

THE MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF EASINGTON COLLIERY PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON TUESDAY, 2 JUNE 2026

Present: Councillor L. Clarkson (Chair)
Councillors S. Fergus, A. Cummings,
D. Fraser, C. Smith, W. Smith, S. Bishop, L. Carr

Apologies were received on behalf of:

Councillor I. Foster

1. BOWLING GREEN – FUNDING BIDS UPDATE

The Clerk updated Members on the funding bids submitted to both the National Lottery (Awards for All) and Durham County Council (Section 106).

It was explained that whilst the Lottery bid had been unsuccessful the bid to Durham County Council had been approved. On this basis, the Council, to undertake the works required to refurbish the bowling green, would have to contribute £6,426 (30%) with Durham contributing £14,994 (70%). The Section 106 funding was from developer contributions associated with residential developments in the Parish.

The Clerk provided details of the specification for the works which had been discussed with all three tenderers. Turfcare had provided the lowest tender price and subject to Members endorsement a works order would be placed with them. It was anticipated the works would be commenced in July 26 and completed August. This would allow Parish employees to ensure necessary works could also be undertaken to ensure the revitalised playing surface received appropriate aftercare. In this respect a management plan would be discussed with the contractor.

Members **RESOLVED** to reaffirm their commitment to progress the works and authorised the Clerk to progress matters.

2. CORNER SITE, STATION ROAD/SEASIDE LANE

The Clerk updated Members on proposals to improve this prominent corner site. The proposal involved digging out the existing flower bed, stoning it and then finishing the area with smooth concrete. This would leave the concrete ready for a mural to be painted upon it. In addition, it was proposed to clean the existing block paving within the site, re-sand and seal.

Members endorsed this approach. They then considered examples of how the mural could look. It was agreed to proceed and for further design options to be prepared for further consideration.

RESOLVED that the Clerk be authorised develop the scheme further and table a further report in due course.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN

Date