

ESH PARISH COUNCIL  
Special Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> January 2013

**Present:** Councillors A. Mollon (Chair), B. Armstrong, J. Carr, A. Harling, K. Heartfield, P. Mollon, R. Partridge, M. Renneberg and S. Rothwell.

**Also Present:** G. F. Smith (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Councillors R. Bowyer, S. Maddison, M. Sands and M. L. Rowland (Deputy Clerk)

**014/13 Councillor Vacancy**

Members were due to interview Mr. C. Thompson, 53 The Crescent, Langley Park, but he was unable to attend this meeting. Members agreed to reschedule the Interview to Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm in The Harry Guildford centre (prior to the next Parish Council Meeting).

**015/13 The Lease for the Institute Building, Church Street, Langley Park**

Copy of a letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> January 2013 from the Council's Solicitor had Been sent to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

"we refer to previous correspondence and enclose herewith a further amended draft lease to sign". Please check the variation to the lease regarding the permitted use. We look forward to hearing from you as soon as ever possible so that we can liase with Mitchell Dodds in order to complete matters".

Councillor Harling raised concerns regarding CISWO and improving lives in Coalfield Communities (information from their web-site).

Following a debate on this matter Members agreed to the following: -

- A) For the Lease regarding the permitted use to read "The use of the property as a general Community Facility".
- B) For two Councillors (A. Mollon and B, Armstrong) to sign the lease on behalf of the Parish Council.
- C) For the Clerk to send the signed document to the Council's Solicitors as soon as possible,

NOTE: Councillor Rothwell abstained from voting.

**016/13 Setting the Precept for 2013/14**

Members discussed the various options (standstill, +2.5%, +5% +7.5% and +10% on present Precept £72170).

IT WAS AGREED:-

- A) To increase the Precept by 7.5% for the year 2013/14 (calculation £72170 + 7.5% (5413) = £77583 less grant from DCC £8481 = Precept for 2013/14 will be £69102), subject to the following:-
  - i) The Council agree a Budget based on the above figures
  - ii) The Council look to reduce expenditure (i.e. savings), minimum of 7.5%
  - iii) An amount of £3609 be ring fenced towards the cost of "The Tute" (i.e. + 5% of the increase)

NOTE: This was proposed by Councillor B. Armstrong and seconded by Councillor Renneberg and agreed by all Councillors at the meeting.

The Meeting finished at 7.50pm