



Minutes- 14th of July 2025

Management Meeting held on Monday the 14th of July 2025 at 7pm in the Council Chamber.

Exclusion of the press and public: The Chairman to inform any members of the Public or Press that in view of confidential business to be transacted in items **13, 14, 15 and 16** that they are excluded in accordance with the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 Section 1 (2).

Public and Press Participation Maximum of 15 minutes- Any Elector of the Parish of Essington may raise a question by prior request in writing to the clerk within the period of publication of the agenda and the meeting itself, on any issue relating to Official Parish Council Business, as set out on the agenda.

Public Participation 15 minutes.

Present: Councillors Chris Steel, Chair, Hilary Southern Vice Chair, Warren Fisher, Gill Kelly, James Parker, Ken Moseley.

- 1) **Apologies** - Cllr Annie Phillips.
- 2) **Declarations of Interest** – GK -Item 10
- 3) **Approval of the last meeting minutes on the 16th of June 2025-** Proposed by Chris seconded by James, all in favour that the minutes were a true and accurate record.
- 4) **Matters Arising from the last meetings minutes-** None

5) Pools

- a. LNR- **Ongoing, to stay on Agenda**
- b. Memorial Garden- **Deferred, to stay on Agenda**
- c. Under Water Drone- **The capsule has been tested; however, more training is needed.**

6) ECC

- a. Community Centre Hall - Alarm and CCTV- **Secom have been contacted re the alarm. WF has made a start on listing equipment needed for the CCTV.**
- b. Community Centre – Ladies Toilet Replacement Windows-**Stay on Agenda**
- c. Gents Toilet Refurbishment- **Due to be completed mid-August**
- d. Ante- Room Kitchen Area and facility alterations- **awaiting Quote.**

e. Sub Meters Water, Electric and Gas – Kelly Tots & Medical Centre (Water only)- Water meters and Gas meters due to be fitted on the 6th of September 2025.

f. Pharmacy Alterations- Defer to discuss under items 13 & 14 on the agenda.

g. Miners Monument – Friends of Essington thanked the Parish Council for the donation to get the monument erected; works will start late August/early September.

h. Overhead Barrier – One Way System between the Main Entrance & Medical Centre- CS to get an update.

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i. Tree Maintenance Regime- Councillors GK & JP to arrange date to do an area visit.

j. Tree Policy- Stay on Agenda.

k. Car Park Alleged accident. The clerk has responded to questions asked by the insurance company. No resolve at the time of the meeting.

l. Community Newsletter- HSD has written a page for the Newsletter, other Councillors have expressed their ideas for content. Chairman's report, Finance, Chatty Café, Upcoming Events and CITC.

m. Picnic in the Pools- Cllr's put forward ideas and suggested that due to restrictions at the Pools another venue such as ERUFC could be a possibility. The Clerk to write to the club to arrange a meeting.

n. EPC Hub- Chatty Café- Chatty Café is doing well with a steady 25 regular users of the facility.

o. Celebration in the Community- CS & HSD, to arrange a meeting with the Vicar to secure a suitable date for next years Event.

7) Broad Lane

a) Posts and SIDS- KM to contact Contractor for an update.

b) Speed Indicator handheld device- A meeting with the SIDS Training Officer and Volunteers has been arranged for Friday the 18th of July 2025.

8) Westcroft

9) Wyrley Juniors/Teddy Bears – Council received a report from Teddy Bears Nursery Long Lane regarding overgrowth either side of the entrance, restricting visibility when pulling out onto the Highway. It was resolved to contact Grounds Maintenance to cut back the overgrowth as soon as possible.

10) Kelly Tots

Additional Space -Update GK confirmed that alterations are on schedule with new Aluminium fire doors due later this month.

11) 1911 Café – The clerk confirmed that a conversation had been had with the proprietor regarding the community centre alcohol license, 1911 Café have applied to sell alcohol on the premises under their own personal license.

12) Swan Park

a. UKSPF Grant- **deferred.**

b. Equipment Quotes- **2x Quotes have been received awaiting one more, for comparison.**

13) Tenants Rent- Closed Session- **Council discussed the new rents and concluded to recommend to the Full Council to be ratified.**

14) Solicitor re Leases – Closed Session – **The Council’s solicitor is aware of the changes to Tenants new lease arrangements. Tenants have received their lease addendums and are happy to proceed with the terms.**

15) Medical Centre update- Closed Session- **Council resolved to wait further instruction from the solicitor.**

16) Land Titles- update- Closed Session- **Deferred.**

Signed by Louise Tipler Clerk

16th of July 2025.