

The Council of the Parish of Esh Minutes of the Annual Assembly of the Parish (18:30) and the Annual General Meeting of the Council (19:00) held on Tuesday 8th May 2018 at the Miners Institute, Church Street, Langley Park at Meeting commenced at 18:30.

Annual Assembly of the Parish

There were 3 members of the public in attendance who all signed into the meeting and a record has been retained by the Clerk.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were given and accepted by Cllr. Richard Bowyer, Cllr. Siobhan Kennedy and Cllr. Claire Lund.

2. Chairman's Report

A brief report was given by Cllr. Rita Moralee summarising the previous year at Council, the achievements and the year ahead.

3. Any Other business

No requests from the public were received to speak at the meeting in advance.

Meeting Closed at 18:40 a short refreshment break was offered to attendees

Annual General Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Esh Meeting commenced at 19:03

1. Election of Chair and acceptance of office

Cllr. Rita Moralee was unanimously voted as Chair for the second year, Cllr. Moralee signed into office once again and paperwork is retained and witnessed by the Clerk.

2. Record of attendance

Cllr. Linda Bushell, Cllr. Ryan Drion, Cllr. Donna Smailes, Cllr. Rita Moralee, Cllr. Siobhan Kennedy, Cllr. Richard Bowyer, Cllr. Stuart Wilkinson, Cllr. Malcolm Renneberg, Cllr. Edwin Simpson.

County Councillor Arnie Simpson
Clerk; Ms Patricia Embleton

3. Apologies of absence



Apologies have been received and accepted by Council by the following Councillors;

Cllr. Claire Lund – Ill Health

County Councillor Mike McGaun – Work Commitments

4. Declarations of Interest

5. Minutes from the previous meeting of the 10th April 2018

Signed as a true record

6 . Matters arising

7. County Councillors report

County Councillor Arnie Simpson gave a brief report to the Council, he addressed that the new pipes have been placed in the Cemetery, Langley Park and that Bereavement Services at Durham County Council were hopeful that this will assist greatly with the standing water issues.

The County Councillors have been looking at additional measures to control the speed at which vehicles pass through the Village of Langley Park. Options on the table are additional pelican crossings and a double chicane. These are in early stages and the County Councillors are working closely with highways developing ideas.

The County Councillors are also looking to improve the crossing at the Wetlands in Langley Park, however they are aware of the potential proposed changes to the existing road layout for access to the new build homes at Walnook. Regarding the build at Wallnook, again the County Councillors are working closely with Planning on the matter as there is still a great deal of uncertainty around access, flooding and infrastructure.

County Councillor Simpson gave his report and then left the meeting with the approval of the Chair.

8. Review and Nominations of working groups

There was no decision made at this time and the item is deferred to a future meeting.

9. Review of the standing Orders

Resolved accepted by full Council.

10. Review of Financial Regulations

Resolved accepted by full Council



11. Current preliminary Financial Summary, subject to internal and external limited assurance audit

A prepared summary of Balances, Income and Expenditure were presented to Council.

12. Funding request from the AAP for Summer Drop-ins of £300.

It was resolved that the full £300 will be donated to the Summer events program, Clerk to contact Andy Coulthard from the AAP with the outcome.

13. Funding request towards to the 'Goodwill' Annual Trip

It was resolved that the Langley Park Goodwill association receive a donation of £300. Clerk to arrange payment.

14. Centenary Field, Old Rec, Langley Park update, including Quotes for Goal Posts, Fields in Trust Plaque and Tree/Statue of dedication and Commemorative Bench for Summer Field Fun Day, July 28th, 2018. Quote for the Beacon of light for the Nations Tribute for the 11th November 2018 at 7pm.

3 Quotes were presented to Council and Stadia Sports, whom we get a 20% discount for being a Member of Fields in Trust were chosen as our supplier with a total cost of £563 including carriage, the goal posts will be erected on the Centenary Field.

Clerk to order FIT plaque for the Centenary Field.

The Council resolved that a seated statue of a WW1 tree carved soldier and commemorative bench to the value of £2000. Reservation was shown at Council to the identity of the soldier and the Council would like further exact details of the carving. Clerk to contact artist to arrange a further site meeting to discuss in detail.

The Council resolved that they will join the Nations tribute on the 11th November 2018 at both 11am and 7pm on the evening and a beacon lighting ceremony will take place at the Centenary Field Langley Park. Clerk is to complete registration of this and place a pre order for a WW1 commissioned Beacon.

The Chair allowed Mr Joe Thompson, the Parish Handy Man to raise the topic of the green fence in the Recreation Ground. It is in a poor state of repair and now the grounds are more used the fence could be removed. It was agreed at Council; the fence is to be removed by Joe Thompson and the Clerk is to arrange the potential sale of the removed fence.

At this point in the meeting – it is requested by the Chair the both Mr. Joe Thompson and his wife are to be excluded from the next item on the Agenda as it is in relation to the renewal of his contractual services to the Council.



15.Parish Handy Man Contract

Mr Joe Thompson was contracted by the Council for 1 year from May 2017. The Council have been pleased with the service provided to date.

It was agreed that Mr Thompson will be re-contracted on a 2-year term and Cllr. Siobhan Kennedy is to assist the Clerk in preparing the terms and conditions of contract. Mr Thompson will also be the new Tennent for the Garage to the rear of Garden Ave, and this will be let on a 2 year basis alongside the contract of work starting in October.

16. Esh Play Park update, Esh Play Park update, and consideration of a quote received for replacement damaged parts

Council are overall disappointed by the delivery of Esh Play area and are dissatisfied with the commitment from both Groundworks and Eibe Play. The project is now majorly behind in delivery, which was scheduled for an Easter 2018 opening. This is more than likely to be completed now for a summer 2019 opening, again this is very disappointing to Council and Esh residents.

Resolved that outstanding invoices for work completed by Groundworks are to be settled and the quote for replacement parts from Eibe to replace the equipment which suffered vandalism soon after being sited is be paid by the Clerk. The Clerk, in addition is to work with the Area Action Partnership and funders to gain extension on funding monitoring. The Clerk will gain support from the play specialist at the principle Council and report to a future meeting once a plan has been produced.

CLERKS NOTE. 8.55pm It is now agreed at Council to Waive the 2 hour meeting standing order to allow the completion of business. This was agreed by all Councillors present and additional time is limited to 30 mins.

17. Environmental Improvements update, Notice Boards, Bins and Seats including pedestrianised area on the front street

Notice Boards are ready to be installed as is the renovation of the seats and Benches throughout the Parish, Clerk to instruct Joe Thompson.

Following discussion and site meeting with Highways at Durham County Council regarding the front street and the parking on the pedestrianised area Durham County Council have agreed to place bollards around the outside edge where the dropped curbs were in place solely to allow funeral car access to the now closed chapel. This work is now scheduled with the County Council to happen over the summer months.



18. The Year ahead in summary, inc. Council Timetable

The Council were given the timetable of Council meetings for the year ahead.

Meeting closed at 21:10

Signed as a true record of the meeting *R. Mervill* 19th June 2018

Part B Confidential Matters

19.

Minutes of Part B of the meeting of the 10th April 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

20. Matters Arising

21. Payments made/to make

A Schedule of Payments was presented to Council.

Resolved as accepted, to be paid – Clerk and Chair to action payments.

Meeting closed at 21:25

Signed as a true record of the meeting *P. Mervise* 19th June 2018