

The Council of the Parish of Esh DRAFT Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 8th September 2020 at the Miners Institute, Church Street, Langley Park Remote Meeting commenced at 19:03

Ordinary Meeting of the Council

1. Record of Attendance

Cllr. Linda Bushell, Cllr. Ryan Drion, Cllr. Donna Smailes (attended via Conflab), Cllr. Stuart Wilkinson (attended via conflab), Cllr. Olwyn Moat, Cllr. Ruth Hughes, Cllr Stephan Aal, Cllr. Robert Smedley (attended Via Conflab), Cllr. Edwin Simpson

Clerk, Ms Patricia Embleton

2. Apologies of absence

3. Declarations of Interest

4. Minutes from the previous extra ordinary meeting of the Tuesday 11th August 2020

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

5. County Councillors report

A written report was provided to the Council, read aloud by the Clerk

- Day to day work increasing – lots of business as usual as life returns to ‘normal’
- Chicane (West Langley Park) markings are complete – Traffic survey will be initiated and cross reference to that prior to installation.
- Liaising with local schools – monitoring situation regarding COVID19 and recent closures.
- Working with Esh St Michael – re grass matting to protect the grass on the village green.
- Liaising with DCC around issues with rented out garage spaces which are not being used as garages, but more as storage.
- Trees at Meadowbank entrance are due to be fully removed this month – ongoing problem for past 3+ years.
- We have jointly funded a further 20mph zone, this one is for Langley Park.
- Working alongside Community Spirit group to develop plans for activities until end of year.
- Youth Offender Team are due to do remedial works in the village on Thursday 10th September and are looking to continue this moving forward, Parish wide.
- Ofsted assurance visits will be commencing from 20th September – not full inspections more aimed around COVID19 and home learning.
- Clean and Green Team reporting business as usual after months of significant disruption. Weed Control Team and Road Sweeping have both been visible in Parish recently.
- Durham County Council dealt with 1956 ASB issues during peak of COVID19 and issued 13 prohibition orders to close premises.
- Highest number of Children in Care (940) due to courts being closed for lengthy period, there is a significant backlog of cases.

- Tracking school attendance – all Primary Schools and Secondary Schools should be back, some special schools remain closed due to needing more phased return, but all should hopefully be open by the end of the week (apart from those being impacted by new COVID19 cases).

Agenda item 10 – Through the Chair if we may make a comment regarding Remembrance Sunday.

Due to the current COVID19 situation many Parishes are not holding a full service this year. A proposal to consider is for the 'Last Post' to be played at 11 am and Reverend Peers to give a reading. Then, if individuals or Community Groups, etc wish to lay a wreath they can do so in their own time. This will avoid any issues with potential large gatherings, whilst still remembering those who lost their lives for us.

No representations were received from the public.

6. Opportunity for the public to raise matters of interest

No representations were received from the public.

7. Cllr Edwin Simpson – Climate Change Mitigation – Tree Planting

Cllr Simpson reported to Council on the Durham County Council Climate Change Action Plan. Council **resolve** to write in support of the proposal to Durham County Council and the Mid Durham Area Action Partnership.

8. Planning Application received

9. Application for a New Premises Licence, Devilstone Brewing Company Ltd, Langley Park Industrial Estate

Council discuss application and supporting documents provided following a visit to the site from Cllr. Edwin Simpson.

Council **resolve** to support the application in full. Clerk to make representations to Licencing at Durham County Council.

10. Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday Events- 8th November 2020.

Council discuss current controls over gatherings of people due to Covid19 and following discussions with both County Councillor Bev Coult and Rev. Peers of All saints Church Langley Park that this year the structure will be as follows. It was **resolved** that;

Attendance to any service at the Church this year will be restricted due to Covid19 regulations, currently 24 as of 08/09/2020 (subject to change)

No public gathering should take place around the War Memorial, Council will live-stream the ceremony on YouTube on the website.

Only an Official from both the County Council and Parish Council will lay wreaths during the service. Any individual or community group wishing to lay a wreath may do so respectfully at another point during the day.

The Poppy Appeal will not go ahead in its usual form and council are exploring ideas as to how we could facilitate a fund raiser, as usual, for the Royal British Legion.

11.Quotes received for the removal of Willow Herb in Esh Play Area

Two quotes were obtained by the Clerk for the work. Council **resolve** to accept the quote from L&S Maintenance for £120.00. Clerk to instruct works. Council approve remedial work required on Esh Village Green to replace damaged birds-mouth fencing at a cost of £55.00.

12. Quote received for electrical works to replace damaged defunct lights to LED standard in the lockup rear of Garden Ave, Langley Park and the replacement distribution board and outdoor socket - £562.80

Council **resolve** to accept the quote. Clerk to instruct works.

13.Quote received for initial groundworks on The Centenary Field, Old Rec, Langley Park (North) Olivers Tree Services - £1710.00

Council discuss area and report/quote submitted by Olivers Tree Services and **resolve** to accept. Clerk to instruct works.

14.Website update and Team Workspaces

An update is given by the Chair of the Council, Cllr. Ryan Drion regarding the updating and uploading of archived and historic documents to the new .gov.uk website which he has worked hard on over the last few months. Thanks was offered to the Chair by Clerk and Council.

15. Refund of Parish Council grant awarded 19/20 £300 – due to Covid19

Due to Covid19 the programme has been cancelled. Monies have been refunded into Parish accounts. Clerk has written to the individual wishing her well for the future and advising her to get back in touch after her A'Levels when she hopes to complete the programme that she had worked so hard on.

16. Locks on Parish Facilities

Council discuss the issues with multiple locks and keys on Parish owned/managed facilities and task the Clerk to investigate options for the next meeting of Council.

17. Parish Christmas Events

Covid-19 will not allow this year for the usual Christmas events to go ahead. Parish Council will work with Community Groups and Businesses to see what can be arranged in line with Government Guidelines.

18. Miners institute Flooring, Kitchen and Heating update

Deferred to a future meeting of the Parish Council.

Out of Order – Standard Agenda Item -Payments to Make and Bank Reconciliation

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

NEST Pension	Pension Contributions July	£ 103.06		£ 103.06
GRENKE	Photocopier Leasing charges	£ 255.00	£ 51.00	£ 306.00
TV Licencing	TV Licence Miners Instiutue	£ 157.50		£ 157.50
PJ Embleton	Salary August 2020	£ 1,596.17		£ 1,596.17
PJ Embleton	Expenses August 2020	£ 27.50		£ 27.50
S Clark	Salary August 2020	£ 139.52		£ 139.52
CDALC	Subscription Charge 20/21	£ 697.40		£ 697.40
CDALC	Planning Applications Course DCC	£ 81.00		£ 81.00
St Michaels School Esh	Summer School Activities 2020 Grant	£ 400.00		£ 400.00
Total Gas & Power	Electricity Miners Institute	£ 254.14	£ 12.71	£ 266.85
BT Business	Phoneline and Call Charges	£ 108.06		£ 108.06
NEST Pension	Pension Contributions August	£ 107.48		£ 107.48
ROSPA Play Saftey	Annual Play inspections LP, Esh, Q'BEC	£ 233.50	£ 46.70	£ 280.20
Safety Checked	Replacement lights after wiring fault Miners institute	£ 216.73	£ 43.35	£ 260.08
Total Business Group	Printing Charges	£ 34.54	£ 6.90	£ 41.44
Cooperative Bank	Commission	£ 4.38		£ 4.38
Cooperative Bank	Service Charge	£ 10.00		£ 10.00
HostingUK.net	Mail service fro Eshparishcouncil.gov.uk	£ 19.99	£ 4.00	£ 23.99
L&S Maintainence	Play Park, cleansing, strim, weed and Brush. Seat SLA	£ 507.00		£ 507.00
Scribe	Annual Subscription fee	£ 414.00	£ 82.80	£ 496.80
PJ Embleton	Back dated (April - Aug 20)NALC National Payrise	£ 152.78		£ 152.78
Langley Park Football C	Grant 20/21	£ 300.00		£ 300.00
PMI Creative (formally	Rounded dibond signage x4 Play Areas	£ 120.00	£ 24.00	£ 144.00
PMI Creative (formally	4 x Vinyl Banners Play Areas	£ 180.00	£ 36.00	£ 216.00

19. Date of the Next Ordinary Remote Meeting – Tuesday 13th October

Signed as a true record _____ 13th October 2020

Chair to the Council of the Parish Esh