

ESH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the New Parish Hall, Esh on Tuesday 13th September 2005 at 7.00pm.

Present councillors:- A. Mollon (Chairman), C. Bloor, A. Christie, G. Coulson, H. Guildford, A. Harling, A. Hiles, H. Tyler, M. Tyler and W. Tyrie.

Apologies Councillors:- F. Crow, S. Rothwell. M. Sands and County Councillor J. Armstrong.

Also in Attendance:- P.C. Dover, PCSO Brown and G. F. Smith (Clerk).

096/05 Declaration of Interest.

- a) Councillor Coulson and Guildford declared interest in Item 11- Planning matters. They took no part in the debate other than to clarify any matters of fact.
- b) Councillor Coulson, Guildford and M. Tyler declared interest in item 17- Funding for the Intermediate Labour Market Scheme. They took no part in the debate other than to clarify any matters of fact.

097/05 Police Report.

P.C. Dover gave a comprehensive report on incidents within the parish (attached to the minutes), followed by a question and answer session.

098/05 Minutes of a Special Meeting held on 18th July 2005.

Agreed as a true record.

099/05 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12th July 2005.

Agreed as a true record.

100/05 Clerks report including Observations from Councillors to the Minutes.

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111/03 Commuted Sum for Erection of 25 Dwellings at Wood side Farm Woodside Terrace Langley Park

Nothing further to report, clerk to update at the next parish meeting.

083/04 Seat opposite Quebec play area

Cheque received from Zurich Insurance Ltd.

138/04 Community Enhancement Service, National Probation Service

Nothing further to report still the lack of offenders on the scheme, clerk to update at the next parish meeting.

140b/04 Alternative Parish Council Office Accommodation.

Nothing further to report, clerk write to Durham County Council Director of Culture (Copy to County Councillor Armstrong) asking for an update on the temporary and permanent library provision for Langley Park.

143/04 EQUaL – National Playing fields Association Scheme

Nothing further to report, clerk to update at the next parish meeting.

009/05 Tsunami Earthquake Appeal

Awaiting response from the British Council. Clerk to update at the next Parish Meeting.

019/05 Remembrance Sunday 2005 and Inscribing the War Memorial

Unable to book a brass band or a bugler for the ceremony. Clerk to contact the Salvation Army bands at Consett and Sacriston to see if they are available to perform. Members were informed that Langley Park Community Association had received funding for a band and provision of refreshments for the day. Following the closure of All Saints Youth Centre there was a need to find a host to start the parade. Clerk was to contact Mr John Davis, Derwentside District Council to discuss the inscribing of the Unknown Soldier onto the war memorial. Clerk to update at the next Parish meeting.

020/05 Footpath at the Recreation Ground.

Waiting for confirmation from Northumbrian Water of the availability of an inspector to attend a site meeting. Clerk to update at the next meeting.

023/05 Reports

- D) County Council
- ii) Funding of IT officer.
Matter dealt with under Item 17 on agenda.

046/05 Reports

Matter dealt with under Item 12b – Parish Reports on Agenda.

057/05 Request to use Esh Play Area – Esh Parish Girls F.C.

Waiting for a response from Esh Parish Girls F.C. on draft licence agreement. Clerk to update at next Parish meeting.

059/05 Reports

- C) District Council.
Councillor Tyrie report item (ii) Land at Esh Hillside Council Estate plans received, no further details from Derwentside District Council. Clerk to update at the next Parish meeting.

063b/05 Request for Donation - WRVS

No financial details received. Clerk to write to WRVS and provide an update at the next Parish meeting.

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074/05 Correspondence

No response from Go North East, Clerk to chase up response and provide an update at the next Parish meeting.

076/bi/05 WWW Domain

Clerk to update at the next Parish meeting.

085/05 Planning Matters

b) TOC/1/2005/0535/DMFP – 34 Garden Avenue, Langley Park.

Following information from the Planning Officer on the above development it was agreed to raise no objections to the above, subject to adjacent owners being consulted and to their comments being taken into consideration before making a decision on this case.

c) CS/1/2005/00556/DMFP – Erection of 22 dwellings at Kingsway garage, Langley Park.

Following information from the Planning Officer on the above development it was agreed to raise no objections to the above, subject to adjacent owners being consulted and to their comments being taken into consideration before making a decision on this case.

101/05 Minutes of a Special Meeting held on 6th September 2005

Agreed as true record. Clerk to write to Derwentside District Council (Marie Moore) to see what funding may be available to Simply Soccer to continue the work being carried out at Langley Park School on a Saturday morning. The clerk to also contact Durham County Council, Education Department to support free use of the sports hall, Langley Park Primary School.

102/05 Correspondence

Derwentside District Council

a) Invitation to launch of the 2005/8 Derwentside Crime Disorder and Substance Misuse Reduction Strategy in the Civic Hall, Consett on Friday 16th September 2005 at 10.00am.

b) Parish Liaison Meeting to be held on Wednesday 21st September 2005 in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Consett.

c) Directorate of Housing and Capital Works – Annual Report 2004/05

Durham County Council

d) Environment Division – Analysis of Community consultation on Langley Park Low Moor Road Improvement Scheme.

e) Environment Division – Update of Local Action 21 Partnership database.

f) Environment Division – Operational Plan 2005/06.

g) Chief Executive – Building Schools for the Future Programme – The Vision.

Durham Association of Parish and Town Council

- h) Appointment of Executive Officer – Mr Stephen Wragg.

Others

- i) Kraft Klub 4 Kids – letter of thanks for donation received from the Parish Council. Clerk to send a letter to Mrs Pauline Looby thanking her and the other workers for the summer programme held at the Woodview Community Centre during the school holidays.
- j) Campaign for the Sustainable Communities Bill.
- k) One Voice Network – County Wide Conference on a shared vision – working together for County Durham. To be held at Durham County Cricket Club, Monday 3rd October, 9.15 am to 3.45pm (free event)
- l) County Durham Local Action 21 News letter, Summer 2005 – issue 29.
- m) Research Solutions UK Ltd – Views on ESFVON (European Structural Funds Voluntary Organisation) Regional Development Agency.
- n) Durham Biodiversity Partnership – Newsletter Summer 2005 issue 1.
- o) County Durham and Cleveland County Training Partnership – Questionnaire.
- p) Durham Rural Community Council – Consultation workshop on Rural Community and Social Fund on Friday 30th September 2005 DRCC Offices, Lanchester 9.30am to 12.00pm and 1.00pm to 3.30pm (free event)
- q) Guildstar YK – Launch of Website.
- r) Durham Police Authority – Strategy 2005/08 and Annual Policing and Best Value Performance Plan 2005/06
- s) The Mineral Valleys Project – Newsletter Wearlife issue 4.
- t) The National Association of Local Councils Regional Development Officer Mrs Lesley Swinbank – Questionnaire on the Quality Parish and Town Council Scheme.

103/05 Planning Matters

- a) The following applications had already been dealt with under delegated powers. Following consultation between the Chairman, Parish Council members and the Parish Clerk it was agreed to raise no objections to the following 7 planning applications, subject to adjacent owners being consulted and to their comments being taken into consideration before making a decision on these cases.

i)	
No.	TOC/1/2005/0605/DMFP
Applicant	Mr S. Bradley
Proposed	Conservatory to the Rear
At	12 Meadowbank, Langley Park

- ii)
 No. TOC/1/2005/0693/DMLB
- Applicant Ushaw College
- Proposed Listed building consent to demolish garage structures re-aligning areas of walling, erection of new fencing and resurfacing to provide secure car parking.
- At Ushaw College, Esh, Co. Durham DH7 9RH
- iii) TOC/1/2005/0694/DMFP
- Applicant Ushaw College
- Proposed Demolition of garage structures, realigning areas of walling, erection of new fencing and resurfacing to provide secure car parking.
- At Ushaw College, Esh, Co. Durham DH7 9RH
- iv)
 No. TOC/1/2005/0680/DMFP
- Applicant Mr P. Allan
- Proposed Erection of two storey rear extension.
- At 27 Durham Street, Langley Park, Co. Durham. DH7 9YJ
- v)
 No. TOC/1/2005/0678/DMFP
- Applicant Mr A. Jones
- Proposed Erection of garage to side, single storey front extension.
- At 3 Eastern Avenue, Langley Park, Co. Durham. DH7 9XR
- vi)
 No. CC/1/2005/0719/D3FP
- Applicant Derwentside District Council
- Proposed Erection of one 12 metre high pole with CCTV camera.
- At Land to the front of the Baptist church, Front Street, Langley Park.

vii)
 No. CC/1/2005/0720/D3FP
 Applicant Derwentside District Council
 Proposed Erection of one 12 metre high pole with CCTV camera.
 At General Stores, 1 Eppleton Close, Langley Park, Co. Durham
 DH7 9UX.

B) The following three planning applications have been received
 for:-

i)
 No. CS/1/2005/0697/DMFP
 Applicant Mrs Lynn Bushby
 Proposed Change to the use of the ground floor to hot food take away and
 first floor to residential.
 At 34 Front Street, Langley Park Co Durham. DH7 9SD

ii)
 No. CC/1/2005/0742/DMFP
 Applicant Mr and Mrs Neil
 Proposed Erection of garage to side, extension of existing front porch.
 At 10 Hawthorn Close, Langley Park. Co. Durham. DH7 9FD

iii)
 No. TOC/1/2005/0746/DMFP
 Applicant Mr W. Johnston
 Proposed Sitting of portable building for office accommodation, car
 parking facilities for 6 vehicles.
 At Fast Fit Tyres, Hedley Terrace, Langley Park. Co. Durham.
 DH7 9SU.

That no objections to the above three planning applications, subject to adjacent
 owners being consulted and to their comments being taken into consideration
 before making a decision on each case.

104/05 Report

a) EQUaL Partnership Meeting

i) No Report

b) Parish

i) Langley Park Play Area.

A letter has recently been received from Derwentside District Council setting out some of the principal heads of terms of lease. The Clerk to produce a detailed report for the next Parish Council Meeting.

An Email has been received from the Sports and Social Club regarding the agreement of the committee to lease the land to the Parish Council. The Clerk to produce a detailed report for the next Parish Council meeting.

ii) Quebec Play Area

Awaiting delivery of equipment, following a meeting with a representative from Derwentside District Council the following points were raised:-

- i) The need for a tarmac path (1.4 metres wide) from the pavement to the play park was recommended.
- ii) Possible removal of one tree.
- iii) Existing equipment to be removed.

It was agreed:-

- a) For the Parish Council to pay for the instillation of the footpath and the Clerk to obtain competitive quotations. The Chairman in discussion with the Clerk be authorised to accept the lowest quotation and for the work to be carried out at an appropriate time.
 - b) For the Parish Council to pay for the removal of the existing equipment, and for the Clerk to negotiate a quotation with a local contractor. The Chairman in discussion with the Clerk to be authorised to accept the lowest quotation and for the work to be carried out at the appropriate time.
 - c) For the Clerk to produce a detailed report on the costs for the Quebec play area for the next Parish Council meeting.
- iii) Esh Play Area

Awaiting delivery of equipment, following a meeting with a representative from Derwentside District Council the following points were raised:-

- 1) New gates for vehicles and pedestrians.
- 2) The need for a tarmac path (1.4 metre wide) from the entrance to an agreed point in the play area (near to the equipment) was recommended
- 3) Gradient at the entrance to be reduced.
- 4) Existing equipment surfacing (bark) needs to be removed and replaced with grass matting safe system.
- 5) General maintenance of overgrown hedges, hawthorn and repair to boundary fencing (where necessary).

It was agreed for:-

- a) The Parish Council to pay for the installation of the new gate for vehicles and pedestrians and for the Clerk to negotiate with a local contractor. The Chairman in discussion with the Clerk be authorised to accept the lowest quotation and for the work to be carried out at an appropriate time.
- b) For the Parish Council to pay for the installation of the footpath and the Clerk to obtain competitive quotations. The Chairman in discussion with the Clerk be authorised to accept the lowest quotation and for the work to be carried out at an appropriate time.
- c) For the Parish Council to pay for the reduction of the gradient at the entrance to the site and for the Clerk to negotiate a quotation from a local contractor. The Chairman in discussion with the Clerk be authorised to accept the lowest quotation and for the work to be carried out at an appropriate time.
- d) For the Parish Council to pay for the removal of the bark around the existing equipment and replaced with a grass matting safe system. The Clerk to negotiate with a local contractor. The Chairman in discussion with the Clerk be authorised to accept the lowest quotation and for the work to be carried out at an appropriate time.
- e) For the Parish Council to pay for the general maintenance of the overgrown hedges, hawthorn and repairs to the boundary fencing (where necessary). The Clerk to negotiate with a local contractor. The Chairman in discussion with the Clerk be authorised to accept the lowest quotation and for the work to be carried out at the appropriate time.
- f) For the Clerk to prepare a detailed report on the costs for the Esh Play Area for the next parish meeting.

iv) Invitation

An invitation has been received from Durham Logistics College to join Sir Bobby Robson CBE at the official opening of the New Management Development and Community IT suite for Langley Park at 11.30am on Thursday 29th September 2005.

v) Esh Leaves

- i) Members were reminded of copy for the next edition was required within the next two weeks by the editor (Mike Ackroyd).
- ii) It was agreed to produce maps in colour for the next edition at a cost of approximately £100.00.

vi) Parish Walk

It was agreed to hold the winter Parish Walk in January 2006, Councillor Bloor to organise the route.

c) District

Councillor Coulson reported on the following:-

- i) Procurement targets have been achieved. A team has been set up to look at the various cost savings (business travel and the use of mobile phones). It is hoped to use the savings to freeze the council tax rate. The team will be moving onto other areas.
- ii) In 2006 it is proposed to change the number of wheelie bins per household, i.e. 1 for waste, 1 for paper, cardboard and tins and the green box for bottles.
- iii) The pilot scheme for the green waste was highly successful.
- iv) There is an ongoing national review of Councillors per Local Authority. (County, District and Parish Councils)
- v) There may be further delay in the installation of CCTV cameras for Langley Park.

Councillor Tyrie reported on the following:-

- i) 283 licensing applications have been received from a possible 292 premises. Two late applications have been refused.
- ii) Hilltop View renovation, electricity cut offs have been completed, bat survey completed, foundations are being excavated and the tendering and marketing to commence soon.
- iii) The Hippodrome
The site is now on the market.
- iv) The Marc Vehicle
Due to the visit of the vehicle throughout the district additional £251,000 welfare benefits have been paid to Derwentside Residents for the period of June 2004 to March 2005. Since April 2005 to August 2005 a further £183,000 has been paid out. The forecast is for the total to reach £400,000 by the end of the financial year.
- v) Benefit Fraud.
46 sanctions against those who had committed benefit fraud, resulting in the authority receiving an additional £118,905. Since April 2005 a further 28 sanctions have led to the authority receiving a further £46,200.

- D) County Council
No Reports.

105/05 Financial Statement and Report

After receiving details of financial details (V103 – 151) should be paid and where appropriate confirm the Chairman/Clerks action in issuing cheques in advance of meeting.

106/05 Request for Donation

A request for a donation has been received from the Badgers Girls Football Club Esh Parish. The Clerk had requested a copy of the clubs balance sheet, which had not been received prior to the meeting. Clerk to chase up response and report details to the next parish meeting.

107/05 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

To be held on 11th October 2005 at 7.00pm in the Parish Room, Church Street Community Centre, Langley Park.

Exclusion of press and public

That pursuant to section 100a of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting during consideration of the items listed below on the grounds that if they were present during the discussion of these items there could be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in section 100.