
Interment Fees		
Adult - Single Depth	£230.00	£460.00
Adult - Double Depth	£350.00	£690.00
Cremated Remains	£60.00	£110.00
Child under 16 years	£0.00	£0.00
Still born	£0.00	£0.00
Memorial Charges		
Erection of Headstone or Tablet	£80.00	£150.00
Erection of Vase	£30.00	£60.00
Added Inscription	£30.00	£60.00
Additional Fees		
Transfer of Deed	£30.00	£30.00

~ A Resident is a person who has resided in The Parish of Easington for the previous 12 months or more

~ A member of the Armed Forces will be deemed a resident if their former permanent address was within the Parish

~ A person who was a resident in the Parish and left for reasons of care will be deemed a resident

~ The Council reserves the right to require proof of residency for example a Council Tax Bill or Electoral Roll entry proving residency within the Parish

AGENDA ITEM

EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL CEMETERY & GROUNDS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 2026

AGENDA ITEM

Review - Allotment Plot – Charity Spare 10 for Ben

Background:

Spare 10 for Ben is a local charity based in Seaton Holme that provides awareness, care and support to people from all walks of life who are experiencing mental health difficulties or have been through some form of trauma.

It is well known that gardening offers numerous mental health benefits, including:

Stress Reduction: Engaging in gardening activities can significantly lower stress levels and promote relaxation.

Mood Improvement: Gardening acts as a natural mood booster, helping to alleviate feelings of anxiety and depression.

Cognitive Stimulation: The tasks involved in gardening can enhance brain function and improve focus and concentration.

Social Integration: Gardening can foster social connections and strengthen bonds with others, contributing to a sense of community.

Mindfulness and Acceptance: It encourages mindfulness and acceptance, helping individuals to be present and appreciate their surroundings.

These benefits highlight how gardening can be a powerful tool for enhancing mental and physical well-being.

EVPC granted Spare 10 for Ben an allotment plot in September 2025 at no charge.

Since then, the charity made a significant improvement on the plot and have a growing group of service users who are now keen and avid gardeners.

Proposal: That Council consider continuing the current arrangement by allocating one full plot to the charity Spare 10 for Ben, free of charge, to be managed as a group for the purpose of improving mental health.

To be reviewed in September 2027.

AGENDA ITEM

EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL CEMETERY & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING

September 2026

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.

Cemetery & Grounds Committee are requested to recommend to Council:

Replacement of the goal posts.

Type of goal posts to be replaced. (Information attached)

Craig Tarr / Thorpe
Easington

Title Number : DU71230

This title is dealt with by HM Land Registry, Durham Office.

The following extract contains information taken from the register of the above title number. A full copy of the register accompanies this document and you should read that in order to be sure that these brief details are complete.

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REGISTER EXTRACT

Title Number	: DU71230
Address of Property	: land lying to the east of Thorpe Road, Easington
Price Stated	: Not Available
Registered Owner(s)	: EASINGTON PARISH COUNCIL care of 43 Paradise Crescent, Easington, Peterlee, Co. Durham.
Lender(s)	: None

Title number DU71230

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A: Property Register

This register describes the land and estate comprised in the title.

COUNTY DURHAM

- 1 (12.12.1978) The Freehold land shown edged with red on the plan of the above Title filed at the Registry and being land lying to the east of Thorpe Road, Easington.
- 2 The land was formerly copyhold of the Manor of Easington and the rights saved to the lord by the 12th Schedule of the Law of Property Act 1922 are excepted from the registration.
- 3 (24.06.1987) A new filed plan based on the latest revision of the Ordnance Survey Map has been substituted for the original plan.

B: Proprietorship Register

This register specifies the class of title and identifies the owner. It contains any entries that affect the right of disposal.

Title absolute

- 1 (12.12.1978) PROPRIETOR: EASINGTON PARISH COUNCIL care of 43 Paradise Crescent, Easington, Peterlee, Co. Durham.
- 2 (12.12.1978) RESTRICTION:- Except under an order of the registrar no disposition by the proprietor of the land is to be registered unless made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 or some other Act or authority.

C: Charges Register

This register contains any charges and other matters that affect the land.

- 1 A Conveyance of the land in this title dated 30 November 1978 made between (1) James Oliver and Irene Oliver (Vendors) and (2) The Parish Council of Easington (The Parish Council) contains the following covenants:-

"The Parish Council with the intent and so as to bind (so far as is practicable) the said property into whosoever hands the same may come and to benefit and protect the remaining property of the Vendors situate at Easington aforesaid hereby covenants with the Vendors that the Parish Council and its successors in title shall at all times hereafter observe and perform the covenants restrictions and stipulations following in relation to the said property

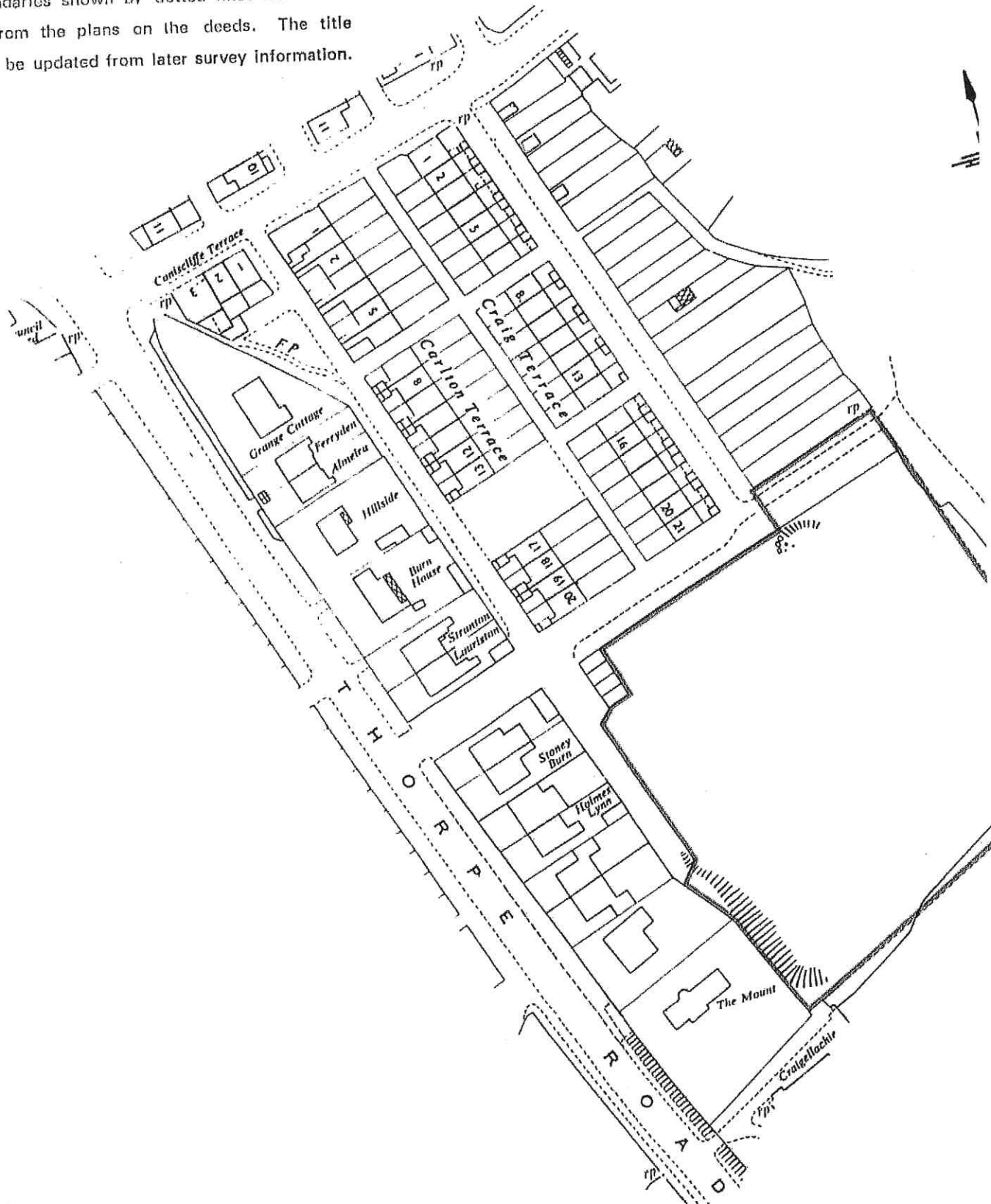
(a) No buildings or erections other than may be required to provide a childrens play area under the Physical Training and Recreation Act 1937 shall be erected on the premises without the previous consent of the Vendors

(b) Not to use the land for any other purpose than that of a childrens

H.M. LAND REGISTRY		TITLE NUMBER	
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The boundaries shown by dotted lines have been plotted from the plans on the deeds. The title plan may be updated from later survey information.



Title number DU71230

C: Charges Register continued

playground.

The Vendors hereby acknowledge the right of the Parish Council to production of the said Conveyance dated the Twenty Fifth day of August One thousand Nine hundred and Seventy Seven and to delivery of copies thereof and undertakes for the safe custody of the same."

End of register



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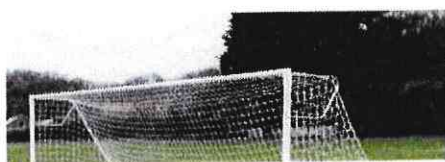
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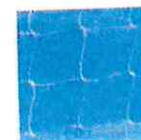
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AGENDA ITEM

EASINGTON VILLAGE PARISH COUNCIL CEMETERY & GROUNDS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 2026

AGENDA ITEM

HM Prison & Probation Service Community Placement Scheme (CPS)

Background: 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. **(If approved – this will be the first task starting on Friday 11 September 2026)**

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

Decision Required: That Council approve the engagement with the Community Placement Scheme and review the arrangement in 6 months.