## **EDMONDSLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

# Minutes of a Meeting of the Edmondsley Parish Council held on 2 May 2019 at 6.45pm

Present: Cllrs Wheatley (Chair), Curry, Hall, Parking and Armstrong

Also in attendance – Angela Foster (Parish Clerk) and 5 members of the public

### 1. Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Gregory submitted her apologies

## 2. <u>Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:</u>

Cllr Wheatley declared an interest in agenda item C, but have dispensation so are able to vote/speak. Cllr Armstrong was granted dispensation for the allotments.

# 3. Questions from members of the public:

 One member of the public wanted to know what the strips across the road were for, Cllr Wilson will find out and report back

#### 4. Police Report:

No police presence and no report submitted, but PCSO Payne will be attending the Annual Parish Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> May

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

**Resolved**: That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

#### 6. Clerks report:

No report

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

# a. Planning applications

No new applications received

Update re Homeside Park is that the planning has been approved, but certain conditions were put in place.

- 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

All letters have been delivered and accepted. Ongoing rent collecting. One allotment which is empty is being used for fly tipping. Cllr Wilson will ask the Warden to check on his rounds.

#### d. Future events

- No events planned. Only 2 replies from the poll from the last newsletter received, they both said they would like to see events, this will be discussed at the APM on 9<sup>th</sup> May
- e. County Councillors Report Cllr Wilson gave an update. He discussed the consultation for the new development. No planters are allowed to stop cars parking at Braeside.
- f. **Defibrillator** Still awaiting a cost from the electrician before forms can be submitted

#### g. Annual return

- The Council confirmed that they continue to meet the qualifying criteria and consider themselves exempt from external audit. They considered the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2019 which included the Annual Governance Statement and Statement of Accounts, and received the Internal Audit Report.
- **Resolved** To approve the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019

**Resolved** To approve the Annual Governance Statement for the year ended 31 March 2019

- h. **Proposed development** To note all residents comments regarding the proposed development. Extra questionnaires were handed out. Cllr Wilson spoke of this not being in the Co Durham Plan. That 180 houses were far too many for the size of the village.
- i. Notice Board Costs and location of installing a notice board were discussed

**Resolved:** It was agreed to with Earth Anchors for £425.00 and pay the231.00 for planning permission and to install close to the at Jubilee Close

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j. Annual Parish Meeting - All arrangements were discussed

**Resolved:** It was agreed to put on refreshments before meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm. The police and County Councillor will be in attendance

- k. **Parking a Jubilee Close** Cllr Wilson asked Karbon Homes if the garages could be knocked down to create parking, but that has been rejected. He will ask them what other suggestions they can come up with to alleviate the parking problems in the area.
- Merging wards The Clerk received all directions to merge wards, this was discussed but agreed not to pursue at this time
- m. Policies to adopt -
  - All policies were approved at the Annual Meeting of the Council
- n. Back door Quotes received to replace the back door came in between £600 and £800. The Clerk checked and made sure it didn't have to be a fire door, so the cheaper option would work.

**Resolved:** It was agreed to go with the cheaper door

o. Boiler – A quote received from RMAC Heating for £2275 with 7 year warranty, in order to get gas into the building a post code is needed. A post box was required before a post code could be sought. This is now an ongoing process

**Resolved:** It was agreed to go with RMAC quote and get post code and cost for gas installation

P. Regenerating Parish Halls – Funding is available to Parish Halls. Shutters and flooring was discussed

**Resolved:** It was agreed the Clerk to get more information and see if can apply to carry out this work.

# q. Correspondence

- One resident sent an email with several questions, the resident was not in attendance at the meeting.
- One resident wishes to use the parish hall on a daily basis for an after school club.

**Resolved:** It was agreed to make sure all insurances and procedures are in place. Need to check if the hall needs to be inspected by Ofsted. If anything needs changing it will be turned down.

- r. Correspondence since agenda was published:
  - WW2 event planned for 2020, it was agreed to look into some kind of event to commemorate this
  - Councillors Training no councillors wish to attend
- s. Urgent issues for noting (the Clerk to use delegated powers) and any items Councillors wish to agenda for next meeting

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#### 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 (March/April)
- (2) That the sum of £130.80 be paid direct from clerk to HMRC (March/April)
- (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 (March/April)
- (5) That the sum of £27.00 be paid to HMRC (March/April) (E Curry via Mrs A Foster)
- (6) That the sum of £105.00 be paid to Aztec newsletter
- (7) That the sum of £114.02 CDALC Subs
- (8) That the sum of £262.08 chairs
- (9) That the sum of £100.00 be paid to Mrs R Routledge internal auditor
- (10) That the sum of £572.00 be paid to Came and Company annual insurance

# (b) Receipts

**Resolved:** That the following receipts be noted:

- (1) That the sum of £84.00 was received from Judo for March/April)
- (2) That the sum of £96.00 was received from Wrestler March/April)
- (3) That the sum of £6,312 was received from DCC precept and grant

# 9. **Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 4 July 2019 to commence at 6.30pm

Terminated at 7.85pm

Chairman Date