

The Council of the Parish of Esh DRAFT Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 4th May 2021. The Remote Meeting commenced at 19.10pm.

1 Record of Attendance.

Cllr Stefan Aal, Cllr Linda Bushell, Cllr Ryan Drion, Cllr Ruth Hughes, Cllr Ollie Moat. Cllr Donna Smailes attended remotely.

2 Apologies for Absence.

County Councillors Bev Coult and Arnie Simpson.

3 Declaration of Interests.

Received from Cllr Linda Bushell, Cllr Ruth Hughes, Cllr Donna Smailes. For Item 9.

4 Minutes of the previous meeting of council Friday 23rd April 2021.

Cllr Ollie Moat objected to the understanding of Item 13. A vote was taken for the minutes being a true record 5 For and 1 against.

Resolved to accept the minutes as a true record.

5 County Councillors Report.

There is no report as all items had been presented at the 23rd April meeting.

6 Opportunity for the public to raise matters of interest.

Correspondence was received at the day of meeting and noted under item 9.

7 Parish Update.

Skate Park refurbishment is now complete. S.L.A. now in place to ensure that maintenance is carried out twice a year.

There is still an issue with antisocial behaviour at the Old Rec, and Parish Play Parks. This matter is ongoing.

A new clerk is now being employed and will be working from home, this will ensure a safe and secure working environment.

Councillors went through their most memorable moments and events over the last four years.

Decoration and improvements to The Miners Institute are nearing completion but due to Covid, the "To Do List" was never completed. The list of outstanding items will be passed to the new clerk.

These include:-

Stabilise the wall between house and Miners Institute

New Pointing to paved Garden area.

Guttering and drainpipes on the Miners Institute..

Section of roof at the Lockup that needs new guttering and repairs to the roof. The roof was examined during the winter but could not be repaired at that time.

Painting and cleaning paintwork and railing on the outside of the Miners Institute.

Repair area in and around the toilets in The Miners Institute, redecorate disabled, mixed toilets and the passageway.

8 Planning Application Received

No new applications received but work appears to be ongoing at these sites. County Cllr Bev Coult is looking into this matter and is being joined by Cllr Edwin Simpson.

9 The Group @ The Tute- Running of the Miners Institute Events and Hire.

Cllr Ollie Moat stated her many objections on this matter. A vote was taken

One Against. Three For, Two Abstentions.

Resolved that The Group at the Tute move forward in the running of the Miners Institute as a separate entity to The Parish Council.

10 Wicksteed.

Cllr Ruth Hughes and Cllr Linda Bushell met the Wicksteed representative on site at the Sir Bobby Robson Play Park. The problems were pointed out and a report with costings will be sent out in due course. The area had already been repaired once and a new solution to the problem is being sought. The representative then visited the Quebec Play Park to offer suggestions to the problem with the edges of the safety matting.

This item has already been discussed and agreed at council, but we are awaiting the costs.

11 Payments

Resolved to accept the list of payments.

12 Date of AGM/Ordinary Meeting- to be confirmed

Meeting closed at 20.45