

EASINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES no. 289

Minutes of Easington Parish Council held at Easington Community Hall on
Monday 3rd October 2016 at 7pm

Present: Cllr Smith – Chair
Cllr Graham
Cllr Livas Dawes
Cllr Martin
Cllr Stoyle
Cllr Longhorn
Cllr Nicholson

Apologies: Cllr Clubley

In attendance:

Ward Councillors Healing and Tucker

14 Members of the Public

In the absence of Parish Clerk – Alison Whelan due to suffering a fractured ankle Cllr Martin recorded the minutes.

Interests:

Pecuniary and Non Pecuniary None

Dispensations None

Minutes of the meeting on Monday 5th September 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record.

Co-Option of Councillors

Easington resident Julie Walters was invited to address the Council and following questions from the council a vote was taken and Julie Walters was voted unanimously on to the council. Cllr Walters was invited to join the council and to sign the attendance register.

Public Forum

It was suggested that ERYC be approached as to whether they would be willing to fund the conversion of the kiosk in Easington Square into public toilets. It was suggested that the Clerk write to ERYC with this proposal.

A question was asked as to whether the council had written to Eon regarding the funding of the YWT Visitor Centre now that planning permission had been refused. It was reported that the council had written to Eon and that their reply stated that they still regarded the YWT planning application as ongoing due to the resubmission of the planning application by YWT.

Ward Councillors: Cllr Tucker

Cllr Tucker reported on meetings which had taken place over the previous month which

concerned Easington Parish. These include, a SHAPE meeting, a meeting covering housing, planning, drainage and defibrillators on 29th Sept., The Yorkshire Ambulance Service plan to retester the service which would mean no ambulance cover between 12.00 midnight and 6.00am. Dong Energy annouced a proposal of a new Community Fund of £465,000 per annum for the next 20 years with a maximum of £50.000 on any proposal. The role of the MOD police was discussed following a failure to repond to a local request for help. Further meetings are to take place. An invitation to a Harvest Festival serice at Ottringham on 9th October at 6.00pm.

Cllr Healing

Cllr Healing said that she had been informed that no action had been taken on the recommendations she had made following the Peer Review that she and Arthur Hodgson (then a ward councillor) had carried out at the Mach 2016 meeting of Easington Parish Council. It was confirmed that no action had been taken. Cllr Healing asked if the parish council wished for her to arrange another Peer Review or that the Parish Council would act on her previous recommendations. The latter option was agreed.

Cllr Martin reported to the Ward Councillors that on examination of the 2016 Tide Tables it was found that there were only two tides in the year that were of sufficient height to be likely to cause flooding on the Spurn Peninsular during the hours when the VC was open to the public and in consequence he felt that claims by the YWT that their proposed Visitor Centre would improve visitor safety were exaggerated as flooding was unlikely during opening hours. From the public Ian Smith said that it was possible that a 2m surge on top of these tides could cause flooding.

Finance

Payments

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| A Lusmore - £124.80 Litter pick Easington Nicholson | Proposed Cllr Graham | Seconded Cllr |
| S Exley - £62.40 Litter pick Kilnsea Cllr Stoyle | Proposed Cllr Nicholson | Seconded |
| A Whelan - £309.23 Clerk's payment Cllr Stoyle | Proposed Cllr Graham | Seconded |
| D Longhorn - £500 Grass Cutting Cllr Stoyle | Proposed Cllr Nicholson | Seconded |
| Community Hall 4 th April - 24 th June inc. Stoyle | Proposed Cllr Longhorn | Seconded Cllr |
| ERYC £70.00 Return of payment in error Martin | Proposed Cllr Smith | Seconded Cllr |

Receipts

£70.00 Payment made in error
£5,000 Precept payment

Planning

No items of planning were presented.

Community Information and Matters Arising

Confirmed that Cllr Nicholson and Cllr Martin to attend the next Parish Council Surgery on Saturday 8th October

Cllr Martin suggested that the council had a responsibility to ensure that nobody was suffering due to the closure of the village shop in September. Discussion took place regarding the replacement of the Post Office. Cllr Livas Dawes said that the Post Office were able to provide a mobile service and could be approached. Janey Kettley said that there was a possibility of the Post Office making an approach to the Community Hall to use the office in the hall as a part-time Post Office but that approach had to be instigated by the Post Office. After discussion it was agreed that Cllr Martin and Cllr Walters attend the Evergreens Coffee Morning on Thursday 6th October to attempt to ascertain if parishioners are having problems caused by the shop closure and to determine the nature of these problems.

Coastal Opportunities Gateway (COG)

Due to the absence of The Clerk the update was not available.

Discussion took place regarding the suggestion of a planter to be constructed at the entrance to the village. Cllr Nicholson pointed out that because of public liability concerns it had been decided by the Council that we would not proceed with this item.

Cllr Smith raised the question of providing Community service work for a resident of the parish who is unable to keep an appointment for such work in Hull at 9.30 am on Sunday morning. Discussion took place regarding the painting of the cemetery railings and shed. Cllr Longhorn expressed concern that the work needed adequate supervision to ensure that it was carried out to a satisfactory standard.

Neighbourhood Planning

A report was given by Cllr Nicholson on Neighbourhood planning. Cllr Nicholson said that under present legislation she could see no advantages for Easington embarking on this scheme but if the legislation changed to include green spaces in the plan then it might be worthwhile. Cllr Martin pointed out that there was a plot of land for sale in the village with planning permission for 15 dwellings. Discussion took place and it was stated that foundations dug on the site in question did not have concrete foundations but were simply holes in the

ground.

The Villages of Britain

Cllr Livas Dawes outlined some proposals which in her mind would serve to put "Easington on the map". This was necessary because at present Easington is omitted from the villages described in the book, "Villages of Britain" by Clive Aslet. Cllr Livas Dawes said that our village should be represented.

Cllr Livas Dawes' comments were noted. No action was taken.

Grass Cutting

Cllr Longhorn declared a Pecuniary interest in this item and offered to leave the room. Cllr Martin requested that Cllr Longhorn remained in the room but that he did not vote on any proposals.

Because of the extended growing season discussion took place regarding the need to enable more cuts to be made as the current arrangements meant that cutting for 2016 had now ceased. It was agreed that Mike Welton be asked to oversee the state of the grass cutting in Easington. Mike Welton accepted this role.

Mike Welton said that since the contract had been taken over by Cllr Longhorn there had been many favourable comments about the state of the grass in the village.

After discussion the following proposal was made;

That Mike Welton should decide, on consultation with the current grass cutting contractor, when cuts to the grass should be made outside the contracted season in 2016 and that the Council will fund these cuts accordingly.

The proposal was carried unanimously.

It was decided by a unanimous vote that Groundtech should not be paid extra for the work they did in April of this year.

Finance Review

Cllr Martin said that following his and Cllr Haris Livas Dawes' attendance of the 'Good Councillor' course run by ERNLLCA in 2015, it was apparent that the way Easington Parish Council ran its budget meeting was incorrect and far from that suggested by ERNLLCA. Cllr Dawes confirmed this view.

Cllr Martin proposed that;

In the absence of the Parish Clerk, a nominated councillor should be empowered to approach ERNLLCA and request clear instructions on the way a council should run its budget deliberations.

The proposal was carried unanimously and Cllr Marin was asked to contact ERNllca.

Flooding

Cllr Martin reported that the meeting to discuss the Emergency Flooding plan for the village had not taken place but that it was hoped to hold the meeting before the next Parish Council meeting.

Correspondence

Because of the absence of the Parish Clerk items of correspondence were not available. Discussion did take place regarding a letter by Robina Herrington regarding the need for a footpath to the Cemetery. Discussion took place regarding a letter from Robina Herrington regarding car parking on land at Blakewell Pond. Mrs Herrington was informed that as the site was common land it could not be converted into a car park with hard standing.

Any Other Business

Cllr Martin suggested that a letter be sent to YWT asking them for written answers to questions, still unresolved following the recent local drop-in meetings, regarding the new planning application due to be submitted to ERYC for a Visitor Centre at Spurn. As an item in AOB requiring a decision has to be referred to the next meeting then Cllr Smith suggested that Cllr Martin compile the list of questions and submits it to YWT as a private individual. Cllr Martin agreed to do this.

Cllr Longhorn reported that the ditch opposite the Riding School on Humberside Lane was blocked/choked with weeds and needed attention. It was suggested that the Clerk write to the Drainage Board to report the matter.

Cllr Longhorn reported that it was becoming more common for members of local councils to be represented on the Governing bodies of local schools.

It was suggested that a letter be sent to ERYC Planning Department for clarification plans for the plot of land currently for sale in Easington with planning permission for 15 homes. (No Affordable Homes are included in the scheme)

Date of next meeting -

Monday 7th November, 2016 at 19.00. Parish Council meeting will be held in Easington

Community Hall. The meeting will be preceded by the gas companies' liaison meeting which will commence at 18.15.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20.20.