

The Council of the Parish of Esh DRAFT Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 10th March 2020 at the Miners Institute, Church Street, Langley Park at Meeting commenced at 19:05

Ordinary Meeting of the Council

1. Record of Attendance

Cllr. Linda Bushell, Cllr. Ryan Drion, Cllr. Donna Smailes, Cllr. Edwin Simpson, Cllr. Stuart Wilkinson, Cllr. Olwyn Moat (Chair), Cllr. Ruth Hughes, Cllr Stephan Aal, Cllr. Robert Smedley

Minute Taker in absence of Clerk – Cllr. Linda Bushell

County Councillor Bev Coult & County Councillor Arnie Simpson

9 Members of the public in attendance

2. Apologies of absence

3. Declarations of Interest

4. Minutes from the previous meeting of the Tuesday 14th January 2020

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

5. County Councillors Report

County precept agreed.

Chicane in Langley Park in place. Cllr Coult received only one complaint, preferred if complaints made to parish member were in future directed to them.

Speed signs of 40 have been marked on road at Quebec, old signage replaced one week of traffic monitoring in place.

Request for zebra crossing at the top end of Langley Park (East).

Larger scale traffic Island had been considered it would cost £80K.

Pupils from Durham Johnson School have been questioned about what is there to do in Durham for younger people, younger peoples voices need to be heard.

An Easter Egg hunt will take place

Operation Spruce up in Langley Park continues

A resident of Langley Park has received the Young Heroes Award

Cllr Hughes asked if public consultation had been carried out, prior to the install of the Chicane in Langley Park, Cllr. Simpson replied that this should have been carried out by County Highways Department.

Cllr Smedley wished for a request to be made, with the resolve of Parish Councillors, for a chicane in Esh Village. County Councillors to make a request on behalf of the Parish to Highways.

6. Opportunity for the public to raise matters of interest

Three residents in attendance spoke. Written response will be sent.

7. Planning Applications Received

8. Retain services of a Solicitor/Barrister

Resolved to contact a firm of solicitors for representation.

9. Area of Public Interest

A written report was delivered by Cllr. Moat to all Council prior the meeting.

Resolved to pursue the matter

10. Payments to make and Bank Reconciliation

The Council noted the bank statements, approved payments as listed and **resolved** to arrange payments.

Replacement Bolts SBRP Wickstead	49.51
Gas invoice Miners Institute	697.74
Printing Charges	1.93
Dog Bags x 50000	581.40
Electricity Invoice	472.10
Water rates Miners Institute	153.36

11. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 14th April 2020

The meeting closed to the public at 19:40 and confidential matters 12 & 13 follow 19:45

12. & 13. Confidential Matters

These are the same matter, listed incorrectly on the agenda. Following closed discussion, the following items were resolved:

HR recommendations regarding Staff, accepted in full.

CCTV to be installed by CDS in the old snooker room, external door entrance and foyer.

The Council will not be considering any co-option requests at this time.