

EDMONDSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Edmondsley Parish Council held on 10 January 2019 at 6.30pm

Present: Cllrs Wheatley (Chair), Curry and Gregory

Also in attendance – Angela Foster (Parish Clerk), Ethel Curry, (caretaker), Cllr H Liddle County Councillor and 3 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence:

Cllrs and Hall and Parking submitted their apologies.

Cllr McAllister submitted her resignation, the Clerk to contact Electoral services to publish notice

2. Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:

Cllrs Wheatley and Gregory declared an interest in agenda item C, but have dispensation so are able to vote/speak

3. Questions from members of the public:

- Resident who wishes to proceed with defibrillator gave an update and asked Cllr Liddle to help fund the project, she agreed and asked the Clerk to carry out the relevant paperwork. The defibrillator would be then the responsibility of the Parish Council
- Bus shelter at Jubilee has graffiti and is in a bad state of repair. Cllr Liddle to contact DCC to request graffiti be removed and to look at state of shelter.

Resolved: All agreed to take over responsibility of defibrillator.

4. Police Report:

No police presence and no report submitted. The members were disappointed that once again there was no police presence.

5. Minutes of Council meeting/ Annual meeting of the Council:

Resolved : That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

6. Clerks report:

The Clerk submitted a report from the last meeting with all the updates

7. **Parish Matters and on-going items**

a. **Planning applications**

- No new applications received

Application for Mini Moos will be going to planning committee on 31 January 2019

b. **To consider any planning applications received after the agenda was published.**

- No applications received

c. **Allotments** - Cllr Wheatley gave an update on the allotments

The letters were sent out on 6 November giving 3 months notice, some plots have been improved, others not. It was suggested when receiving the rent in March a letter to be hand delivered giving a further 3 months or they will be evicted from the site.

Resolved: *It was agreed a second and final letter will be hand delivered when the rent is collected.*

d. **Future events**

- The Christmas carols did not have a large turnout, however was still a successful event. New ideas need to be found for next year, advertising a poll in the newsletter was suggested and ask to post suggestions in the post office.
- New events were discussed, it was suggested asking residents for their opinions, again in the newsletter

Resolved: *It was agreed to advertise in newsletter and ask post office to hold the box.*

e. **Snow Angels** - The Parish Council are not able to receive any equipment from the police who organise the Snow Angels campaign, it was suggested purchasing own shovels, the police have ensured the grit bins will be adequately filled. Cllr Liddle agreed to purchase some new shovels in next years budget. The parish to purchase 6 not expensive ones to cover the winter

Resolved: *It was agreed to purchase 6 shovels and ask for the grit bins to be filled*

f. **County Councillors Report** - Cllr Liddle attended and updated the council on the car parking, which will not go ahead. She agreed to look at other projects that the Parish Council wish to undertake. New boiler and Christmas lights were suggested

Resolved: *Cllr Liddle agreed and will arrange paperwork once quotes are received. The Clerk to get quotes for boiler. Cllr Liddle to speak to DCC re lights.*

g. **Accounts** - The Clerk distributed the bi-monthly accounts for approval

Resolved: *Bank reconciliation, cash book and petty cash were approved by all members and Cllr Gregory signed*

h. **Trees** - Three quotes received to fell/prune the trees in the parish grounds as they are getting very large. Quotes varied in price and what suggestions to do varied too.

Resolved: The members agreed to go with Durham ARB at cost of £560, the Clerk to contact and ask for work to be done asap.

i. **Chairs** - This to be placed on next agenda

j. **Budget planning** - A final budget was produced and discussed.

Resolved: *The earmarked money for the car park maintenance which has been saved for several years to be earmarked for Parish Hall repairs/improvements £3000 and £1000 for planters. The budget was approved by council.*

k. **Precept** - The Clerk gave recommendations for setting the precept

Resolved: *It was agreed to leave the precept the same, requesting £5,285 and LCRS grant of £1,027 giving £6,312.*

l. **Back door** - The door needs to be replaced as not very sturdy and could be easily broken into.

Resolved: *It was agreed to get quote for next meeting..*

m. **Online banking** -

The Clerk suggested using internet banking to pay bills. This is in the financial regulations. The Clerk noted all items still need to be approved on the agenda before any bills to be paid.

Resolved: *It was agreed to start paying via internet banking where appropriate, which is already in place.*

n. **Room hirers** - Holding parties at the hall was discussed. It was agreed the Clerk to get a new hire agreement for one off events to include times and what they can not leave behind

o. **Correspondence**

- Local Charter - a review of the Local Council Charter was distributed for discussion. No comments received
- Clerks and caretakers salary increases were noted, which will take effect in April.

p. **Correspondence since agenda was published:**

- Royal Garden Party - nominations were requested from CDALC, no members wish to be nominated.

q. **Urgent issues for noting** (the Clerk to use delegated powers) **and any items Councillors wish to agenda for next meeting**

8 Financial Matters

(a) Payments

Resolved: That the following payments be agreed:

- (1) That the sum of £533.76 be paid to Mrs A Foster - (November/December)
- (2) That the sum of £130.80 be paid direct from clerk to HMRC - (November/December)
- (3) That the sum of £34.00 be paid via S/O to E-on - electricity
- (4) That the sum of £108.72 be paid to Mrs E Curry - (November/December)
- (5) That the sum of £27.00 be paid to HMRC - (November/December) (E Curry via Mrs A Foster)
- (6) That the sum of £200 be paid to Mrs A Foster - buffet for Xmas event
- (7) That the sum of £27.00 be paid to CDALC - finance training

(b) Receipts

Resolved: That the following receipts be noted:

- (1) That the sum of £120.00 from Judo
- (2) That the sum of £96.00 from Boxing
- (3) That the sum of £72.00 from Wrestler

9. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 14 March 2019 to commence at 6.30pm (It was noted one week later due to Clerks holidays) The meeting terminated at 8.25pm

Chairman
Date