

The Council of the Parish of Esh Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday November 12th at The Miners Institute, Langley Park. Meeting commenced at 19:05

1. Record of attendance

Cllr. Ryan Drion, Cllr. Linda Bushell, Cllr. Donna Smailes, Cllr. Ollie Moat, Cllr. Edwin Simpson, Cllr. Ruth Hughes, Cllr. Stephan Aal, Cllr. Robert Smedley, Cllr. Wilkinson.

County Councillor Bev Coult
County Councillor Arnie Simpson – Apologies accepted

2 members of the public were present.

Clerk – Ms Patricia Embleton

2. Apologies of absence

3. Declarations of Interest

4. Minutes from the previous meeting of the Tuesday 8th October 2019.

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

5. County Councillors Report

Cllr. Bev Coult delivered the following report to Council;

- Lumiere starts in Durham City on the 14th with tickets still available
- Mr Berry kindly laid the County Council Wreath on Remembrance Sunday, which he was very happy to do and there was a great turn out
- Unveiling of the new Miners Memorial ay Browney Court had been well attended and received
- Operation Spruce – a multi-organisational effort to clear, alongside residents 2 walkways which run between Durham Street and George Street was unfortunately cancelled, but will be reorganised in the near future
- Festival of Light – Local School children had thoroughly enjoyed taking part in this multi faith event
- Pathways at through to Garden Ave from Low Moor Road will be unearthed by County Council
- General maintenance to public areas was in hand following a spate on complaints, this includes potholes, pathways, seats and drains
- Upcoming surgeries cancelled due to purdah

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

Standing orders were suspended by the chair, the floor was opened to the residents' in attendance to raise matters/questions. One member of the public wished to speak and raised the following;

- Thanks, was given to Cllr. Hughes for attending a number of events at The Wetlands to elevate the concerns that had previously been raised
- The Halloween event, despite the weather had been a great success
- Plans are in place for a Christmas event

7. Clerks work in progress report

The Clerk delivered a short report and update on the following;

- Kids Club Trips - next trip 23rd December 2019 to the Sage Gateshead– 63 residents booked to attend
- HOME GROUP now started advice drop-in. Wednesdays 1-3pm – good attendance at drop-ins so far. Clerk has received numerous positive comments.
- Wetlands Halloween event – Cllr Ruth Hughes, through the Chair thanked the Wetlands for an enjoyable tour of the site, she commended the Group and volunteers for their hard work and wished the group well for their future endeavours. Cllr Bob Smedley also had visited the site and found the site had shown great improvement over the last few weeks
- DH7 Halloween Disco, Quebec Village Hall - Well attended and enjoyable event. Well done to DH7 event organisers
- Wreath making classes – Cancelled due to conflicting classes within the parish.
- Christmas trees have been ordered – Delivery due last week of November.
- Christmas Grotto organised for after Tree Lighting on the 7th of December In Fresh and Fruity Grocers, which will be transformed for the event
- Tuesday 19th November - Hall decoration and Christmas meeting from 6pm. All welcome.
- Flooring quotes, Miners Institute – Funding opportunities available
- Kitchen Quotes, Miners Institute – Funding opportunities available
- Section 106 Monies available £1700 and £7000, Durham County Council
- Peoples Supper – 15th December – 4pm Hosted by Clerk and PCSO Deborah Waller
- Lights of the north – Celebrating 150 years of the Durham Miners Association
- £100 donation made to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Durham Miners Association and celebrate the Communities of the Durham Coalfield. The wording on behalf of Esh Parish Council will read " Celebrating & remembering our Coal Mining heritage in the Parish of Esh and their legacy and spirit that lives on in our communities today "
- The Distribution of the Poppy Appeal around the Parish was completed by Clerk and Cllr. Bushell. These have now all been collected in and will be returned to The Royal British Legion awaiting financial totals. Five wreathes were laid on behalf of Esh Parish Council around the Parish on Remembrance Sunday.

8. Planning application received

9. Long term management proposal/lease on the land at the Crescent, Langley Park owned by Home Group

A brief discussion was had by Council regarding the land and possible use of Section 106 monies; however the Council requested additional information and await a formal agreement and terms from Home Group in order to proceed. Item deferred to the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

10. Request from the Langley Park Allotment Association to allow a new tenant to house bees

Council discussed the matter and concluded that Beekeeping is a great way to encourage the growth of the British Bee population. The Council **resolved** that they require the new tenant to follow guidelines of the British Beekeeping Association and the Allotment Association to adopt these guidelines into new tenancies when renewed.

11. VE Day Celebrations 2020

Resolved to pursue the use of the road adjacent to the Langley Park Primary School for a celebration event on Saturday the 9th May 2020. Clerk to speak to Cllr. Coult and Mr. Walton to discuss possibility. Clerk to report to a further meeting of the Council.

12. Hall Floor/Kitchen at the Miners Institute works update and quotations/options available, including funding from the National Lottery Community Fund.

Council **resolved** to explore both funding and having the flooring and Kitchen completed as one project. Clerk to seek advice and quotes to report to a further meeting of the Council.

13. Esh Play Area

A Post Installation Report was presented to Council from Eibe Play which identified numerous issues with install. Eibe Play are back onsite to rectify outstanding works week commencing 25th November 2019. Clerk to ensure that dissatisfaction is expressed to Eibe Play and to seek compensation for the delay in project delivery.

14. Dyno- Rod annual maintenance contract for the Miners Institute

Resolved to accept the recommendations of Dyno-rod for an initial inspection of all pipework, guttering and drainage for a cost of £440.00. Clerk to arrange appointment.

15. Winter Events update. Including 'The Peoples Supper' event support and Christmas Events

7th December – Christmas Fayre and light switch on event and Santa's Grotto

14th December – DH7 Children's Christmas Party

15th December – The People's Supper

23rd December – Snowman at the Sage

The Council **resolved** to accept the request for £262.00 from Deborah Waller and Patricia Embleton to help deliver 'The Peoples Supper'. Clerk to arrange payment.

16. National Tree Week – Cllr. Edwin Simpson

The Council **resolved** to make an application to access the £150 funding towards trees on behalf of the Stobilee Wetlands. Clerk to contact Durham County Council and work with the Wetlands Group to complete application.

17. Field in Trust Membership Renewal £65.00

The Council **resolved** to renewal membership. Clerk to arrange payment.

18. Report from Community Networking Event – Clerk & Cllr. Linda Bushell

Cllr. Bushell and the Clerk attended a networking event which proved to be useful in the resurgence of the original EQUaL Partnership Charity to work alongside the Parish Council for the parish and ongoing work within the Miners Institute. Clerk to arrange a meeting in the new year with Durham Community Action and Council.

19. Funding request from Langley Park Football Club £300.00

Council would like further additional information from the club before deciding on the application. Clerk to contact the club for clarification. The Council request that the funding policy of Council is reviewed and presented to Council for ratification.

20. Outcome of complaint made to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) from a local resident

The Council received a complaint made by a local resident to the ICO regarding a potential breach of GDPR. This was answered and the matter was closed with the ICO without any further action to be taken. The ICO were satisfied that the Council had taken the appropriate steps to prevent any further complaints of the same.

21. Payments to make and bank reconciliation

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

Npower	Feeder Pillar Langley Park	£111.16
BT Business	Phone Line and charges	£67.62
P Snowdon	Hanging Baskets, Tubs and Watering Summer 19	£3,956.00
Scribe Accountancy	Accountancy System and Set up	£640.80
L&S Maintenance	Park Checks September 2019	£120.00
William Ward	Windows Cleaned Miners Institute	£50.00
Total Gas & Power	Gas Usage Miners Institute	£813.39
Linda Bushell	Christmas Trees Artificial to replace broken tree for hall	£399.95
Wave	Water Rates Miners Institute	£126.74
Peterlee Fire Company	Biannual Service tests	£102.00
DYNO ROD	Clearance work on drains at Miners institute	£192.00
Total Business Group	Printing Charges	£108.00
PJ Embleton	Salary October 2019	£1,666.53
PJ Embleton	Expenses October 2019	£12.50
Sharron Clark	Cleaners Salary October 2019	£164.20
Cooperative Bank	Commission	£5.41
Cooperative Bank	Service Charge	£10.00
CDALC	Chairmanship Training	£27.00
Total Business Group	Printing Charges	£34.93
Printmeit.com	Esh Leaves Autumn/Winter 2019	£892.00
L&S Maintenance	Park inspections and repairs to fence Quebec and bin - labour and materials	£165.00
Oliver's Tree Services	Clearance Work at SBRP	£1,104.00
Park Insurance	Clerks Working from Home Insurance	£124.55
Quebec Village Hall	Hire of Main hall for October Parish Council meeting	£35.00
NEST	Pension Contributions	£104.60
Total Gas & Power	Electricity at the Miners Institute	£27.74
Information Commissioners Office	ICO Annual Fee with Direct Discount	£35.00

Balances of all accounts carried forward and full reconciliation by Clerk and Cllr. Bushell
£186,743.80

24. Date of Next meeting

Tuesday 19th November 2019 – Christmas prep and Hall Decoration

Tuesday 10th December 2019 - Ordinary Meeting of Council

Signed as a true record _____ 10th December 2019

Chair to the Council of the Parish Esh