

The Council of the Parish of Esh Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 8th January 2019 at the Miners Institute, Church Street, Langley Park at Meeting commenced at 19:00

Ordinary Meeting of the Council

1. Co-option request Anna Lawson

Ms. Lawson signed the acceptance of office declaration and was welcomed to council.

2. Record of Attendance

Cllr. Rita Moralee, Cllr. Linda Bushell, Cllr. Ryan Drion, Cllr. Donna Smailes, Cllr. Edwin Simpson, Cllr. Malcolm Renneberg, Cllr. Susan Jacks, Cllr. Anna Lawson

Clerk; Ms Patricia Embleton

3. Apologies of absence

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

Cllr. Richard Bowyer – Dispensation Granted 13/11/2018

Cllr. Stuart Wilkinson – Work Commitments

Cllr. Olwyn Moat – Prior community commitments

Cllr. Ruth Hughes – Overseas travel

4. Declarations of Interest

5. Minutes from the previous meeting of the Tuesday 4th December 2018

Resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting as a true record, signed by the Chair.

6. Report from the Chairman

The Chair of the Council Rita Moralee delivered a short report to the Council wishing members a prosperous 2019.

7. County Councillors Report

The following short report was received in the absence of the County Councillors who gave apologies due to other Council commitments.

1. Plans for the new County Plan are going to Cabinet on 16th Jan 2019, following this, final consultation will begin.
2. Plans for the new County Hall are expected to go to Committee by the end of Jan 2019.

3. We will continue to advise you as and when we receive adverse weather forecasts & continue to monitor Grit Bins.
4. No further news regarding proposed 353 houses.
5. No further news regarding 74 houses at the far end of the village.

8. Opportunity for the public to raise matters of interest

No members of the public were present

9. Neighbourhood Plan proposal from Councillor Edwin Simpson

Cllr. Simpson prepared a verbal report on an introduction to Neighbourhood Plans and examples were given of other local Parishes who have developed or who are developing plans and the timescales and resources which may be required. It was **resolved** that Council will form a working group to research the matter further. Cllr Simpson, Cllr. Drion and Cllr. Lawson will progress and report to a future meeting of Esh Parish Council.

10. Precept & budget Report 2019/2020

The Clerk presented council with a budget and precept report for consideration. It was **resolved** to accept the report and make a 0% increase to the precept to deliver the 2019/2020 budget. Clerk to request precept from Durham County Council before the deadline in January.

11. Zurich Insurance renewal 2019/2020 – Long Term Agreement £3578.42

Resolved accepted to be paid.

12. Miners Institute security work carried out in December 2018 and Quote from CDS systems for building access

The alarm system for the Miners Institute had developed a fault and has become unreliable – causing alarm call-outs multiple times an evening. The fault on the alarm was also cutting the power. Having consulted with the Chair, emergency action was taking by the Clerk instructing CDS to replace the alarm system, allowing the building to be left secure during the Christmas shutdown.

It was **resolved** to accept the emergency work instructed by the Chair and Clerk in December. Cllr. Simpson offered praise to the clerk for dealing with the matter promptly. further quotes are required with regard to access to the building. Clerk to work with Councillor Drion to progress and investigate options available.

13. County Court Money Claim outcome regarding Contractor A

The N244 filed by Council to have the judgement set aside was accepted by the District Judge and the case will now progress to a full hearing. Clerk to attend Court with available Council members once hearing dates are received.

14. Banking and Payments

Chairmans Allowance	£ 300.00		£ 300.00
Flyer Printing Christmas Event	£ 95.00	£ 19.00	£ 114.00
Christmas Event	£ 100.00		£ 100.00
Delivery of Xmas 2018 flyer whole Parish	£ 105.00		£ 105.00
Delivery of Centenary Flyer	£ 105.00		£ 105.00
Stationary order	£ 26.70	£ 5.34	£ 32.04
Annual Protection	£ 89.00	£ 17.80	£ 106.80
Annual Membership	£ 50.00		£ 50.00
2x 1800mm Black Anti Vandal seats	£1,511.00	£ 302.20	£ 1,813.20
Salary December 2018	£1,440.33		£ 1,440.33
Expenses for Microsoft Package for Clerks Desktop PC	£ 94.80	£ 18.96	£ 113.76
Expenses for Netting LED Lights	£ 51.36		£ 51.36
Expenses for Garden Sprayer	£ 26.99		£ 26.99
Expenses for N244 - County Court Money Claim	£ 255.00		£ 255.00
Expenses for December Phone & BB	£ 33.30		£ 33.30
Quarterly payment Dec - March 19	£ 983.68		£ 983.68
Stationary, Paper, envelopes and Light bulbs	£ 89.81	£ 17.96	£ 107.77
Litter picking Sticks and Hoops	£ 200.00	£ 40.00	£ 240.00
Painting of knee Rail around xmas tree	£ 154.32	£ 30.86	£ 185.18
Installation of Notice Board	£ 220.00	£ 44.00	£ 264.00
Removal of bark and spread slate around xmas tree	£ 363.64	£ 72.73	£ 436.37
PAYE & NI Contributions	£ 991.02		£ 991.02
Apraisal Training 11/12/2018	£ 81.00		£ 81.00
Park inspections December - January 2019	£ 120.00		£ 120.00
Payroll and HMRC	£ 25.00	£ 5.00	£ 30.00
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Commision	£ 8.91		£ 8.91
Service Charges	£ 10.00		£ 10.00
Feeder Pillar Christmas Tree Langley Park	£ 117.68	£ 5.88	£ 123.56
Quarterly fee 01/01-31/03/2019	£ 255.00	£ 51.00	£ 306.00
Printing charges	£ 66.90	£ 13.38	£ 80.23
Supply of Xmas Trees Dec 2018	£ 420.00		£ 420.00

The Council approved the payments as listed and **resolve** the Clerk to arrange payments.

Meeting closed 20:45

Signed as a true record _____ 12th February 2019
 Chair to The Council of the Parish of Esh