

**The Council of the Parish of Esh Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at the Miners Institute, Church Street, Langley Park at Meeting commenced at 19:15**

### **Ordinary Meeting of the Council**

The start of the meeting was agreed to be delayed by 15 mins by all present in order to meet the quorum.

#### **1. Record of Attendance**

Cllr. Linda Bushell, Cllr. Ryan Drion, Cllr. Donna Smailes, Cllr. Rita Moralee, Cllr. Edwin Simpson, Cllr. Malcolm Renneberg.

Clerk; Ms Patricia Embleton

#### **2. Apologies of absence**

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

Cllr. Richard Bowyer – Medical Absence  
Cllr. Olwyn Moat – Community Commitments  
Cllr. Siobhan Kennedy – Work Commitments  
Cllr. Ruth Hughes – No apologies received  
Cllr. Stuart Wilkinson – Personal Commitments

County Councillor Mike McGaun – work Commitments

#### **3. Declarations of Interest**

#### **4. Minutes from the previous meeting of the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**Signed as a true record**

#### **5. Matters arising**

#### **6. County Councillors Report**

**Update given from County Councillor Arnie Simpson with regards to speeding action which has had some good results throughout the Villages. An update was given with regards to the Wallnook development and no further contact or updates were available.**



## **7. Update on the Durham County Plan Consultations**

The Council will follow up with a full objection to the delivery of the additional H9 development as a potential build site to the east of The Woodlands in Langley Park. If this matter is pushed through to planning with the County Council. Cllr. Ryan Drion to action and report back to Council with an update.

## **8. Update on Esh play Area**

Esh play park remains closed due to vandalism and failing a risk assessment given the missing and destroyed parts to the main piece of equipment. Clerk to instruct Durham County Council to install replacement parts as soon as practicable.

## **9. Update on the Centenary Field Fete**

Planning of the events are going well and has been so far supported well by the local community. The event will take place on July 28<sup>th</sup> at the Centenary Field, Old Rec.

## **10. Update on the Friends of the Miners Institute**

A new constitution was presented to the Council for consideration and approval.

The council would like to see an amendment to the wording of the constitution. This item will be dealt with in a further extra ordinary meeting of the Council, date to be decided.

## **11. Update on the Environmental project, war memorial, birds mouth fencing, seats and notice boards.**


The application for the County Councillors Neighbourhood Budget to support these improvements has now been submitted. Esh notice board and Quebec notice boards. County Council have confirmed they will be placing 10 new bollards on the Front Street, reinstating the pedestrianised area to the front of the old Baptist Chapel.

**Clerk to return prices for replacement Centenary seating to the next meeting of the Council including additional bin prices for the play park etc.**

## **12. Other Councillors reports**

### **13. Correspondence**

**Meeting closed at 20:30**

Signed as a true record of the meeting  11<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**Part B Confidential Matters**

**14. Minutes of the Previous meeting Part B**

The minutes agreed and signed as a true record.

**15. Matters Arising**

**16. Handyman Contract update including garage to the rear of Garden Ave, Langley park and outstanding invoices to be paid.**

Cat Locksmiths Joe Thompson has now ceased working with the Parish Council and any council owned property has been returned to the Clerk. The garage at the rear of Garden Ave will be vacated at the end of September by the current tenants. Mr Thompson will not be occupying the garage as previously discuss. Mr Thompson currently has four outstanding invoices for work completed for the Council totalling £1450.00.

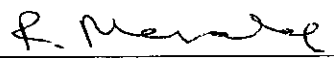
**The Council will withhold payment of the invoices until a full itemised breakdown of the costs in received as the Council have deemed the bills to be greatly inflated and are not in line with the prices previously charged for works, Clerk to contact Mr Thompson to request these itemised bills and make him aware of non payment until further details of the work undertaken is received and approved by Council.**

**17. Signatures on the Charity EQUaL Account and Co-operative Bank Accounts.**

Clerk to contact Richard Bowyer re EQUaL account and Linda Bushell to be added as a Signatory on the Cooperative Parish Council Accounts.

**18. Payments made/to make and bank reconciliation to date.**

Meeting closed at 20:55

Signed as a true record of the meeting  19<sup>th</sup> June 2018