

## ESH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council meeting held at The Miners Institute Building, Church Street, Langley Park on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014** commencing at **6.30pm**

**Present:** Councillors: S. Rothwell (Chair), S. Bell, J. Carr, A. Hancock, G. Hawxwell, K. Heartfield, R. Hughes, A. Mollon, P. Mollon, R. Moralee and M. Renneberg.

**Also Present:** Mrs L. Finch, Mr M. McGaun and Mr I. Dowson (Residents) and G F Smith (Clerk),

**157/14 Chairman's Statement – The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014**  
The Chair read out the Statement

**158/14 Apologies for absence**  
Members agreed to accept the following apologies:-  
Cllr B. Armstrong (Holiday)  
Cllr M. Sands (Hospital Appointment)  
County Councillor J. Armstrong (Holiday)

**159/14 Declaration of Interest**  
Councillors Heartfield declared an Interest in agenda item 8a (i) – Parish Report  
Councillors Moralee declared an Interest in agenda item 8a (i) – Parish Report

**160/14 Councillor Vacancy – Interview Mrs L. Finch, 16 Lilian Terrace, Langley Park**  
Mrs Finch was interviewed by the Councillors present at the meeting including a question and answer session.  
Mrs Finch was asked to leave the room whilst Members discussed the interview; they agreed to offer her the vacancy of Parish Councillor.  
Mrs Finch returned to the meeting room, The Chair offered her the position and she accepted.  
The Clerk informed Mrs Finch that she would be confirmed as a Councillor at the next Parish Council meeting (13<sup>th</sup> January 2015).  
Mrs Finch left the meeting.

**161/14 Representation by residents**  
a) The Clerk read out a letter received from Cindy Marshall, 7 Aged Miners Homes, Langley Park regarding parking on the grass verge outside the front of her property.  
Members agreed for a copy of the letter to be sent to the two County Councillors, Neighbourhood Warden and PCSO (Durham Police) for their comments.  
b) The Clerk read out an email from Mr M Berry, 4 Hazelwood Court, Langley Park regarding lack of sweeping of the area in front of the main shop area in Langley Park.  
Members were aware that Councillor B Armstrong had contacted the relevant DCC Officer on 25<sup>th</sup> November. Clerk to contact Councillor Armstrong on her return from holiday for an update, to inform Mr Berry of any outcome/actions.

c) Mr Dowson attended the meeting to raise a number of concerns. The Chair informed Mr Dowson on a number of occasions to contact the Monitoring Officer at Durham County Council and put his concerns in writing.

Mr Dowson left the meeting.

**162/14 Pact Meeting**

Report from Councillor B Armstrong was circulated at the meeting.

**163/14 Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

The above minutes were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chair

**164/14 Esh Play Area – Item withdrawn (agenda for January’s meeting)**

**165/14 Reports**

**(A) Parish**

**(1) Allotment Association**

The Clerk updated the meeting on the work carried out by the Allotment Association on the Community Garden, proposed works including paving/tarmac, installation of a greenhouse/shed, eco toilet, plant pots. Designs for a mural were circulated at the meeting and Members chose the design. Members also approved all works and proposed works by the Allotment Association.

**(2) Emptying of storage container**

The Clerk updated the meeting on the current situation

**(3) Office Closure**

Members agreed that the Parish Office would be closed from 19<sup>th</sup> December to 2<sup>nd</sup> January.

**b) County Council**

Report from the County Councillors was circulated at the meeting.

**C) Chair**

(1) Update on the storage container (computer equipment to be transferred to Finchale College/ fencing to be transferred to the Miner’s Institute Building)

(2) Setting the Precept for 2015/16 – to be discussed at the January’s Meeting.

**d) Members**

(1) Parish Councillors – report from Councillor B Armstrong was circulated at the meeting.

**166/14 Miners Institute Building, Church Street, Langley Park**

Update report from Councillor B Armstrong was circulated at the meeting. The Clerk updated the meeting on work carried out by the Deputy and himself to obtain copies of the Trustees Death Certificates for use by the Land Registry and Charity Commission.

- 167/14 Langley Park Miners Banner**  
**Members agreed the following:-**  
 (1) For two Councillors to sign the loan agreement with the Durham Miners Association for the loan of the Banner and the associated conditions of the agreement.  
 (2) The Parish Council to insure the Banner for not less than £5000 with the Council's Insurance Company.  
 The Agreement was dated 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014 signed by Mr D. Hopper Secretary on behalf of Durham Miners Association
- 168/14 Esh Parish Environment Issues – Action Plan 2014/15**  
 Councillor Hancock updated the meeting (copy of e-mail dated 30<sup>th</sup> November 2014 to be circulated to all Councillors).
- 169/14 Councillor Vacancies**  
 One vacancy still remains for a Parish Councillor, details to the Clerk
- 170/14 Working Relationship with other Organisations (including residents)**  
 Possible use of Councillor Surgeries, any further ideas to be passed onto the Clerk.
- 171/14 Financial Statement and Report**  
 (1) Members agreed the details of the Financial Statement and for vouchers 107 to 122 should be paid, a copy of the voucher report will be attached to these minutes.  
 (2) Expenditure report 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2014
- 172/14 Wood View Community Centre**  
 A group had applied to the County Council under the Community Assets Regulations.  
 Item to be removed from the agenda.
- 173/14 Planning Matters**  
 a) Planning Application DM/14/03515/FPA by Langley Park Baptist Church for accessible ramp and accessible toilet at the Church Hall, Linden Mews, Langley Park  
 Decision – No Objections  
 b) Planning application DM/14/03357/FPA by Mrs M. Bailey for erection of two storey side extension at 10 Willow Park, Langley Park  
 Decision – No Objections
- 174/14 AAP/PCC/SCF**  
 Next AAP Board Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at Langley Park (6pm)  
 Next PCC meeting is the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at Lanchester (10am)  
 Next SCF Meeting is the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015 Venue tba (2pm)
- 175/14 Date and time of the next meeting**  
 The next Ordinary Meeting of Esh Parish Council is on Tuesday **13<sup>th</sup> January 2015** at the Miners Institute Building, Church Street, Langley Park commencing at 7pm.

**PRIVATE**

**STAFFING MATTERS**

The meeting finished at 8.15pm