

ESH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at The Miners Institute, Church Street, Langley Park on Tuesday **13th May 2014** commencing at 6.30pm.

Present: Councillors: A Mollon (Chair), B. Armstrong, R. Bowyer, A. Hancock, G. Hawxwell, K. Heartfield, P. Mollon, R. Moralee, M. Renneberg and S. Rothwell

Also Present: County Councillor J. Armstrong and M. L. Rowland (Deputy Clerk)

Apologies: Councillors: S. Bell, M. Sands and G. F. Smith (Parish Clerk)

AGM 01/14 Election of Chairman

Members of the Council agreed to elect Councillor S. Rothwell as Chairman for the year 2014/15.

AGM 02/14 Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman

Councillor S. Rothwell signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman, countersigned by the Proper Officer (Deputy Clerk) and witnessed by Councillors present at the meeting.

AGM 03/14 Representation by Residents

None

AGM 04/14 Election of Vice Chairman

Members of the Council agreed to elect Councillor M. Renneberg as Vice Chairman for the year 2014/15.

AGM 05/14 Appointment of Responsible Financial Officer

Members agreed to re-appoint the Parish Clerk

AGM 06/14 Appointment of Deputy Responsible Financial Officer

Members agreed to re-appoint the Deputy Parish Clerk

AGM 07/14 Cheque Signatories

Members agreed to continue with the present signatories (Councillors R. Bowyer, G. Hawxwell, A. Mollon and M. Renneberg). 2 signatures from the 4 for cheques

AGM 08/14 Standing Orders

Awaiting details from the National Association of Local Councils once received the Clerk will prepare a report for Members consideration

AGM 09/14 Financial Regulations

Awaiting details from the National Association of Local Councils once received the Clerk will prepare a report for Members consideration

AGM 10/14 Chairman's Allowance

Members agreed that the Allowance remain at £200

AGM 11/14 Annual Risk Assessment Statement

No change, copy of the statement attached to these minutes

AGM 12/14 Asset Register of Council Property

No change, copy of the register attached to these minutes

AGM 13/14 Dates of Futures Meeting

It was agreed to hold Ordinary Parish Council meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (excluding August when no meetings are held) commencing at 7pm unless following the Annual Assembly (May) and the Annual General Meeting (May).

The meeting finished at 6.46pm

Signed by the Chairman.....Page 2

ESH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council meeting held in The Miners Institute Building, Langley Park on **Tuesday 13th May 2014** commencing at **6.47pm**

Present: Councillors S. Rothwell (Chair), B. Armstrong, R. Bowyer, A. Hancock, G. Hawxwell, K. Heartfield, A. Mollon, P. Mollon, R. Moralee and M. Renneberg

Also Present: County Councillor J. Armstrong and M. L. Rowland (Deputy Clerk)

Apologies: Councillors: S. Bell and M. Sands and G. F. Smith (Parish Clerk).

053/14 Declaration of Interest

Councillor B. Armstrong, R. Bowyer and M. Renneberg – Agenda Item 7- Miners Institute Building, Langley Park

054/14 Representation by residents

None present

055/14 Police Report

No report. Members agreed for the Clerk to write a letter to the Chief Constable regarding the PACT meeting and the lack of Police presence within the Parish.

056/14 Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 8th April 2014

The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

057/14 Matters Arising

Outstanding:-

- Opening/closing of SBRP
- Langley Park Banner

058/14 Reports

a) Parish

Email received from Mr M. Berry (resident) regarding the sweeping of the shop parking area in Langley Park. Members agreed for the Clerk to pass the details onto the County Councils Highways department.

b) County Council

County Councillor J. Armstrong reported on the following:-

- Road planning Hall Road, Esh
- Barrier Hillcrest, Esh
- All Saints Youth Centre (update)
- Demolition of All Saints Youth Centre Members agreed for the Clerk to write to Durham County Council supporting this action
- Woodview Community Centre (update)

c) Chairman

Letter received from Councillor C. Thompson resigning from the Parish Council. Members agreed to accept the resignation and for the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements with the Returning Officers of Durham County Council regarding the vacancy.

d) Members

- None

059/14 The Miners Institute Building, Church Street, Langley Park

Councillor B. Armstrong informed Members of the following:-

- AAP Small Grants Scheme (Newsletter)
- Awards for all receipt of funds
- Programme for Summer Holidays
- Opening of a new bank account
- Repayment of gas bill (Parish)

060/14 Litter problems in the Parish

Councillor Hancock updated Members on the following:-

- Community Litter pick at Langley Park (12th June 2014)
- Litter bins required at the Co-op and Londis shops
- Village walkabout 14th August 2014 at 10.00 o'clock Clerk to make the necessary arrangements with all Partner agencies. (Councillor Heartfield mentioned there was 14 litter bins in the village)

Councillor Bowyer raised concerns regarding Litter on the Railway Walk and the recreation ground

061/14 Applications for funding

a) Langley Park Goodwill Association

Members agreed to donate £200 towards this organisation for the Annual trip to South Shields on the 4th August 2014

b) Langley Park Environment Group

Members agreed to donate £580 towards the running costs of this organisation. Provision of hanging baskets to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

062/14 Councillor Vacancies

Members agreed to co-opt the following applicants:-

- a) Julie Carr, 54 East Clere, Langley Park, Durham. DH7 9XZ
- b) Ruth Hughes, 25 Willow Park, Langley Park, Durham.

063/14 Financial Statement and Report

Amendment voucher 12 should read net cost 104.17 + vat 20.83 = Total £125.00 subject to the above amendment Members agreed the details of the Financial Statement and for vouchers 1 to 13 should be paid, copy of the voucher report is attached to these minutes.

064/14 Planning Matters

None received

065/14 AAP/PCC/SCF

Next AAP Board Meeting 21st May 2014 at Burnhope (6pm)

Next PCC meeting is the 17th May 2014 at Langley Moor (10am)

Next SCF Meeting is the 15th May 2014 at Horden (2pm)

066/14

Date and time of the next meeting

The next Ordinary Meeting of Esh Parish Council is on Tuesday 10th June 2014 in the Miners Institute Building, Church Street, Langley Park commencing at 7pm.

The meeting finished at 8.10pm

Signed by the Chairman.....page 3