

ESH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council meeting held at The Miners Institute Building, Church Street, Langley Park on **Tuesday 10th March 2015** commencing at **7.00pm**

Present: Councillors: M Renneberg (Chair), B. Armstrong, R. Bowyer, L. Finch, G. Hawxwell, K. Heartfield, R. Hughes, M. McGaun, A. Mollon and R. Moralee
County Councillors J. Armstrong and Jason Cooper (Resident)

Officer: L. Rowland (Deputy Parish Clerk)

036/15 Apologies

Members agreed the following apologies:-

Cllr S. Bell (Work Commitments)
Cllr J. Carr – (No reason given)
Cllr A. Hancock – (Medical)
Cllr P. Mollon – (Work Commitments)
Cllr S. Rothwell (Medical)
Cllr M. Sands (Medical)

037/15 Chairman's Statement – The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014
The Chair read out the Statement

038/15 Declaration of Interest
Councillor B. Armstrong declared an Interest in agenda item 14 – Planning

039/15 Councillor Vacancy – Appointment of Mr M. McGaun, 4 Phoenix Close, Langley Park.
Mr McGaun signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Councillor, countersigned by the Deputy Parish Clerk and witnessed by the Councillors present at the meeting.

040/15 Representation by residents
Mr I. Dowson, 31 Front Street, Langley Park had written the letter to the Parish Council which he wished to discuss with Members.
1. Mr Dowson was unable to make this meeting and asked for his letter to be withdrawn.
2. The above resident (Jason Cooper) did not wish to address the Council he just wanted to observe the meeting.

041/15 Pact Meeting
The Deputy Clerk circulated copies of the Pact report to all members of the Council at the meeting.

- Drop in sessions are held with the PCSO on a fortnightly basis on a Friday morning from 10.00 am (27th March 2015) in The Miners Institute Building, Langley Park.
- Pact Meeting dates:
29th April, 24th June, 29th August and 28th October 2015 in the Miners Institute Building

- 042/15 Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 10th February 2015**
 Amendment to minutes no 023/15 (1) 106 allocation should read release of Covenant subject to the above amendment the minutes were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chair
- 043/15 Residents Petition**
 Deputy Clerk circulated copies of this report to all Members at the meeting. Members noted and acknowledged receipt of the petition breakdown showing responsibilities (i.e. DCC, EPC and other partner agencies) Members agreed to hold a further meeting on Tuesday 24th March @ 7pm in the Miners Institute Building.
- 044/15 Reports**
(A) Parish
 The Deputy Clerk reported on the following:-
Review of Effectiveness of Internal Audit 10th March 2015
 This report had been circulated to all the members prior to the meeting via email for their approval.
Members approved this report
- B) County Council**
 County Councillor B. Armstrong reported on the following:-
- Esh Play area – to be placed on next months Agenda (April 2015)
 - Old Fire Station – Plans for a retail unit and 17 car parking places
 - Requested a copy of EPC Funding policy (Copy emailed to Cllr Armstrong after the meeting)
- County Councillors J. Armstrong reported on the following:-
- Works completed on the pavement at Front Street, Langley Park.
 - Signed off demolition order re All Saints Youth centre
 - Traffic issues – speeding (ongoing)
- C) Chair**
Councillor Renneberg discussed the following:-
- collection of the banner at Redhills
 - Advertise in the Esh Leaves/web site for a Banner Group
 - for the Clerk to arrange collection of the banner
 - Where to store the banner until a frame/funding was in place
 - Cllr McGaun had transport and offered to pick the banner up
- D) Members**
 Councillor Armstrong reported to members works and funding for the Old recreation site (Natural England High Level Stewardship).
- 045/15 Miners Institute Building, Church Street, Langley Park**
- Lack of Volunteers
 - What's on/courses (Adults education, Art group, Zumba, Spanish Classes, etc)
 - Financially sound

- 046/15 Esh Parish Environment Issues – Action Plan 2014/15**
No report – to be updated at next months meeting
- 047/15 Newsletter/ Esh Leaves**
Members agreed that the following Councillors A. Hancock, L. Finch, R. Moralee and G. Hawxwell will set up an editorial group and for the Deputy Clerk to send an email around to see if any other Councillors wish to join the group.
- 048/15 Litter pick at Sir Bobby Robson Park**
The Chair instructed the Deputy Clerk to contact DCC and ask who was responsible for the emptying of the bins
- 049/15 Financial Statement and Report**
Members agreed to the following: -
Vouchers report 159 to 170 should be paid
- 050/15 Planning Matters - None**
- 051/15 AAP/PCC/SCF**
Next AAP Board Meeting 11th March 2015 at Castleside (6pm)
Next PCC meeting is the 14th March 2015 at Langley Park (10am)
Next SCF Meeting is the 22nd May 2015 at Peterlee (2pm)
- 052/15 Date and time of the next meeting**
The next Ordinary Meeting of Esh Parish Council is on Tuesday **14th April 2015** at the Miners Institute Building, Church Street, Langley Park commencing at 7.00pm.

The meeting finished at 8.50pm