

The Council of the Parish of Esh DRAFT Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Friday 23rd April 2021, Langley Park. The Remote Meeting commenced at 19.06pm.

Ordinary Meeting of the 23rd April 2021

1. Record of Attendance.

Cllr. Stefan Aal, Cllr Linda Bushell, Cllr Ryan Drion, Cllr Ruth Hughes, Cllr Edwin Simpson.

Cllr. Ollie Moat, Cllr. Donna Smailes and County Cllr. Bev Coult attended remotely.

2. Apologies for Absence

None

3. Declaration of Interests.

Cllr. Stefan Aal, Cllr Linda Bushell, Cllr Ruth Hughes, Cllr Donna Smailes, Cllr Ryan Drion . All declared an interest in Item 13.

4. Minutes from the previous meeting of council Tuesday 23rd March 2021.

Resolved, to accept as a true record.

5. County Councillors Report.

There had been no council meetings.

County Council Vaccination Centre will close on Saturday 24th April 2021 but the Arnison Centre would remain open.

Library and Leisure Centres will be reopening.

Support is available to residents needing financial advice due to the effects of Covid.

Local businesses were reopening.

C62 closed between 18th May 2021 and 25th May 2021.

20mph signs now in place in Esh and will continue to be rolled out within the Parish.

The planning application for Quebec has been withdrawn, although some activity is taking place on site. Cllr. Bev Coult is looking into this.

Incidents have taken place at the Old Rec, the Premier Shop, Durham Street and Langley Street. Investigations are on-going.

Alcohol has been removed from underage drinkers.

Patrols are being carried out by Consett Police. Residents should report problems to 101 so that the calls can be logged.

A walkabout took place with Cllr. Bev Coult, PCSO Debra Waller and our two new PCSO to familiarize them with the problem areas within the village.

There is an ongoing problem with a Rights of Way in Esh.

Dog Fouling. Footage had been obtained which may help in this matter.

New Salt Bins are to be placed around the village.

- 6. Opportunity for the public to raise matters of interest.**
One letter received and matter dealt with.
- 7. Parish Update.**
Artwork at the Lock Up has been well received and appears to be a great success.
New signage has been purchased for the Old Rec. and Esh Play Park after incidents with horses.
Work starts on the Skate Park on the 26th April. This will carry out work requested in the ROSPA Report.
The kitchen and the two front facing rooms in the Institute are nearing completion. Due to Covid 19 we were unable to complete the programme of improvements for 2020. A list will be supplied to the incoming council in order that the projects be completed in 2021.
- 8. Planning Application Received.**
This item has been covered in County Cllr. Bev Coult's Report.
- 9. Budget 2021/2022.**
Resolved, to accept the amended budget.
- 10. Debit Card for Subscription Payments.**
A new Esh Parish Debit Card is now in place. Named person will be changed to the new clerk appointed.
- 11. Employment of Clerk.**
Two applications have been received for this position.
Resolved, that interviews will be carried out by Cllr Ryan Drion, Cllr Linda Bushell, Cllr. Ruth Hughes and Cllr Ollie Moat. These will take place early next week.
- 12. Grant Application re Goodwill Trips.**
Resolved, to accept this annual application for £300.00.
- 13. CISWO- Response to Community Interest Company/ Appropriate Group.**
Resolved, The Council will make an agreement with the not for profit community association that is being set up under the name The Group @ The Tute. The aim of this is to allow the activities within and around the Miners Institute to run independently of the Council. The existing council office will be cleared and made available for community use and no parish council employee will be needed to manage the building. This resolves a long running confusion between the role of the council as solely leaseholders and running community activities in, from and around the Miners Institute building.

14. Skate Park- Refurbishment SLA.

Work started on the Skate Park on Monday 26th April 2021. This included some repairs to the actual metalwork where required. The new skate surface contains four layers of materials when finished a youth project with Durham Spray Paints will be taking place. This will be for the sides only and not the skating surface. To ensure that the Skate Park is kept in optimum condition it will need treating twice a year with a cost of approx. £1600.00 a year. It is proposed that we put in place an SLA with the contractor.

Resolved, to accept quote and raise SLA to cover the two treatments a year

15. Sir Bobby Robson Park- Soft Surfaces Concerns/Replace.

ROSPA report states that some work is required. We have an appointment with Wicksteed on Monday 26th March. We will be attending both Sir Bobby Robson and Esh Play Park.

Resolved, to accept the recommendations of Wicksteed.

16. Window Cleaning.

Until now the window cleaning inside and out has been carried out when requested. Our lease with CISWO requires this is carried out every four weeks. It is proposed that we put in place a SLA with our contractor for every four weeks at a cost of £60.00 per visit.

Resolved, to accept to quote and raise a SLA to cover the four weekly visits with a payment of £60.00 per visit.

17. Land at Davis Crescent-adding to SLA with Durham County Council Grass Cutting and Maintenance.

Resolved, to provisionally accept proposal. Costs to be checked with Durham County Council. If, costs are reasonable, the proposal is to be brought back to next meeting.

18. Bank Reconciliation/ Payments to make.

Resolved, to accept Bank Reconciliation and payments to the end of the Financial year. 31st March 2021

19. Date of next Ordinary/ Remote Meeting

Tuesday 4th May 2021

Meeting closed at 20.33

