

Esh Parish Council Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 13th March 2018 at the Miners Institute, Church Street, Langley Park at 19:00. Meeting commenced at 19:00.

Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

1. Record of attendance

Cllr. Linda Bushell, Cllr. Ryan Drion, Cllr. Rita Moralee, Cllr. Edwin Simpson, Cllr. Richard Bowyer, Cllr. Malcolm Renneberg and Cllr. Stuart Wilkinson

Clerk; Patricia Embleton

2. Apologies of absence

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

Cllr. Siobhan Kennedy – Personal commitments
Cllr. Claire Lund – Work Commitments
Cllr. Donna Smailes – Personal commitments
Cllr. Ollie Moat – Personal Commitments

County Councillor Mike McGaun
County Councillor Arnie Simpson

3. Declarations of Interest

4. Minutes from the previous meeting of the 13th February 2018

Signed as a true record.

5. Matters arising

6. County Councillors report

As the County Councillors were not in attendance the Council wish to contact the Councillors for an update on various matters arising, an email will be send, by the Clerk requesting an update on the following;

- Cemetery update
- Wallnook Bridge Closure
- Potential Housing development to the land South of Wallnook.
- Kaysburn pathway.
- Understanding of boundary of the Old Rec, Langley Park
- Funding accessibility

The Clerk to action email at the request of the Council



7. Miners Institute lease for Signatures and outstanding works to the Building

The Lease was presented to Council and was signed by Cllr Rita Moralee and Cllr Richard Bowyer. The lease will be completed, and outstanding monies transferred to Meikles to complete.

A full Building survey conducted by Woods Estates highlighted some issues that need addressing. The 2 main issues are the Roof repairs and removal of the Cupola (Bell Tower) Which has been stripped of lead and needs to be removed as it is structurally unsafe.

Resolved that the Clerk is to seek three independent quotes for works to the Roof and Stonework to be presented at the next meeting of the Council.

The Council wishes to try to have the cupola replaced/reinstated if it can be salvaged. The Clerk is to obtain a quote for this work to see if saving the feature is financially viable.

8. Hanging baskets, Tubs and Watering for consideration

Three quotes have been received and presented to the Council. These quotes were from; Steve Makepeace of Makepeace Landscapes, Paul Snowdon of Hilltop Nursery's and Joe Thompson, Parish Handyman.

Resolved by Council that the full contract this year will be awarded to Paul Snowdon. Clerk to contact and thank all tenderers and arrange a meeting with Paul to discuss works. It was also resolved that the tubs will be planted throughout the year and a further invitation to quote will be extended to Mr Snowdon to fulfil.

9. Parish Council Logo Ideas

The Parish Council wishes to update the logo of the council. Various ideas were put forward from Members.

The Council resolved to go ahead with logo design submitted by Cllr. Ryan Drion, the cost will be £29.99 which includes a 25% discount. The logo will then be available in multiple formats to use at the Council's will.



10. Parish Seat refurbishment and Notice Board update

The Clerk has been working closely with the suppliers and hope for installation of the boards in the spring. The Council contacted three companies to undertake the refurbishment of the Parish seating. The Council received only one quote back for work and that was received by Joe Thompson. The Clerk is working to attain quotes for Centenary Benches for Langley Park, Esh and Quebec which will replace existing seats in the Parish, with the removed chairs being re-sited in the Centenary Field, Old Rec, Langley Park. The Clerk is also looking at replacement bin options and vinyl logo stickers to embellish the rear side of the notice boards with the newly adopted Parish Logo.

Resolved that Joe Thompson is to begin works on the seating as per specification as no other interested parties have come forward. The Council have resolved that this could be due to the large area the works cover and the time and travel involved in fulfilling the brief.

11. Telephone services into the Parish Office – Cllr Drion

Councillor Drion has been looking at the cost of telephone services into the Miners Institute and has proposed a new supplier to offer a more efficient and cost-effective alternative to the current supplier.

Resolved that the Council will now look to change suppliers which will be actioned by the Clerk and Councillor Drion in the new financial year, services will be transferred whilst maintaining the same telephone number to contact the Parish Council and Miners Institute Building.

12. Possibility of a play park at the Crescent on unused parish land, identifying all Parish Council owned Land and development of the Parish Walk About

The matter of the play park at the Crescent has been deferred to a future meeting. Cllr Moralee and Cllr Renneberg and the Clerk will begin work on establishing lands owned by the Parish Council and start to develop a monthly walk about with an invite extended to the County Councillors.

13. Establishment of the Centenary working group and Summer Fair working group

Interest in both groups were shown by all Councillors present. Clerk is to arrange a meeting of these groups with invitations extended to the public to join us in developing and delivering the two projects

14. Arrange a date to discuss the future of the EQUaL Partnership Charity

The Clerk is to arrange meetings with Heywoods Accountants and Durham Community Action with Cllr. Bowyer, Cllr. Moralee and Cllr. Bushell. **A report will be prepared by the Clerk for a future meeting.**



Meeting closed at 20:45

Signed as a true record of the meeting L. Moralee 10th April 2018

Part B Confidential Matters

15. Minutes from previous meeting

Minutes of Part B of the meeting of the 9th January 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

16. Matters arising

17. Changes to Solicitor and Bank Accounts

Agreed for the Clerk to look for suitable alternatives to be implemented in the new Financial Year.

21. Payments made/to make.

Resolved as accepted, to be paid.

Meeting closed at 21:00

Signed as a true record of the meeting R Morales 10th April 2018