

EDMONDSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Edmondsley Parish Council held on 1 November 2018 at 6.30pm

Present: Cllrs Wheatley (Chair), Curry, Gregory and Parking

Also in attendance – Angela Foster (Parish Clerk), Ethel Curry, caretaker and 8 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence:

Cllrs McAllister and Hall submitted their apologies

2. Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:

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

3. Questions from members of the public:

- To check if Zebra crossing can be installed as no lollypop person has been employed.
- To see if cars that are parked at school times can be moved on
- Cars parked at Jubilee Close are causing a problem, especially when emergency vehicles are trying to get into the street.
- Leaves are becoming thick and looks untidy around the post office.
- Footpath at the reed beds is overgrown
- Trees overgrown and blocking light at Jubilee Close
- Bushes overgrown at Jubilee Close
- The residents would like to see police presence at the next parish meeting
- Ask if more grit bins could be installed or provide grit. To check up about snow angels
- Drug dealing seems an issue in the village

The Clerk to seek advice from the relevant agencies and report back

4. Police Report:

No police presence and no report submitted

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

Resolved : That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

6. Clerks report:

No clerks report

7. Parish Matters and on-going items

a. **Planning applications**

- No applications received

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

Several Councillors carried out a walk around at the allotments to ascertain if they are still untidy, 12 of the 33 are. They feel a letter should be sent.

Allowing close family members to take over plots after a tenant passes away was discussed. Rats are a problem and solutions were discussed.

Resolved: *It was agreed that plot holders to give a second name on their agreement, but that person must have an active part in the allotment already. A letter to be drafted for them to sign. The Clerk to send letters to those gardens that are untidy giving 3 months notice. It was agreed to check with DCC if they could carry out inspections/removal. The Clerk to get costs and to check if plot holders are allowed to do this themselves or if the Parish are allowed to store poison. To see if a licence would be required.*

d. **Future events**

- Final arrangements for the Christmas event was discussed, the date is 15 December. Alcohol licence organised. Lanchester Brass Band booked at cost of £60. Buffett costs were discussed

Resolved: *It was agreed to go with Sacriston Deli at a cost of £5 per head, it was agreed to cater for 50. A £50 deposit needs to be paid, the Clerk to raise cheque*

e. **County Councillors Report** - No county Councillors present, but submitted an update on the items raised at the last meeting. All items still ongoing.

f. **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*

g. **Trees** - It was suggested taking a look at the trees in the Parish grounds to see if an expert tree surgeon was required to keep under control. A resident has complained about the roots.

Resolved: *The Clerk to see if allowed to cut down and to get quotes for cutting down/thinning out*

h. **Finance training** - The Clerk requested attending training course on 13 November.

Resolved: *It was agreed for her to attend and bring back any info regarding budget setting to the next meeting*

- i. **Budget planning** - A draft budget was produced and discussed.

Resolved: *It was agreed to wait until January meeting after the Clerk has undertaken training*

- j. **Boiler** - A cost has been sought from the company who installed it in 2005. The cost to service is £750 plus VAT and if any parts are needed the cost of parts and an extra £750 would be charged

Resolved: *It was agreed to find a plumber to check the radiators and pressure first and get repaired using Clerk delegated powers if necessary*

- k. **Grants** - An application form received to purchase a defibrillator to be installed at the post office. Also a request to hold first aid training and instruction on using the defibrillator in the new year.

Resolved: *It was agreed to give a grant of £450. Further information to be provided by applicant. It was agreed to donate the room hire for this event.*

l. **E-mail addresses**

The Clerk asked if all Councillors were happy using their new email addresses. It was agreed to use these email from now on.

m. **Correspondence**

- *Nothing received*

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

- *Nothing received*

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

- Events for next year
- Paying by electronic payments

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 - (September/October)
- (2) That the sum of £130.80 be paid direct from clerk to HMRC - (September/October)
- (3) That the sum of £34.00 be paid via S/O to E-on - electricity
- (4) That the sum of £108.52 be paid to Mrs E Curry - (September/October)
That the sum of £27.20 be paid to HMRC - (September/October)
- (5) (E Curry via Mrs A Foster)
- (6) That the sum of £60.00 be paid to Lanchester Brass Band
- (7) That the sum of £92.00 be paid to SLCC - Clerks subs
- (8) That the sum of £50.00 be paid to Sacriston Deli (deposit)

(b) **Receipts**

Resolved: That the following receipts be noted:

- (1) That the sum of £72.00 from Judo
- (2) That the sum of £60.00 from Boxing

9. **Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 10 January 2019 to commence at 6.30pm (It was noted one week later due to Christmas holidays) The meeting terminated at 8.05pm

Chairman

Date