

## **EDMONDSLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of a Meeting of the Edmondsley Parish Council held on 9 July 2020 at 6.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs Wheatley (Chair), Curry, Parkin, Hall, Armstrong and Ballantyne

Also in attendance – Angela Foster (Parish Clerk) and 6 members of the public.

**Due to the current situation with Covid 19, all meetings have been cancelled from March onwards. As under new legislation the Chair to remain in place until May 2021. This socially distancing meeting took place in the grounds of the hall.**

**1. Apologies for Absence:** All members present.

**2. Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:**

Cllrs Wheatley and Armstrong declared an interest in agenda item C, but have dispensation so are able to vote/speak. Cllrs Wheatley, Curry, Armstrong and Parkin declared an interest in agenda item A and abstained from speaking or voting. Leaving only 2 members, which makes that agenda item inquorate, this item can therefore only be noted.

**3. Questions from members of the public:**

- One resident asked why the grass at Braeside has not been cut, believed to be DCC land. The Clerk to check out.
- One resident attended to speak on the planning application (agenda item A)
- Cars parked at Jubilee Close are causing a problems with visibility. They are also parking on the path making it difficult for pedestrians to pass on the pavement. The Clerk to speak to the police/wardens and contact highways
- Youths on pedal cycles are riding in a dangerous manner, doing wheelies on the crossroads. The Clerk to speak to the police
- Residents asked about a property that has a wooden extension and doesn't seem to have planning permission. The Clerk to check out.

**4. Police Report:**

No police present but report submitted - speed checks have been carried out and more will follow once the road works are complete.

**5. Minutes of Council meeting :**

**Resolved :** That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2020 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**6. Minutes of Council meeting :**

**Resolved :** That the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 19 March 2020 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**7. Clerks report:**

The Clerk updated the members from last meetings.

- Training for the Defibrillator is still on hold until safe to carry out the training.
- The mandate for the bank is now complete, Cllrs Ballantyne, Armstrong and the Clerk are now signatories.

## 8. Parish Matters and on-going items

### a. Planning applications

DM/20/00797/FPA Mrs Lesley Richardson Two storey rear extension  
27 Jubilee Close  
Edmondsley, Durham, DH7 6HB

One resident attended and submitted a report on the reasons why he is objecting to the application, on behalf of his mother. Giving many reasons including vast size of planned extension, the 45 degree code, parking issues with potential of extra vehicles, over encroachment to neighbouring properties and setting a precedent for extra extensions to Jubilee Close.

As no members were able to comment, it was suggested speaking to DCC planning.

### 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. 2-3 untidy plots. A notice to say keep dogs on lead was requested

**Resolved:.** Report noted. All rent money has now been collected. The Clerk to sort the notice.

### d. 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 2020 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 2020
- **Resolved** To approve the Annual Governance Statement for the year ended 31 March 2020

### e. Future events

Holding a Christmas event was discussed. It was suggested giving the current uncertainty with Covid 19, to put off until later in the year to make the decision.

### f. Accounts - The Clerk distributed the bi-monthly accounts for approval

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

### g. County Councillors Report

No County Councillors present.

### h. Request for grant - Citizens advice have requested a grant

**Resolved:** It was agreed to give £100. The Clerk to raise a cheque

### i. Speeding around the village - Speeding cars around the village are becoming serious. The Clerk to speak with the police, although they had already stated they will carry out extra speed checks.

*j.* **Correspondence**

- Thanks you letters received from Sacriston Enterprise Workshop and Sacriston Parish Council for recent donations
- Code of Conduct out for review - the Members were asked if any comments on document to contact the Clerk
- Training programme - a 3 day online training course is being provided by CDALC for free. If any members wish to attend. Cllr Ballantyne has signed up for the courses.

*k.* **Hall improvements** - DCC are ready to do the asbestos inspection on 13 July. Depending on results, the council might be able to order the flooring. The cost of the flooring might have gone up. To decide if to go ahead with flooring with approval via email if costs have risen. If no issues with asbestos the Clerk to purchase paint and arrange the walls to be decorated, prior to laying the floor.

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

- Nothing received

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

**(a) Payments****Resolved:** That the following payments be agreed:

These payments were approved by the Chairman giving delegated powers to the Clerk to make payments

- (1) That the sum of £113.90 be paid to Mrs E Curry (March/April)
- (2) That the sum of £114.50 be paid to CDALC
- (3) That the sum of £2,275 be paid to RMAC - boiler
- (4) That the sum of £100.00 be paid to Sacriston Parish Council - grant
- (5) That the sum of £300.00 be paid to Sacriston workshop - grant
- (6) That the sum of £615.14 be paid to Came and Co - annual insurance
- (7) That the sum of £75.00 be paid to Mrs R Routledge - internal auditor

These payment to approve and raise cheque

- (8) That the sum of £683.66 be paid via S/O to Mrs A Foster (May/June)
- (9) That the sum of £120.94 be paid to Mrs E Curry (May/June)
- (10) That the sum of £58.60 be paid to HMRC - via Mrs A Foster (this is for 4 month)
- (11) That the sum of £80.00 be paid via S/O to E-on - electricity
- (12) That the sum of £82.00 be paid via S/O to E-on - new gas supply
- (13) That the sum of £14.64 be paid to Mrs A Foster - postage

**(b) Receipts****Resolved:** That the following receipts be noted:

- (1) That the sum of £8,017.00 was received from DCC - precept and LCTSS grant

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 3 September 2020 to commence at 6.30pm

Terminated at 7.10pm

**Chairman**  
**Date**