

# Easington Parish Council

MINUTES TO ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THE 03 NOVEMBER 2022 THIS MEETING WAS HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL BECK LANE EASINGTON HU12 0TX

Present: Cllr. Ian Smith - Chair IS  
 Cllr. Burt Graham BG  
 Cllr. David Longhorn DL  
 Cllr. Glenn Myers GM  
 Cllr. Robert Wilson RW

Clerk: Kim Dalton KD

Ward Councillor(s): 0

Members of Public: 3 (1 being applicant for the Councillor vacancy)

Minute	Discussion and Agreement	Action
<b>22/11/108</b>	<b>To note apologies for absence and absentees</b>	
	Apologies for absence received from: Cllr(s). Roy Clubley, Nick Jackson, and David Tucker	
<b>22/11/109</b>	<b>Co-Option of Councillor</b>	
	The Chair confirmed that the Parish Council has received an application for the vacancy of councillor. The applicant, Gary Spencer gave a brief resume of themselves and why they wished to be a Councillor.  He was unanimously Co-Opted as a Parish Councillor to Easington Parish Council and signed the Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the Clerk, The Declaration of Interest is to be completed and returned within 28 days to the Clerk.	GS/Clerk
<b>22/11/110</b>	<b>Councillors disclosure of interests in matters to be discussed</b>	
	None disclosed	
<b>22/11/111</b>	<b>Minutes from Previous Meetings</b>	
	Minutes to the Ordinary Meeting on 06/10/2022 were <b>Agreed</b> and <b>Signed</b> by the Chair	
<b>22/11/112</b>	<b>Clerk(s) Report</b>	
	The clerk reported on various ongoing issues, see ( <i>Appendix 1</i> ) for full detail.	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>22/11/113</b>	<b>Public Forum</b>	
	.MOP 1 – 10 Chains Lane – can a letter of thanks be sent to the owners of the caravan site for cutting back their hedge? Chair confirmed it will be added to the next agenda for discussion.	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>22/11/114</b>	<b>Ward Councillor Update</b>	
	No update from Ward Councillor	
<b>22/11/115</b>	<b>Finance</b>	
	a) Receipts – Precept (Final) £8500 and Cemetery Fees £510.00 - Total £9010.00  b) The following payments were Agreed, the Chair and Clerk signed the payment schedule, Clerk and IS will authorise payments via bank. Yorkshire & Humber Ground Maintenance – October Cutting Schedule 450.00 Wage roll (October Salaries) 638.04	

	<p>Microsoft Monthly Payment – November * 11.28  Shaw &amp; Sons Limited – Cemetery Receipt Books * 49.67  Easington Community Hall – July/Sept Meetings 59.50  Royal British Legion - Poppy Appeal – Section 137 Payment 100.00</p> <p><b>November payments authorised</b> <b>Total Payments</b> <b>£ 1308.49</b></p> <p>* Indicates Clerks Expenses paid personally by the Clerk and are now being reclaimed.</p> <p>c) The PC re-considered the Budget for the Financial Year 2023/2024:- It was proposed and '<b>Agreed</b>' the Budget for the year 2023/2024 at £20,695.00, see Appendix 2.</p> <p>d) The Section 137 payment as per the Budget for 2022/2023 was 'Agreed' at £100.00, the cheque was signed by IS and the Clerk.</p>	Clerk
<b>22/11/116</b>	<b>Planning</b>	
	<p>The <b>following Planning Application was discussed and considered:</b></p> <p><u>Immingham RO/RO</u> - Statutory Consultation – Section 42 Duty to consult – <b>Agreed</b> 'No Comment' from the Parish Council.</p> <p><u>Humber Low Carbon Pipelines Project</u> – Statutory Consultation – Section 42 Duty to consult – It was '<b>Agreed</b>' No Objection to the application subject to any sheet piling enabling any pipeline installation be removed in its entirety after works are completed, and not just cut off at a low level - drifting sand levels leaves these exposed and a H&amp;S problem in the future.</p>	
<b>22/11/117</b>	<b>Community Issues</b>	
	<p>a) <u>Warm Spaces Report – Appendix 3</u>  The Parish Council discussed the report, it was proposed that 'Option C' be adopted and that the Parish Council do not get involved – all '<b>Agreed</b>'.</p> <p>b) <u>Christmas Event – 02/12/2022</u>  The clerk advised that Gassco, The Church and a local group, Events Committee are all involved with the 'Light Switch On', Should the Parish Council consider a contribution? It was proposed that the Parish Council provide a fund of up to £100 in respect of anything required - this was '<b>Agreed</b>'. Clerk will communicate with the parties involved.</p> <p>c) <u>Cemetery Fees</u>  Some discussion took place around the subject, but it was '<b>Agreed</b>' to move the item to the December meeting.</p> <p>d) <u>Community Payback</u>  Clerk asked for any other work the Parish Council considers that the team could undertake on the Council behalf. Clearing leaves was suggested but nothing more was put forward.</p>	Clerk
<b>22/11/118</b>	<b>Reports from Committees/Councillors with Responsibilities</b>	
	<p><b><u>Representation on External bodies -</u></b></p> <p>Health Forum – Cllr. Robert Wilson was appointed as the new representative. Next meeting 14/11/2022.  Shape – No Report  Community Hall – Nothing particular to report – some repairs are still outstanding – Chair asked the representative – Cllr. BG to ask if future Community Events could be 'Free' to the Community, i.e., 'Light Switch On'.  ERNLLCA – No meeting</p>	

	<p><b><u>Committees –</u></b></p> <p><u>To appoint Councillors to the HR Committee and Parish Plan Committee</u> It was '<b>Agreed</b>' that Cllr. G Myers would be added to the HR Committee</p> <p>It was '<b>Agreed</b>' that Cllr. G Spencer be added to the Parish Plan Committee</p> <p>Emergency Plan – No meeting held Health &amp; Safety – No meeting held Parish Plan – Next meeting being re-arranged</p> <p><u>Councillors with Responsibilities for areas within the Parish – Nothing reported</u></p>	
<b>22/11/19</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	<p>The following Correspondence having been sent to Councillors via email was noted: 31/08/2022 – Hazel Armstrong – Joint Local Access Forum Report 06/09/2022 – Withernsea Lions – Bulbs Donated 14/09/2022 – Peter Hirschfeld, SHAPE Meeting - September 15/09/2022 – Ruth Johnson Ross, ERNLLCA – Councillor Training Courses 23/09/2022 – Ruth Johnson-Ross, ERNLLCA – Councillor Training Courses 23/09/2022 – Nicola Crichton, ERYC – New Design Guidance – Information</p>	
<b>22/11/120</b>	<b>Items for Next Agenda</b>	
	Hedge Cutting – 10 Chains Lane/Seaside Road	
<b>22/11/121</b>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting(s): Thursday, 1 December 2022</b></p> <p><b>Meeting Closed at: 19.39</b></p>	

**Appendix 1** – Clerk Report

**Appendix 2** – Budget 2023/2024

**Appendix 3** – Warm Spaces Report

## EASINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### CLERK REPORT ON ONGOING ACTIVITY/ACTION POINTS / OUTSTANDING ITEMS

Minute Ref:	Company/PC	Description	Action	Outcome
21/02/17	EPC	Parish Clock	Clerk	Clerk resolving issue with local Electrician- <b>ongoing</b> – Richard Newsam arranging a suitable appointment to have a look.  UPDATE – owners are moving out – RN is to wait and KD will discuss with the new owners when they move in.
21/10/99	EPC	Seaside Road Easington – dangerous ‘Road Sign’ – raised by MOP in Public session.	Clerk	09/11/2021 – Clerk Emailed Terry Weaver – Remove Sign – Cllr. DT advised they are aware and it is schedule to be removed in the next few weeks (7/6/2022)  <b>28/10/2022 – Still in situ.</b>
21/08/86	EPC	Foliage – Speeding Sign – Hull Road	Clerk	10/09/2021 – ERYC confirmed Grounds Dept have been instructed to cut the foliage back. Clerk chased Terry Weaver.
22/09/088 (b)	EPC	Defibrillator – Out Newton	Clerk	20/9 – Buckle Farms agreed to instal at Southfield Farm – KD written to supplier to confirm. Order being put in for us. Buckle to confirm where they suggest is the best place to instal. Defib still in the ‘Pipeline’.
		Community Payback		Continuing to undertake work in and around the village – Memorial Area tidied up, Bulbs to be planted along Hull Road Bench – Cliff Top - they cannot do in this weather and we have to send in another request for this type of work. Clerk will send a letter of Thanks to the team on behalf of the PC.
		Christmas		Tree coming from Gassco. Light Switch on to be 2/12/2022. Events Committee supporting the PC with the events for the evening. Church providing ‘Mulled Wine’ Prayers and Carols.

Indicates ongoing/underway

Appendix 1 – Nov 2022 Meeting



## **EASINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **REPORT TO EASINGTON PARISH COUNCIL ON WARM SPACE PROVISION**

**Subject:** Provision of a Warm Space in Easington Parish in response to cost-of-living crisis

**Purpose:** To decide on action necessary for the provision of a Community Warm Space; to plan the use of financial resources carefully to achieve the maximum benefit for the community.

#### **1. Background**

There is a cost-of-living crisis in the UK resulting in unprecedented pressures on people this winter. Despite the support given by Government, there are people in Easington who will be forced to make tough decisions about when and what they eat, what they can do in life, and when they can afford to heat their home. Unfortunately, the Parish Council do not know the number of people within the community who may be impacted.

#### **The reason for Warm Spaces**

From April 2022 Ofgem increased their price cap for default (standard variable tariffs) and prepayment meter tariffs by 54 per cent. This raised the bills of 22 million gas and electricity customers by an average of between £693 and £708 depending on how they pay. This is on top of the price increase that came in October 2021. The price cap for October 2022 has been set by the government but is estimated to add another 20%, this would see the average bill increase to around £2,500 a year for gas and electricity.

The government's position on support is evolving, with some measures already announced and paid, including a £150 council tax rebate, a £400 grant through the Energy Bill Support Scheme, £300 for pensioners, and extra £150 for those with disabilities and an expansion of the Household Support Fund. However, the reality is that for most families, this support is not enough to cover the price rises of food, fuel, and other necessities. This means that although people will have an extra money to go towards their energy costs it may not make enough of a difference.

A warm space is a community building, open to all during advertised opening hours, where anyone can come and will be treated with dignity and respect. Individual reasons for seeking the warm space will be kept confidential and there will be no judgment on anyone needing to seek a warm space this winter.

The Warm space can provide a heated place with drinks and food and community interaction. Providers of Warm Spaces could consider offering a TV, music, interaction with food bank services. Unfortunately, because our own Community Hall does not offer 'Wi Fi' services this facility could not be offered.

The idea of sharing a warm space during the winter months has been widely adopted across the Country and there are grants available at District Council level to help meet the running costs. See Do it For Yorkshire Grant information.

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### **2. Options for Council**

- a. Create a community Warm space using a Community building, apply for grant funding and enlist the help of volunteer organisations to support users of the Warm Space by providing hot drinks, signposting users to energy saving advice and where appropriate services who can help with benefit advice and government grants for those in fuel poverty.
- b. Work with voluntary groups to support the opening of a community Warm Space in a community building. Assist the organisers where possible by signposting them towards funding sources.
- c. Do not support the creation of a community Warm Space. If a Warm space is created by a community group e.g., Church group, promote on Parish Council website and social media but not be involved either operationally or financially.

### **3. Implications and risks**

That the running costs exceed income obtained via grant applications. That staff time is used in the absence of volunteers. That heating costs are higher than expected for the venue.

Venue – to consider

Safeguarding – training required (potential vulnerable Adults/Children)

Volunteers and/or Employee commitment

Costs – running costs may exceed grant availability

Hire of Hall costs – not covered by DIY Grant

Clerk – note cannot offer any time to the project

Is this what the Community wants? Consultation required to decide.

Parish Council Budget / Funds – note the PC does not have any available funds for this project

Kim Dalton – Clerk

Easington Parish Council

20 October 2022