

**The Council of the Parish of Esh Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday July 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 at the Miners Institute, Church Street, Langley Park. Meeting commenced at 19:06 due to number of public attendees signing into the meeting.**

**1.Co- Option requests received from Mr R Smedley & Mr S Aal**

**Resolved** to Co-opt the two members onto the Council, both signed the Declaration of Acceptance to Office witnessed in absence of the Clerk by Cllr. Ryan Drion and Cllr. Linda Bushell.

**2. Record of attendance**

Cllr. Ryan Drion, Cllr. Linda Bushell (Minute Taker), Cllr. Donna Smailes, Cllr. Ollie Moat, Cllr. Edwin Simpson, Cllr Ruth Hughes, Cllr R Smedley and Cllr. S Aal.

Sarah Dance – Langley Park resident – Agenda Item 17.

14 members of the public were in attendance.

**3. Apologies of absence**

**Resolved** by Council to accept apologies from the following members;

Cllr. Stuart Wilkinson – Working commitments  
Ms Patricia Embleton (Clerk) – Personal commitments

**Resolved** to accept resignation from Cllr. Susan Jacks

**4. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Linda Bushell declared in interest in Item 16. on the agenda and has declared to self-exclude from discussion and vote.

Cllr Ollie Moat - Item 22 and Item 25 on the agenda and has declared to self-exclude from discussion and vote.

**5. Minutes from the previous meeting of the Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019.**

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

**6. Opportunity for the Public to raise matters of interest;**

A member of the public spoke at the meeting regarding a number of matters that had already been addressed earlier in writing by the chair. They also requested further information about the Register of Interest held by the Principle Council which seemed to not list 2 current members of the Esh Parish Council.

## **7. County Councillors Report**

Apologies received from Cllr. Arnold Simpson and Cllr. Bev Coult. An email report was supplied and was read aloud by Councillor Linda Bushell which detailed the following;

- The Velo bike ride has been cancelled due to not being able to attract enough participants to make it viable. I am not surprised that this has happened as the entry costs very astronomical in my opinion.
- Next stage of County Plan was passed at last full council meeting, this involves the report being sent to an inspector who will review and consider the document and proposals.
- All blue bins will be getting (may already have) sticker asking that recycle able rubbish is all placed loosely into the bin. Nothing should be put inside in a bin liner etc.
- Cricket World Cup was a great success and attracted a lot of visitors, benefits to businesses particularly in Chester-le-Street.
- Cllr Coult attended a walk about with PCSO Waller and Neighbourhood Warden around Durham Street / George Street - highlighted areas of gardens unkept, issues with pathways between streets, overgrown shrubs. We are working to try and address some of these issues together.
- Cllr Coult and Cllr Simpson have both expressed their views regarding the proposed seating area outside Cafe Montablano, Langley Park.
- There is a surgery session for the County Councillors at The Cross Keys in Esh on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 12.30 and will seek views around park etc.
- £3000 of funding towards the Esh play park will be made from the County Councillors Neighbourhood Budget and £200 to the Defibrillator Group to purchase pads for use on children - new defibrillator to be installed in Langley Park Primary School.
- Lots of issues have been identified from residents regarding the lack of cleanliness in the village. County Councillors are looking to see what can be done at County level and they also will remind and encourage encouraging residents to take some personal responsibility.
- Cllr Coult is now a governor of both Langley Park and St Michael Esh schools.

The Chair indicated that he would like to deal with item 17. out of order to allow guest speaker Sarah Dance to deliver her report.

### **17. Centenary Field, Old Rec update following public meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2019**

A short update from Sarah Dance on progress made on the development of the site including the working day, there will be further work days and litter picks organised throughout the summer. She will work with the Clerk at exploring a questionnaire to be distributed via the local school.

## **8. Clerks work in progress report**

**Resolved** as accepted and thanks given for the update.

## **9. Planning Application Received**

No planning application for the Esh area have been received by County Council.

**10. Application to place Tables and Chairs on the Highway, Café Montalbano, Langley Park**

The Council discussed this item in full with input from most Councillors present. All Councillors that reside within the Esh Parish voted towards accepting and supporting the application. Objections were raised by Cllr. Simpson.

The **resolution** was made that letter will be drafted in full support of the application and sent to Durham County Council.

**11. New Premises Licence Application – Eco Supermarket Limited, Langley Park**

The Council discussed the item in full and **resolve** to support the application.

**12. Proposed removal of Telephone Box, Quebec Street, Langley Park**

The Council **resolve** to support the removal of the telephone box.

**13. Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish of Lanchester – Pre-Submission Consultation**

The Council **resolve** to delegate Cllr. Edwin Simpson to attend to view the plans and once a report has been made a letter of support will be drafted by the Clerk to Lanchester Parish Council.

**14. Quotation for Tree Work received from Oliver's Tree Services £420.00 for Esh Village Green and Conservation Area Application**

**Resolved** to accept the quote, Clerk to monitor progress made and report to Council when works are completed.

**15. National Tree Week – Cllr. Edwin Simpson**

Agreed to propose an expression of interest in the Urban Tree Challenge Fund. Outstanding items to be on the future agenda.

**16. Small memorial plaque request from Esh residents to dress the seat sited in Esh Village, Hill Crest**

**Resolved** that this request be passed to Esh Residents Association for completion, with consent from the Parish Council to install plaque on the Parish owned bench.

The Council **resolved** to accept the application. Clerk to arrange payment.

**17. Centenary Field, Old Rec update following public meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2019**

Out of order – Dealt with following Item 8.

**18. Correspondence received by Local Resident for information only**

**19. Correspondence from Local Sporting Team including meeting outcome**

Cllr. Ryan Drion and Cllr, Linda Bushell attended a meeting, upon the request of a Local Sporting Team. Information was supplied to assist them to move forward and an offer of support from Parish would be considered at a future date should this be requested.

**20. Public notice from The Langley Park Sports and Social Club regarding closure following the registration of the site as an Asset of Community Value, action taken and press release and original application – Cllr Ryan Drion**

The Council **resolved** to accept the actions taken by the Chair prior to the meeting to allow a timely and effective response.

**21. Esh Play Park update following Public Consultations of the 22<sup>nd</sup> June and 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019, schedule of works and budgetary preparation included**

The Clerk collated the feedback from consultations and Eibe play options for the rework of the Esh play park. The Council **resolves** to accept the quotation for option 1. The Clerk is instructed to contact Eibe Play and begin process for rework with installation between 8-10 weeks.

**22. Proposed partial rental of the storage unit for the Workshop rear of Garden Ave, Langley Park received from a local resident Mr. Bushell**

**Resolved** to accept the proposal, Clerk to arrange for exchange of contracts.

**23. Grant request from EVRA for £300.00**

**Resolved** to accept the grant application, clerk to arrange payment

**24. Grant request from Hannah Aston – World Challenge 2020 £300.00**

**Resolved** to accept the grant application, clerk to arrange payment

**25. Kids Club summer trips and events update including funding update from the AAP and completed activity programme from DH7 Events**

Bookings are now live for the trips, which have been well received to date, booking closes on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019. The Area Action Partnership fund has been released to Esh Parish. Council **resolved** to accept the proposal from DH7 Events for various Youth Activities for 2019/2020, Clerk to arrange interim payment to DH7 Events.

**26. Payments to make and bank reconciliation including change of signatories and addition of Cllr Hughes and Cllr Simpson**

Opening Balance (All Accounts) of Council 09<sup>th</sup> July 2019 **£246,161.75**

BT Business	Phone line rental and charges	<b>£108.20</b>
PJ Embleton	Salary June 2019	<b>£1,555.98</b>
PJ Embleton	Expenses June 2019	<b>£12.50</b>
NEST	Pension Contributions	<b>£93.59</b>
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TV Licencing	TV Licence - Miners Institute	<b>£154.50</b>
NWG Business	Gas Miners Institute	<b>£231.58</b>
NWG Business	Electricity Miners Institute	<b>£78.75</b>
Cooperative Bank	Commission	<b>£7.26</b>
Cooperative Bank	Service Charge	<b>£10.00</b>
Durham County Council	Foundations on behalf of The Miners Memorial Group	<b>£4,775.26</b>
St Michaels School	Meeting Room Hire Esh play Park Consultations 03/07,	<b>£25.00</b>
Printmeit.com	Folded flyers for Kids Club, Design and Print	<b>£168.00</b>
Office Depot	Cleaning Equipment and Materials	<b>£338.78</b>
CISWO	Quarterly Rent for Miners Institute	<b>£938.68</b>
GRENKE	Quarterly Rent for Photocopier	<b>£306.00</b>
CDALC	Councillor training Course Fees	<b>£27.00</b>
Brambledown	Esh Play Area - Phase 1 Correctative Works	<b>£1,452.00</b>
Office Depot	Archive Materials and stationary	<b>£155.56</b>
ROSPA PLAY SAFETY	Annual Inspection x3 parks	<b>£322.20</b>
Total Business Group	Printing Charges	<b>£22.74</b>
Office Depot	Replacement Bins Internal	<b>£22.15</b>
Psnowdon	Hanging Baskets and Tubs Summer	<b>£1,214.00</b>
L&S Maintenance	Park Checks June 2019	<b>£135.00</b>
HMRC	PAYE & NIC to 5th July 2019	<b>£965.00</b>

Resulting bank balances less payments due of **£13,220.35**

**=£232,941.40**

The Council noted the bank statements, approved payments as listed and **resolved** the Clerk to arrange payments.

**27 Date of the next meeting – 10th September 2019**

Signed as a true record \_\_\_\_\_ 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
Chair to the Council of the Parish Esh