

## AGENDA EASINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**To: The Councillors you are hereby summoned to attend the Parish Council Meeting, to be held on Thursday, 06 July 2023 at 19.00, at The Community Hall Beck Lane Easington HU12 0TX**

1. **Apologies**
2. **Co-Opt of an additional Councillor to the vacancy following the 'Uncontested' Election**
3. **Declaration of Interests**-members to declare any interests in items on the agenda and the nature of such interests.
4. **To elect a Vice Chairman** and to receive the Vice Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office
5. **To appoint members to serve on the following Committees:**
  - a) Health & Safety including Risk Management (1 Member)
  - b) HR & Staffing Committee (1 Member)
6. **To review Responsibilities and to appoint Councillors:**
  - a) Street scene, Churchyard, Cemetery, Village Garden, Blakewell Pond and Blacksmiths Corner – Easington (1 Member)
  - b) Internet Banking Authorisation and Cheque Signatories – (appoint a further Councillor)
7. **To appoint a representative onto the undernoted external bodies as required:**
  - a) SHAPE Representative (1 Member)
  - b) ERNLLCA – (1 Member)
8. **Minutes from previous meeting(s) – Ordinary Meeting 01/06/2023**
9. **Chair Report**
10. **Clerks Report – Appendix 1**
11. **Public Forum**

*This section will be limited to 15 minutes (maximum 5 mins per member of public) to raise any issues, concerns, or observations regarding items on the Agenda. Issues not on the Agenda can be discussed but the Parish Council cannot make decisions on them at this meeting. Such items may be included on future Agenda. Reference: Easington Parish Council Standing Orders.*
12. **Ward Councillor Update**

*This section limited to 15 minutes (maximum 5 mins per Councillor for questions)*
13. **Finance**
  - a) To **note** Receipts as per schedule in the sum of £180.81 (Appendix 2)
  - b) To **resolve** Payment(s) as per the schedule(s) in the sum of £3846.83.83 (July and August) (Appendix 3)
  - c) To note Bank Reconciliation and 'independently' Check against Bank Statements (Appendix 4)

d) To report on Budget v Spending – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter as at 30/06/2023 (Appendix 5)

**14. Planning -**

**To consider Planning Applications/Consultations (inc. applications received up to the date of the Meeting)**

No applications received

**To note the following Planning Decisions:**

Planning Application Ref: 22/04006/PLF

**Proposal:** Erection of dwelling, detached garage and construction of vehicle access and associated works

**Location:** Land West Of Wheatcroft Hull Road Easington East Riding Of Yorkshire HU12 0TE

**Applicant:** Mr And Mrs Biglin

**Decision:** ERYC Granted subject to conditions

**15. Community Issues**

a) Electric Vehicle Charging Point

To receive report regarding an Electric Vehicle Charging Point. (Appendix 6)

b) Seating

Seat in Cemetery

To note Seat removed due to being in a dangerous state, and further seat to replace being provided by donor in due course.

c) Wall – Village Garden

To resolve action following deterioration of wall in village garden

d) D-Day 2024

To resolve any action PC wishes to take re D-Day 2024 activities

**16. Policy/Procedure/Training**

To resolve how the PC wishes to undertake training with Councillors

**17. Committees and/or Councillors with Responsibilities:**

**To receive Verbal Reports from Councillors with responsibilities and/or Committees**

**Reports from Councillors with External Committee Representation(s):**

Shape / Health / Community Hall / ERNLLCA

**Reports from Parish Council Committees:**

Emergency Plan –

Health, Safety and Risk Management, Policies and Procedure –

Parish Plan –

**Report from Councillors with Responsibilities for Areas within the Parish**

**18. Correspondence (previously circulated to all Councillors via Email)**

*Correspondence detailed below is received and added to the Agenda for discussion. Further correspondence received during the month which is informative only and not included in the list of correspondence detailed.*

09/06/2023 – ERNLLCA – Training Update -various courses – some Free

13/06/2023 – ERYC – Town & PC Planning Liaison Meeting (number of attendees) ?

19/06/2023 – D-Day Information – 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 6/6/2024

20/06/2023 – ERNLLCA – Annual Conference – 15/09/2023 – Attendees ?

20/06/2023 – Holderness Health – Forum presentation

**19. Items for the Next Agenda:** (items for addition to the next Agenda are at the discretion of the Chair/Clerk)

**20. Date and Time of next meeting(s): -**

To discuss / review meeting day and week of the month.

**No meeting in August**

Yours Faithfully,

*Kim Dalton*

Clerk to Easington Parish Council

**Date of Issue:** 30 June 2023

*Note:*  
*Easington Parish Council publish Agenda 3 Clear Working Days prior to a meeting (not including Saturday, Sunday, or Bank Holidays), correspondence received is as received at the date of issue of Agenda,– further correspondence or requests for Agenda items will be considered for adding to future agenda. LGA 1972 – Schedule 12, 10(2)(a) and Section 243.*

Appendix

1 – Clerk Report

2 – Receipts Schedule

3 - Payment Schedule

4 – Bank Reconciliation

5 – Budget – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

6 – Electric Vehicle Charging Report

**Public and Press are welcome to attend the meeting.  
Please Note - the meeting will be recorded via Audio.**

**Easington Parish Council**

**Receipt Schedule**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Allocation</b>
26/06/2023	Northern Powergrid	11.77	Wayleave - Land Out Newton / Easington	Rent
27/06/2023	Cemetery Fee	100.00		Cemetery
30/06/2023	Bank Interest	66.19	Unity Savings Account	Interest
30/06/2023	Bank Interest	2.85	Unity Savings Account	Interest
	<b>Total</b>	<b>180.81</b>		

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**Easington Parish Council**  
**Payment Schedule - July and August 2023**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>BudgetAllocation</b>
30/06/2023	Bank Charges	18.00	Quarterly Fee	Expenses
06/07/2023	June Salaries - All Employees	696.63	Paid 15th of the Month unless a Weekend/Bank Hoiday	Salaries
	Microsoft Monthly Payment (July 2023)	11.28	Clerks Expenses*	M/Soft/Norton
	Yorkshire & Humber Ground Maintenance	945.00	2 Cuts each at Cemetery/Churchyard /Village Garden and Memorial	Grasscutting
	Easington Events Committee	91.01	Remainder of Grant received and donation from EPC	Grants
	HSTS	450.00	Defibrillator Training Course	Training
01/08/2023	July Salaries - All Employees	696.63	Paid 15th of the Month unless a Weekend/Bank Hoiday	Salaries
	Microsoft Monthly Payment (August 2023)	11.28	Clerks Expenses*	M/Soft/Norton
	Yorkshire & Humber Ground Maintenance	945.00	2 Cuts each at Cemetery/Churchyard /Village Garden and Memorial	Grasscutting
<b>Total Monthly Payments</b>		<b>3846.83</b>		

**Notes:**

1. \*Clerks Expenses are amounts paid by the Clerk personally **22.56**  
on behalf of the Parish Council and being reclaimed

2. Salaries are Gross - inclusive of the HMRC Payment (as HMRC payment fluctuates from month to month) and represent All Employees

3. Once Authorised for payment the RFO raises payment and Dual Authorisation is made via Councillor(s) R Clubley, G. Myers

**Signed:**

**Date:**

**Chair of Meeting**

**Signed:**

**Date:**

**Kim Dalton**

**Clerk/RFO**

**Signed as Authorisation to pay the above amounts  
via Bank Transfer from the Community Account**

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Easington Parish Council  
Bank Reconciliation 2023 to 2024

	A	B	C
1	<b>01/04/2023</b>		
2	Opening Balance - Current Account	1212.26	
3	Opening Balance - Savings Account 1	505.48	
4	Opening Balance - Savings Account 2	7204.00	
5	Voucher Credit - Sandhills	0.56	
6	Income	11006.91	
7	<b>Total</b>	<b>19929.21</b>	
8			
9	Less:		
10	Expenditure	5998.08	
11			
12	<b>Reconciliation as at : 30 June 2023</b>	<b>13931.13</b>	
13			
14			
15	<b>Closing Balances as at 30/06/2023 :</b>		
16	Unity Savings Account - 20450698	508.33	
17	Unity Savings Account 20450708	12270.19	
18	Unity - Current Account - 20450685	1052.05	
19	Cash/Cheque to be banked	100.00	
20	Voucher Credit (Sandhills)	0.56	
21			
22			
23	<b>Less Uncleared Cheques/payments</b>		
24			
25	<b>Balance</b>	<b>13931.13</b>	
26			
27			
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31			
32			
33	<b>Signed By Chair:</b>		<b>Date:</b>
34			
35	<b>Signed By Clerk:</b>		<b>Date:</b>

**Easington Parish Council  
Budget 2023/ 2024**

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
1	Description	2019/2020		2020/2021		2021/2022		2022/2023		2023/2024		Budget		Reserve(s)	
2		Actual		Actual		Actual		Actual		Budget	Actual	%		General Reserve	6922.00
3	<b>Office Costs</b>													<b>Includes costs for Elections</b>	
4	Accountant/Audit Fees	290.00		50.00		450.40		407.40		450.00	718.60	159.69%		Locum Clerk Uninsured Legal	
5	Chairman's Fund	0.00		0.00		48.98		70.00		100.00		0.00%		Costs (e.g. Ash Die Back Tree)	
6	Hall Hire/Zoom	113.05		127.28		207.73		<b>267.75</b>		400.00	75.50	18.88%			
7	ERNLLCA/SLCC	357.65		457.18		470.54		489.18		490.00	408.71	83.41%			
8	Office Expenses	127.90		382.77		211.28		295.71		350.00	94.48	26.99%		<b>Targeted Reserves:</b>	
9	Kiosk - Costs	0.00		550.00		0		0		0		0.00%		Flood Reserve	2000.00
10	Insurance	380.32		397.04		395.47		363.00		420.00		0.00%			
11	IT Equipment	0.00		933.17		0		0.00		100.00		0.00%		Total Reserve(s)	<b>8922.00</b>
12	M/soft 365 & Norton AV	0.00		126.39		112.80		166.96		180.00	28.20	15.67%			
13	Training Courses	0.00		216.00		360.00		0.00		400.00		0.00%			
14	Salaries Inc. HMRC	6938.40		7223.16		7522.54		8056.97		8640.00	1372.12	15.88%			
15		<b>8207.32</b>		<b>10462.99</b>		<b>9779.74</b>		<b>10116.97</b>		<b>11530.00</b>	<b>2697.61</b>	23.40%			
16												0.00%			
17	<b>Grants</b>											0.00%		<b>Precept</b>	
18	Grants	10410.00		600.00		650.70		92.00			558.99	0.00%		2018/2019	12000.00
19	Section 137	0.00		100.00		100.00		100.00		100.00		0.00%		2019/2020	12000.00
20		<b>10410.00</b>		<b>700.00</b>		<b>750.70</b>		<b>192.00</b>		<b>100.00</b>	<b>558.99</b>	558.99%		2020 /2021	14000.00
21												0.00%		2021/2022	17000.00
22	<b>Community Costs</b>											0.00%		2022/2023	17000.00
23	Defib Accessories	188.64		102.59		0.00		1031.00		450.00		0.00%		2023/2024	20000.00
24	Grass Cutting Contract	4225.00		4225.00		5940.00		4800.00		6000.00	1417.50	23.63%			
25	Rates - Cemetery	81.93		95.08		0		312.12		150.00	229.54	153.03%			
26	Seating	0		130.00		437.03		0.00		250.00		0.00%			
27	Street Lighting	210.31		213.47		171.39		199.80		220.00		0.00%			
28	Village Work	552.57		550.00		3599.98		883.48		750.00		0.00%			
29	Waste Collection	125.32		128.96		132.86		138.06		145.00	147.94	102.03%			
30	Severe Weather Costs	0.00		63.00		0		0.00		1000.00		0.00%			
31	Allotment Costs	0.00		17.00		0		0.00		100.00		0.00%			
32		<b>5383.77</b>		<b>5525.10</b>		<b>10281.26</b>		<b>7364.46</b>		<b>9065.00</b>	<b>1794.98</b>	19.80%			
33												0.00%		<b>Notes:</b>	
34	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>24001.09</b>		<b>16688.09</b>		<b>20811.70</b>		<b>17673.43</b>		<b>20695.00</b>	<b>5051.58</b>	24.41%		<b>1. Reserves updated as per Bank Balance as at 31/03/2023</b>	
35														<b>2. Grants - £500, received from ERYC iro Coronation Event</b>	
36														remainder agreed from last years underspend	
37															
38	<b>Estimated Income 2023/2024</b>					<b>Actual Income 2023/2024</b>									
39	Precept	20000.00						10000.00							
40	Cemetery Fees	500.00						200.00							
41	Allotment Fees	100.00						76.00							
42	Wayleave	11.77						11.77							
43	Bank Interest	20.00						69.04							
44	Coronation Grant	500.00						500.00						<b>1st Quarter Budget as at 30 June 2023</b>	
45															
46		<b>21131.77</b>						<b>10856.81</b>							

## **REPORT INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINT**

Date of Report: June 2023

Report Author: Kim Dalton – Clerk Easington Parish Council

### **Background Information**

At the last Gas Liaison Meeting in March 2023, Gassco offered the Community the installation of an Electric Vehicle Charging System, this being because it transpired that residents have been using Gassco's own systems which are not for the use of the village but for employees of Gassco only.

Gassco would like to donate an electric vehicle charging point for local residents via the parish council. This would need to be sited in the village (not at Gassco). Gassco will cover the purchase and installation cost for one charging point. Any costs associated with operating (charging residents for use of the charger and the associated electricity costs for example) and maintaining the charging point would be a matter for the parish – The arrangement was likened to the procurement and installation of the community hall's defibrillator, which was donated by Gassco around 15 years ago.

### **Electric Vehicle Charging Points**

There are many operators in the market that offer installation of EV charging points. I have been provided with details of the following companies, by SP Group, who came to visit the site but felt we were best to go to one of the following organisations, which is where this information is from.

BP ChargeMaster - <https://www.bppulse.co.uk/>

Pod Point Commercial - <https://pod-point.com/solutions/business/commercial-charging>

I have also found that EON do something as well.

There are different types of charging point, Dual / Single and different types of charging.

Rapid and Ultra-rapid Chargers- DC (Direct Current) rapid chargers, rated at 50kw can refill an EV battery to 80% in around 40 minutes.

Fast Chargers – 7kw charger take up to 6 – 8 hours / 22kw charger up to 3 hours.

Slow Chargers – can take up to 12 hours to recharge.

Once installed there is the potential for the Parish Council to receive some income from EV Charging. As this is still very new and each PC is different I do not know the amount of income we could generate. But it would need to be enough to cover maintenance costs / electricity charges and any other fixed costs we may incur.

### **Location**

Probably the best location in the village for any EV Point would be where the current 'Citizen Link Kiosk' is, it would mean demolishing this, there is a source of electricity at this location. This of course for debate/discussion.

Alternatively, I cannot think of anywhere else unless the PC leased land in the Parish to locate EVCP.

In addition, as this area is part of the conservation area – the Parish Council would need to apply for planning permission although I do understand that due to the 'Green' credentials of this it is unlikely that it would be refused, Local Authorities have targets to meet regarding Environmental issues.

### **Can Parish Councils Implement this?**

Charging for electricity is classed as trading and usually only Parish Councils who have General Power of Competence can do this, see NALC Legal Topic Note 89 attached.

Easington Parish Council do not currently have GPOC, in order to do so, the Clerk would need to be CILCA Qualified – to undertake this qualification the cost is in the region of £650.00 for the course and associated mentor support plus additional hours spent studying for the qualification - anticipated to be around 4 hours per week.

I have sought advice from our Local Association – ERNLLCA the following is their response:

*'Tom and I have both looked through the information on the legal topic note. It appears from the information that you could go ahead with it without GPC if you either leased a strip of land or have it on premises you own, however you would be unable to charge for the electricity. You would therefore need an agreement in place with an electricity supplier (or East Riding) to sell the electricity. You would of course need a solicitor to make any of these agreements in place for lease of land or agreement to have the supplier maintain the equipment and charge for the electricity (unfortunately this is beyond the scope of ERNLLCA). If you were to do this, whether now or in the future once you have gained GPC, it could be preferable to have a supplier in control of it so that you do not have to make charges or maintain the equipment as there will be ongoing maintenance costs and VAT implications in terms of making the charges as a business.*

*Potentially you could negotiate with the business that would like to provide this in terms of paying for a solicitor or arranging a supplier, this might be something worth considering if your council felt that this was beneficial to the community.*

*The bottom two points from the Topic note are particularly relevant:*

*Can councils provide EV charging points in council car parks? 7. Section 111 of the 1972 Act gives a local council the power to do anything "to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of any of their functions". Car parking is a function of a local council so it could use this power as incidental to that function in respect of parking it provides for electric vehicles. The section 111 power can be exercised "whether or not involving the expenditure, borrowing or lending of money or the acquisition or disposal of any property or rights". This would allow a local council to purchase and install charging points. However, section 111 does not allow a local council to raise money and therefore it cannot charge for the supply of electricity, but it could lease the equipment to a suitable provider for the provider to supply and charge for the electricity. 8. Alternatively, a local council could use section 128 of the 1972 Act to lease, to a suitable provider, a strip of the car park wide enough for the installation of the charging points and then the charge for the supply of electricity would, again, be made by the electricity company. 9. The leases above could provide an income for the local council. Rent is incidental to the lease so this would not count as trading for councils without the GPC. As with any lease a council enters in to, the council should instruct solicitors to act for it in drawing up a lease.*

*Can council use other premises they own to provide EV charging? 11. If a local council is the owner of other premises, such as a village hall or leisure facility, then it can install the charging points there without any further power as property owner. If a local council is the tenant of such premises then it must ensure that the installation does not breach the terms of the lease and that any relevant consent under the lease is obtained. 12. A local council should consider whether it is appropriate to seek funding from the government's On-Street Residential Charge Point Scheme (OZEV) The application process is open to relevant local authorities throughout the UK. OZEV defines 'local authority' using the 'public authority' definition as listed in Schedule 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which includes parish and community councils. Funding from this scheme could be used for car park provision or where a local council has provided relevant footway lighting.*

Regarding, the last paragraph 'On-Street Residential Charge Point Scheme', I had already registered our interest with them, just in case this was the only way we could provide a charging point.

**Benefit to the Community**

East Riding of Yorkshire Council is 'rolling out' EV charging points across the county (copy article attached), this mainly in larger Towns and Parishes, we will likely be one of the last to receive anything.

Easington Parish Council could be seen to be 'forward thinking' and 'pro-active', in putting this in place and whilst there may not be a lot of Electric Vehicle in the Parish at the moment I am sure it will increase considerably over the next 4 /5 years.

There is obviously some in the community who need a charge point if they are going up to Gassco and using those facilities. I have had an enquiry from a MOP asking if we have any Charge Points, so anticipate this type of query may increase.

Apart from Withernsea, there is nowhere local that anyone who has an Electric Vehicle and doesn't have a driveway can charge their vehicle locally without having an extension lead from their own property going over the pavement – this in itself is a trip hazard at the very least.

**Summary**

I have tried to bring out relevant points for Parish Council to consider, as you can see from the above there is a lot more to the subject than just accepting an Electric Vehicle Charging Point, but any opinions are mine, and only for information.

**Parish Council debate.**

**Motion** - Does EPC wish to accept the donation of an EVCP offered from Gassco? YES/NO

If NO – no further action

If YES –

**Motion**

To discuss / agree how EPC wish to proceed with implementation – Clerk / Working Party / Initial research with providers etc.

**Motion** - Parish Council to discuss/resolve do they require the Clerk to undertake the CILCA examination (note as per employment contract states that PC will pay for qualifications/ training additional hours / travel as required). Note - Timeframe to achieve CILCA is 1 year maximum.

**Kim Dalton – Clerk**

Attachments: LTN 89 / ERYC Article

24 MARCH 2022

## **LTN 89 | SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING**

### **Introduction**

1. The government currently has a climate change green agenda which has resulted in new powers and opportunities for local councils. This Note will consider the different powers and the issues for councils in respect of selling electricity and the provision of electrical vehicle (EV) charging point in England and in Wales.

### **What specific powers do local councils have regarding the generation or sale of electricity?**

2. Section 20 of the Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Act 2006 (the 2006 Act) gives a local council the power to encourage or promote any of:
  - a. electricity or heat microgeneration within their area;
  - b. the use within their area of electricity generated, or heat produced, by microgeneration;
  - c. efficiency in the use, by persons in their area, of electricity, heat, gas, fuel and other descriptions or sources of energy;
  - d. reductions in the amounts of such energy, or sources of energy, used by persons in their area
  - e. production in their area of:
    - i. biomass, or
    - ii. any fuel derived from biomass;
  - f. use in their area of, or of electricity generated, or heat produced, from biomass or any such fuel.
3. The power allows a local council to provide information, advice, and assistance (subject to any conditions set by the local council) but not to actually generate or sell electricity or power. Any expenditure on information, advice, and assistance under the 2006 Act must be counted as part of the limit in section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act). N.B. the power to generate and sell electricity found in Section 11 (3) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and the Sale of Electricity by Local Authorities (England and Wales) Regulations 2010 applies only to principal authorities.
4. In any event, charging for electricity would be trading and a local council can only trade if it has the General Power of Competence (GPC).

5. Section 93 of the Local Government Act 2003 allows local councils to charge for discretionary services on a not-for-profit basis. However, the council must have an existing power to provide the service before the power to charge can be used and there is no underlying power to sell electricity.
6. The Electricity Act 1989 (the 1989 Act) requires all suppliers to be licenced unless covered by a specific exemption. The Electricity (Class Exemptions from the Requirement for a Licence) Order 2001 exempts from the need for a licence to supply electricity any persons who only supply any electricity which is supplied to their premises by a licensed supplier. This allows an individual that only supplies electricity that it had obtained from a licensed supplier and does so from its own premises to do so without a licence. Thus, a local council with the GPC can supply electricity in those circumstances without a licence.

#### **Can councils provide EV charging points in council car parks?**

7. Section 111 of the 1972 Act gives a local council the power to do anything “to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of any of their functions”. Car parking is a function of a local council so it could use this power as incidental to that function in respect of parking it provides for electric vehicles. The section 111 power can be exercised “whether or not involving the expenditure, borrowing or lending of money or the acquisition or disposal of any property or rights”. This would allow a local council to purchase and install charging points. However, section 111 does not allow a local council to raise money and therefore it cannot charge for the supply of electricity, but it could lease the equipment to a suitable provider for the provider to supply and charge for the electricity.
8. Alternatively, a local council could use section 128 of the 1972 Act to lease, to a suitable provider, a strip of the car park wide enough for the installation of the charging points and then the charge for the supply of electricity would, again, be made by the electricity company.
9. The leases above could provide an income for the local council. Rent is incidental to the lease so this would not count as trading for councils without the GPC. As with any lease a council enters in to, the council should instruct solicitors to act for it in drawing up a lease.

#### **Can local councils contribute funds to car parks provided by the principal authority?**

10. A local council could contribute to the costs of the principal authority in providing any function that they can both provide such as car parking and

contributing to the charging points in car parks run by the principal authority. The power to do this exists in section 136 of the 1972 Act.

Can council use other premises they own to provide EV charging?

11. If a local council is the owner of other premises, such as a village hall or leisure facility, then it can install the charging points there without any further power as property owner. If a local council is the tenant of such premises then it must ensure that the installation does not breach the terms of the lease and that any relevant consent under the lease is obtained.
12. A local council should consider whether it is appropriate to seek funding from the government's On-Street Residential Charge Point Scheme (OZEV) The application process is open to relevant local authorities throughout the UK. OZEV defines 'local authority' using the 'public authority' definition as listed in Schedule 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which includes parish and community councils. Funding from this scheme could be used for car park provision or where a local council has provided relevant footway lighting. Further information can be found [here](#).

### **Can councils sell electricity generated via solar panels back to the National Grid?**

13. An individual can sell excess solar panel electricity back to their supplier so a council eligible to exercise the GPC could likewise do so. In our view councils without the GPC can also do this under the incidental power in section 111 of the 1972 Act to reduce the liability to their supplier.

Other Legal Topic Notes (LTNs) relevant to this subject:

<b>LTN</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Relevance</b>
31	Local council general powers	Sets out guidance on the scope and application of s.137 of the 1972 Act and the GPC.



» **HANDY ALTERNATIVE:** Katie Stork, principal transport policy officer, and Carl Gillyon, group manager of technical services, in Bridlington's North Street car park with a current council EV charging point

# The future's electric

By Simon Haldenby  
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*Around 100 electric vehicle charging points to be installed on-street*

**N**ew electric vehicle charging points are to be installed in on-street locations across the East Riding over the next year.

The council is investing £400,000 to fit around 100 new public electric vehicle (EV) charging points in 2023 in order to improve the entire network as more electric powered cars hit the roads.

The scheme is part of the council's climate change pledge and is designed to support residents and visitors and encourage greater take up of electric powered vehicles, as the Government's ban on the sale of new petrol and diesel cars in 2030 gets ever closer.

The points are due to be fitted at key sites in Anlaby, Beverley, Bridlington, Brough, Cottingham, Drifffield, Flamborough, Goole, Hedon, Hessle, Hornsea, Market Weighton,

Pocklington and Snaith, with more locations to follow in 2024.

The new points are being installed to help motorists who don't have their own driveways and may find it difficult to charge at home. They are not designed to replace at-home-charging. All the chargers will be free standing and provide power for between two and five vehicles at a time, depending on the available power supply.

Carl Skelton, the council's acting director of streetscene services, said: "It's expected that electric cars will account for more than one in four new cars in 2023 and almost one in three new cars in 2024. So we need the infrastructure in place to support this. Electric vehicles are becoming more popular in the East Riding, helping to improve the area's carbon footprint and the air quality."

## Charging up



The council installed its first EV chargers in 2014.

Since then, a further 75 charging points have been installed in its public car parks and council properties, such as at East Riding Leisure centres, for public and staff use.

So far, they have been free to use to encourage take-up, but, in line with other authorities, charges will be introduced when the new points have been fitted due to soaring energy costs.

Prices will be set at a competitive rate in order to cover energy and running costs. All money recouped, minus costs, will be reinvested in further EV charging points to meet increasing demand.