

ESH PARISH COUNCIL  
Special Council Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2012  
Council meeting 13<sup>th</sup> March 2012

Minutes of a Special Meeting held on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2012** in The Harry Guilford Centre, Thomas Street, Langley Park, commencing at 7.00pm

**Present:** Councillors A. Mollon (Chairman), B. Armstrong, R. Bowyer, J. Carr, M. Gordon, A. Harling, K. Heartfield, S. Maddison, P. Mollon and M. Renneberg.

**Also Present:** Helen Brown and Ian Pillar (Durham Rural Community Council) and G. F. Smith (Clerk) and Miss M. L. Rowland (Deputy Clerk)

The meeting was to discuss the status of the Council's Trustees for the Langley Park Miners Welfare Institute and Recreation Ground (Charity Number 1003989)

Ian Pillar explained that the Parish Council is acting as a Sole Trustee for the Charity, Councillors are not individually held responsible. The Tute lease will be signed over to the Parish Council as a corporate body and could be run by a Management Committee. Ian felt that "The Tute" could not be supported by the charity (LPMWI and RG) as the charitable objects are "upon trust for an open space for recreation ground and playing fields for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Esh."

Some funding organisations will not support charities that have local Councils acting as Trustees.

Clerk to check the charity status of the EQUaL Partnership.

The "Tute" working party to continue their work on fact finding/fund raising/drawing details/estimates for work and report to the full Parish Council meeting.

Clerk was hoping to have a copy of the lease (The Tute) for the next Parish Council meeting.

The meeting finished at 8.10pm