

Esh Parish Council Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 10th April 2018 at the Miners Institute, Church Street, Langley Park at 19:00. Meeting commenced at 19:05.

Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

1. Record of attendance

Cllr. Linda Bushell, Cllr. Ryan Drion, Cllr. Donna Smailes, Cllr, Rita Moralee, Cllr. Siobhan Kennedy and Cllr. Ollie Moat

County Councillor Arnie Simpson

Clerk; Ms Patricia Embleton

2. Apologies of absence

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

Cllr. Richard Bowyer – Ill Health

Cllr. Malcolm Renneberg – Ill Health

Cllr. Edwin Simpson - Personal commitments

Cllr. Claire Lund – Work Commitments

Cllr. Stuart Wilkinson – Personal Commitments

County Councillor Mike McGaun – Work Commitments

3. Declarations of Interest

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

Signed as a true record

5. Matters arising

6. County Councillors report

County Councillor Arnie Simpson gave a brief report to the Council regarding the Cemetery in Langley park, which is suffering as it has done for the past 3 decades with flooding and drainage issues. The County Councillors have been working with Head of Bereavement Services at County Council to look at ways to rectify the land drainage once and for all and following a series of tests and surveys of the land a new method of drainage technology is deemed the most suitable option. The ground needs to be partially dried before work can commence and both the Officers at the Council and County Councillors are confident that these new methods of drainage will help the land and ease the flooding and standing water issues



The Wallnook Bridge is scheduled for completion in December 2018 although all has been quiet about the matter.

The Foot/Cycle Path Kaysburn to Langley Park has been inspected and reported to County Council and Cllr. Simpson agreed it is in a poor state of repair.

No update was available at the time with regards to the development South of Wallnook.

7. Environmental Improvement Project – Seats, Bins and Notice Boards

8. Miners Institute Stonework quotes for the Miners Institute Building

Three quotes were presented to Council from;

MG Stephenson - £14,200

JL Mason Ltd - £15,400

Ross Hodgson - £15,000

Resolved that Council accepted the quote from MG Stephenson for £14,200. Clerk to contact Mr. Stephenson to instruct works ideally to start in June 2018.

9. Miners Institute Roof Work quotes for consideration

Three quotes were presented to Council from;

Deerness Roofing - £4080

P&L Roofing Ltd - £7000

Emperor Roofing –£6280

Resolved that the Council will proceed with the works outlined in Deerness Roofing quote to carry out the repairs to the Miners Institute Building. Clerk to Contact contractor to allow works to begin, weather permitting in May 2018.

10. Asset Register as at the 31st Mach 2018

A reinstated Asset Register, with the last recorded register dated 2015 was presented and accepted by the full Council.

11. Update on the management of the Miners institute and date of the meeting to discuss the future layout and structure.

Resolved that the Clerk to contact Durham Community Action to facilitate and work towards a newly formed CIO – name to be confirmed, which will form part of the management structure alongside the Council. An update will be presented to Council once the CIO has formed.



12. Centenary Tree for the Old Rec, Langley Park

The Council resolved that prices for tress and/or statue/plaque and commemorative bench to be erected on the top part of the Centenary field for the Fields in Trust Dedication to be unveiled at the fayre planned for the 28th July 2018. This item will be taken to the meeting in May for further discussion. The Clerk is to contact supplier for quotes with the assistance of the Chair Cllr. Moralee.

Note – the recreational space, following a sequence of grass cutting from the Parish Handyman has led to children using the field to play football as the weather is improving. A request for Jr. goal posts will be considered at the next meeting of the Council

13. Lighting Columns for Christmas displays – action to take

Resolved the Clerk is to contact Durham County Council requesting an update on the five columns, Front Street, Langley Park, which were deemed unsuitable to hold a 2kg wrap of lights for 2017 Christmas displays and question the suitability and safety issues if this is still the case, could columns be stabilised/replaced in time for displays in 2018.

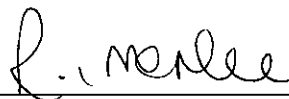
14. PACT Meeting Miners Institute Thursday 12th April 2018 6-7pm

15. Correspondence received concerning the grass verge at D'Arcy Street, Langley Park, hedge removals at Eppleton Close, Langley Park and EVRA

Resolved that Clerk to follow up previous contact with Durham County Council RE; D'Arcy and Eppleton Close. EVRA correspondence to be dealt with by way of formal agenda items at upcoming meetings of the Council.

Meeting closed at 20:40

Signed as a true record of the meeting



8th May 2018



Part B Confidential Matters

16. Minutes from previous meeting

Minutes of Part B of the meeting of the 10th April 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

17. Matters Arising

18. Clerks Annual Review 4th May 2018 and salary review

Clerk to Contact Cllr. Richard Bowyer and Cllr. Siobhan Kennedy to arrange review at a suitable time and date.

19. Instruction to Heywood's Accountants as Internal Auditor for 17/18 and Payroll account for 2018/19

Resolved as approved. Clerk to finalise year end/audit material to deliver to Mr Heywood. Final Accounts will be prepared for Council in May.

20. Payments made/to make

Resolved as accepted, to be paid.

Meeting closed at 20:55

Signed as a true record of the meeting  08th May 2018

