

The Council of the Parish of Esh Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 16th October 2018 at the Miners Institute, Church Street, Langley Park at Meeting commenced at 19:00

Ordinary Meeting of the Council

1.Co-option request from Mrs Susan Jacks

Susan Jacks signed the declaration of acceptance of office and was welcomed to stay for the remainder of the meeting

2. Record of Attendance

Cllr. Linda Bushell, Cllr. Ryan Drion, Cllr. Donna Smailes, Cllr. Rita Moralee, Cllr. Edwin Simpson, Cllr. Malcolm Renneberg, Cllr. Ruth Hughes, Cllr. Stuart Wilkinson, Cllr. Susan Jacks

Clerk; Ms Patricia Embleton

2. Apologies of absence

Apologies have been received and accepted by Council by the following Councillors;

Cllr. Richard Bowyer – Medical Absence
Cllr. Siobhan Kennedy – Sickness
Cllr. Ollie Moat – Community Commitments

County Councillor Mike McGaun – Prior Commitments due to change of meeting date
County Councillor Arnie Simpson - Prior Commitments due to change of meeting date

3. Declarations of Interest

4. Minutes from the previous meeting of the 11th September 2018

Signed as a true record

5 . Matters arising

6. County Councillors Report

The following report was sent by the County Councillors in their absence;

Land to the South of Wallnook Station - As there was talk of the land being up for sale on the last EPC meeting, we have checked with county Hall who have informed us that they cannot find it listed as being for sale anywhere on their computer system. They did state that if it ever went up for sale, the land would be sold with the already granted planning permission in place. There has been no movement forward on any other matters pertaining to this project.

Trees and Landscaping – DCC have been out and cleared up the landscaping in a number of areas within the ward.



Wallnook Bridge – Out of action indefinitely.

Front Street Bollards – We visited the local Business owners who expressed their concern regarding the bollards. We then spoke to DCC who came up with an amended plan for placing them, which protects pedestrians without limiting parking.

Speed Reduction Measures – We have spoken with Highways, the Police & AAP regarding this issue & work will start in early 2019 on speed reduction measures.

Recycling Initiative – DCC will soon be publishing education material on recycling with an aim of improving & reducing waste.

7. Opportunity for the public to raise matters of interest

8. Set budget for the kitchen renovation works to the Miners Institute

It was agreed that this item will be deferred to a future meeting of the Council

9. Roofing and guttering quote received from Deerness Roofing for repairs to the Miners' Institute porchway and external downpipe drains £550 -£1000 dependent on joist condition

Resolved that Council to accept the quote and once the joists are exposed, Cllr. Edwin Simpson will inspect the joists with the contractor, Clerk to instruct works.

10. Mazars External Audit Report

The external audit report for the financial year 2017/18 was presented and was **resolved** accepted by Council. The Council have taken steps to meet the recommendations of the Internal and external audit report.

11. Community Asset registration – Sports and Social Club Langley Park

Resolved that the Council will proceed with the registration of Langley Park Sports and Social Club.

12. Memorial bench in memory of Siobhan Watt, Old Rec

Resolved that a memorial bench is approved for placement on the Centenary Field, Old Rec. There will be no cost implications to the Council for installation or ongoing maintenance. Clerk to contact A. Barton and obtain details of installation.

13. Lighting option and quote from Safety Checked for the Parish Office of £1653.46

Resolved by Council to accept the quote and the Clerk to instruct works.

14. April to October 2018 6 Month budget review and report

This item is deferred and will be dealt with at an extra ordinary meeting of the Council on Tuesday 6th November 2018.



15. Quote from Paul Snowdon from Hilltop Nurseries for the over wintering of the planted tubs around the Parish of £354.20

Resolved the quote is accepted and the Clerk is to contact Mr Snowdon with instruction of works.

16. Christmas events for Saturday the 8th December 2018

This item is deferred to the Extra Ordinary meeting of the Council on the 6th November 2018.

17. WW1 Centenary event update for the week commencing Monday 5th November 2018

Cllr. Malcolm Renneberg provided an update on the matter alongside the Clerk. Items will be collected from Beamish Museum on Friday 2nd of November 2018 as arranged by the Clerk and a booklet of events will be produced by the Clerk, printed in house and distributed with the delivery of the Esh Leaves.

18. Front Street update regarding Bollards, Lee Mowbray Durham County Council and correspondence received from the Langley Park Business Consortium

At this part point in the meeting the Chair addressed the members of the Council regarding correspondence exchanged between themselves and the County Councillors. The Council were reminded of the Standing orders and a copy of the Good Councillors Guide was given to all members. Good Councillor training has been arranged for full Council on Tuesday the 20th November 2018.

Resolved that the Chair will write to the County Councillor Mike McGaun with regards to the matters raised.

19. County Court Money Claim received against the Parish Council from Contractor A

Resolved by Council the Clerk is to respond to the claim using the Courts' online systems.

20. For information only – Alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct received by the Monitoring officer

21. Correspondence received by the Bowling Club Langley Park

A letter has been received by the Bowls Club in Langley Park thanking the Parish Council for the £300 grant they were awarded at the September meeting

22. Cllr Edwin Simpson Volunteer Leaf Compost Coordinator

23. Other Parish Councillor Reports



24. Payments made to make and Bank reconciliation to date

312690/2018	Grenke Leasing	Quarterly Fee	255.00	51.00	306.00
504257	Total Business Group	Printing charges	54.86	10.97	65.83
Commision	Cooperative Bank	Commission	1.60		1.60
Commision	Cooperative Bank	Service Charge	10.00		10.00
252683297	Durham County Council	Remedial surface works to Quebec Play	495.00		
		99.00	594.00		
E302/RH/AB	HMRC	PAYE & NI Contributions	1065.03		1065.03
2018	The Equal Partnership	Gas and Electricity repayment April - Aug	574.10		574.10
e302/rh/ah	Heywoods Accountants	Payroll and HMRC	25.00	5.00	30.00
e302/rh/ah	Heywoods Accountants	Payroll and HMRC	25.00	5.00	30.00
ZA145892	Information Commissioner	Yearly ICO fee	40.00		40.00
WarMem	Abbey Memorials	Work on the War memorial 2018	2970.00		2970.00
1693	CISWO	Quarterly Rent of the Miners Institute	983.68		983.68
974262675	Office Depot	Stationary	89.64	17.93	107.57
75941	Peterlee Fire Company	Replacement Bulkhead/Batteries	104.99	21	125.99
3102018	Williams Windows	Window Cleaning	50.00		50.00
EE2018	P Snowdon	Watering for Hanging baskets/Esh and tubs	4074.90		4074.9
September	-L&S Maintainence	Play Park Inspections	120.00		120.00
INV0101	L&S Maintainence	2nd Interim Payment for Seats and Bench refurb	1000.00		1000.00
1219	CDALC	Hard copies of the GC Guide	32.50		32.50
NE23633053	BT Business	Phone costs and Line rental	59.43	11.89	71.32
LGU9C6X4	Npower Business	Solutions Feeder Pillar Christmas Tree	60.20	3.01	63.21
INV0235	Safety Checked	Snooker Room Lighting	800.32	160.06	960.38
SB03096-SO	Mazar	External Audit fee	440.00	88.00	528.00
20713	Olivers Tree Services	Removal of Tree branches old rec	280.00	56.00	336.00

Resolved payments approved and Clerk to arrange payment

Meeting closed at 20:25

Signed as a true record of the meeting R. Mearley 13th November 2018

Part B Confidential Matters

25. Minutes of the Previous meeting Part B of the 16th October 2018

The minutes agreed and signed as a true record.

26. Matters Arising

27. Transfer of Clerks Pension arrangements from Nest to Local Government Pension Scheme as per previous Clerks of the Council

Resolved the Council would like to bring the Clerks Pension in-line with the previous Clerks of Esh Parish Council as well as majority Council in County Durham. The Council have requested additional information regarding the budgetary impact, on the whole, which will be presented to a further meeting of the Parish Council when the budget is in preparation. The Council will arrange for this transfer through Heywoods Accountants from April 2019.

Meeting Closed at 20:35

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Signed as a true record of the meeting *L. Marave* 13th November 2018