

**The Council of the Parish of Esh DRAFT Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at The Miners Institute, Langley Park. Meeting commenced at 19:17**

**Meeting did not commence until 19.17 due to Cllr Aal being held up and as members of the public who were present had not completed the attendance forms correctly.**

**1. Record of Attendance**

**Cllr Ryan Drion, Cllr Linda Bushell, Cllr Ruth Hughes, Cllr Stefan Aal, Cllr Edwin Simpson, Cllr Ollie Moat.**

**County Councillor Bev Coult**

4 Members of the Public were present.

**2. Apologies of absence**

**Resolved** by council to accept apologies from the following members.

Cllr Donna Smailes -Family Commitments  
Cllr Stuart Wilkinson –Work Commitments  
Cllr Robert Smedley- Work Commitments

County Councillors Arnie Simpson- Family Commitments

**3. Declaration of Interests**

None received

**4. Minutes from the previous meeting of Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**Resolved** to accept the minutes as a true record, signed by the Chair.

**5. County Councillors Report**

Consultation on the new bus station would be taking place between the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

68.2 million put aside for leisure refurbishment.

Hitachi 250 staff losing their jobs.

The funeral for Ron Hogg had been very moving.

Police were on top of the situation with regards to burglaries.

The Langley Park School had a window broken

Garden Avenue works would begin next week on one of the paths.

Two bus stops were to be relocated away from a corner.

On the railway lines a black seat had been repaired and two wooden seats tidied.

North Road chippings are damaging cars.

Empty Houses are to be put back into use.

No news as to when chicane would be in place

Secret Santa very good response.

Wetland event and Esh Parish Council events went well.

Defib used and helped to save a residents life.

**6. Opportunity for the public to raise matters of interest**

This item was deferred by the Chair due to the continual level of conversation between residents who were present at the meeting.

**7. Clerks Work in progress**

Deferred to a future meeting

**8. Planning applications received**

None received

**9. Precept and Budget Report**

Both were accepted and signed by the Chair.

**10. Recruitment Policy and decision on Members interview panel for the Parish Council Support/Development Officer.**

Deferred to a future meeting.

**11. Service Level Agreement with Durham County Council HR Advisory Service and cost increases to £70.00 per hour.**

Deferred to a future meeting.

**12. Cllr Edwin Simpson- report on Area Action Partnership Board meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> January.**

Board Meeting for information purposes only.

**A Motion was put to the Council:- That the Council continue to research for grants and encourage the Councillors to work with others to obtain such grants that improve Esh Parish.**

Moved and Seconded.

**13. Cllr Edwin Simpson- Possible project support for groups within Esh Parish.**

For information purposes only.

**14. Esh Play Park update for incomplete groundworks by previous contractor, quotes for completion work and timescales for reopening of the area. Formal request from The Esh Residents Association for permission from PC as landowners to obtain quotes for the routing of electricity and CCTV and source funding.**

Deferred to a future meeting.

**15. Electricity Feeder Pillar at Esh Village. Electrical work required for 2020**

Deferred to a future meeting.

**16. Flooring quotation for the Miners Institute, following further deterioration.**

Deferred to a future meeting

**17. Cllr Ruth Hughes visit to a local resident on her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday.**

Councillor Hughes visited the resident and handed over flowers and a card. This gesture had no monetary implications to Esh Parish Council.

**18. Winter Events Feedback, including the Peoples' Supper and the Snowman Trip.**

Events considered a great success, the feedback will help in organising future occasions.

**19. Lanchester Neighbourhood Plan proposal- Parish Council comment.**

The process is long and time consuming. There is nothing included which effects Esh Parish Council

**20. Operation "Spruce Up" Partnership operation between Durham Constabulary , Durham County Council. Neighbourhood Warden and Parish Council.- 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020 10am.**

Esh Parish Council have additional equipment if needed and will supply refreshments in the Miners Institute Afterwards.

**21. Payments to make and Bank reconciliation.**

Agreed and accepted

**Councillors please check the minutes carefully as throughout the meeting the members of the public continued to talk. Whilst every care has been taken to ensure the facts please inform the minute taker if anything needs adjusting. The actions of the residents are both rude and unnecessary.**

**22 Date of next meeting Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 19.00.**

**Payments to make/Made and bank reconciliation**

Park Checks November 2019	<b>£135.00</b>
Snowman Trip - Kids Club 23/12/19 – Sage Gateshead	<b>£906.00</b>
Donation for catering of the Peoples Supper	<b>£262.00</b>
Crack Willow - National Tree Week (Wetlands)	<b>£150.00</b>
Flyer Delivery for Xmas events Parish Wide	<b>£70.00</b>
Pension Contributions Clerk	<b>£112.46</b>
Donation to Light of the North 150th DMA Durham	<b>£100.00</b>
Supplies for Miners Institute	<b>£59.59</b>
Repairs to commando switch on Stuart Wright' Building for xmas lights	<b>£216.00</b>
Clerk Salary for December 2019	<b>£1,598.87</b>
Broadband Expenses	<b>£12.50</b>
Cleaners salary for December 2019	<b>£229.88</b>
Commission – Co-op Bank	<b>£5.32</b>
Service Charge -- Co-op Bank	<b>£10.00</b>
Printing Charges	<b>£66.48</b>
Photocopier Hire Quarterly Fee	<b>£306.00</b>
Sweet Bags for Snowman Trip – Kids Club	<b>£58.50</b>
Quarterly Rent for the Miners Institute	<b>£982.79</b>
Staff PAYE and NIC up to 05/01/2020	<b>£1,168.07</b>
Christmas tree support bag	<b>£32.99</b>
X2 Coaches - Sage Snowman	<b>£300.00</b>
Garage Electricity Garden Ave	<b>£76.12</b>
Park Checks December 2019	<b>£135.00</b>
Electricity Invoice Xmas tree Feeder LP	<b>£125.16</b>
Emergency Boiler Work pre Xmas 19	<b>£225.00</b>
Supply, install and storage of Xmas globes and lights 19/20	<b>£2,004.00</b>
Phoneline Charges Miners Institute	<b>£69.85</b>
Premium for policy 20/21 Council Insurance	<b>£3,637.87</b>
Window Cleaning January 2020	<b>£50.00</b>