

Esh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Room, Church Street, Community Centre, Langley Park on Tuesday 8th November 2005 at 7pm.

Present: Councillors A Mollon (Chairman), C Bloor, G Coulson, A Christie, H Guildford, A Harling, S Rothwell, M Tyler and W Tyrie.

Apologies: Councillors M Sands, H Tyler and PC Dover.

Also in Attendance: County Councillor J Armstrong, PCSO Brown and GF Smith (Clerk).

123/05 Declaration of Interest

Councillors Coulson and Guildford declared an interest in Item 7 – Planning Matters. They took no part in the debate other than to clarify any matters of fact.

Councillor M Tyler declared an interest in Item 7 D – Planning Matters Ref: CS/1/2005/0910/DMFP. She took no part in the debate other than to clarify any matters of fact.

124/05 Police Report

PCSO Brown gave a comprehensive report on incidents within the Parish (attached to the minutes), followed by a question and answer session. Members thanked PCSO Brown for the report.

125/05 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11th October 2005.

Agreed as a true record signed by the Chairman.

126/05 Clerks Report including Observations from Councillors to the Minutes

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143/04 EQUaL – National Playing Fields Associations Scheme

It was agreed to:

- a) Invite Mr Paul Allen, NPFA to make a presentation to Council Members on details of the scheme to the next Parish Meeting (13th December 2005).
- b) To also invite Mr Ken Bradshaw and members of the EQUaL Partnership to the next Parish Meeting to listen to Mr Allen from the NPFA.

009/05 Tsumani Earthquake Appeal

The Clerk had written to the High Commissioner of Sri Lanka regarding the twinning arrangements with a village in the country, and he had also written to Miss Brennen, Head teacher, Langley Park Primary School enclosing contact details for schools in the country with a view for the school/ pupils to make a contact with the relevant school authorities.

Clerk to update the Parish Council when the situation changes.

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019/05 Remembrance Sunday 2005 and Inscribing the War Memorial.

The Clerk reported that: -

- a) The volunteer bugler is now not available.
- b) Derwentside District Council are awaiting availability of funds to carry out the inscribing of the war memorial, the Clerk to update the Parish Council when the situation changes.

It was agreed for the Clerk to contact Mrs Ester Hayton to inform her of the above.

020/05 Footpath at the Recreation Ground.

A site meeting has been arranged for Thursday 10th November. The Chairman, Councillor Christie, The Clerk and Mr Mace will attend to meet an inspector from Northumbrian Water. The Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

076/bi/05/www. Domain

It was agreed to use “Langley-Park”.

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109/05 Voucher 139 – Financial Computerised System.

It was agreed for Mr David Ryder (I.T. Officer) to develop a financial system within the spreadsheet program for use by the Clerk and the Assistant Clerk.

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117/05 Reports

- i) Quebec Play Area
Item dealt with on agenda Item 8b – Parish Report.

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- ii) Esh Play Area
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- d) County Council; viii) Park and Ride

An E-mail had been received from Mr John McGargill of Durham County Council regarding the Park and Ride Scheme at Durham stating “We cannot permit drivers to park and walk as this may affect the capacity and viability of the Park and Ride Scheme. We would therefore be able to issue a £30 charge to any non-Park and Ride users. Whilst initially I do not see us using these powers, if problems arise we can.”

118/05 Christmas Tree Arrangements

Christmas trees were being purchased from Mr Leo Morallee, trees to be erected by David Oliver Tree Services Ltd and decorated by Durham County Council (Service Direct). The lights will be “switched on” at 4pm on Thursday 24th November 2005.

119/05 Remembrance Day Arrangements

- a) Councillor Rothwell to attend Quebec Service in place of Councillor Crow.
- b) Refreshments to be provided following the service at All Saints Church at Langley Park. Funds for refreshments are available from the Community Association.

27/05 Correspondence

Durham County Council

- a) Environment – Proposed Infrastructure Improvements at Kaysburn Bus interchange.
- b) Chief Executive – Working relationships with Town & Parish Council.

Durham Association of Parish and Town Councils

- c) County Durham Local Area Agreements.

Derwentside District Council

- d) Draft Derwentside Playing Pitch Strategy.

Others

- e) Invitation to AGM of Victim Support County Durham on 9th November 5.30 to 7.00pm at County Hall, Durham.
- f) Upstage Audio – ‘Under 18s’ disco in the village.
- g) County Durham Foundation – Community Learning Chest Fund.

128/05 Planning Matters

A

NO. CS/1/2005/0859

APPLICANT MRS A GANNON

PROPOSED FELLING OF FOUR TREES, LOPPING OF TREES.

AT 1 KINGSWOOD, LANGLEY PARK.

The Council agreed for the Clerk to contact the Planning Officer regarding the report on the trees for the initial development plan.

The Council also agreed to await the Arborist Report and that the trees should be retained unless there was significant safety reasons. Should any trees be removed they should be replaced. Also subject to adjacent owners being consulted and their comments being taken into consideration before making a decision on the proposed development.

B

NO. TOC/1/2005/0782/DMFP

APPLICANT DERWENTSIDE DISTRICT COUNCIL

PROPOSED ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION.

AT 4 PARK CLOSE, LANGLEY PARK.

Item withdrawn – Planning approval not required.

C
NO. FC/1/2005/0903/DMFP
APPLICANT MR W DEARDON
PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, SIX FLATS.
AT FORMER HAMSTEELS FACTORY, QUEBEC.

The Council agreed subject to the following concerns being taken into consideration:-

- a) Increase traffic volume around entrance road.
- b) Highway access onto the main road.

Subject to the above receiving satisfactory conclusions and adjacent owners being consulted and to their comments being taken into consideration before making a decision. The Parish Council has no objections to the above development.

D
NO. CS/1/2005/0910/DMFP
APPLICANT LANGLEY PARK PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP
PROPOSED SITING OF PORTABLE BUILDING FOR STORAGE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT.
AT WOOD VIEW COMM. CENTRE, LANGLEY PARK.

The Council agreed to raise concerns to the above on the size and the placements of the portable building. Also that the adjacent owners should be consulted and their comments be taken into consideration before making a decision.

E
No. CC/1/2005/0875/DMTP
APPLICANT J D ORD
PROPOSED REMOVAL OF DEADWOOD AND LOWER BRANCHES OF 5 OAK TREES (TPO 17)
AT 10 STARGATE CLOSE, LANGLEY PARK.

The Council agreed to await the Arborist Report and that the trees should be retained unless there was significant safety reasons. Also that adjacent owners should be consulted and their comments should be taken into consideration before making a decision.

E
 NO. CS/1/2005/0883/DMFP

APPLICANT MRS E HUGHS c/o MR AND MRS YOUNG

PROPOSED ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENTION

AT 18 FININGS STREET, LANGLEY PARK.

That no objection to the above planning application, subject to adjacent owners being consulted and to their comments being taken into consideration before making a decision on this development.

129/05 Reports

a) EQUaL Partnership Meeting.

No Reports

b) Parish.

The Clerk reported on the following:-

i) Quebec Play Area.

Installation of new play equipment complete, awaiting completion certificate from supplier. Tarmac path to be laid within the next 14 days. Park sign to be ordered. (Relevant details required).

ii) Esh Play Area

Installation of new equipment complete, awaiting completion certificate from supplier. Tarmac path, entrance gates and gradient of entrance drive are ordered and will be carried out within the next few weeks. Clerk is negotiating price of the grass matting. Park sign to be ordered (relevant details required).

iii) Christmas Lights, Langley Park.

It was agreed for Mike Ackroyd to switch on the lights accompanied by a pupil from Langley Park Primary School. Clerk to contact the Headteacher to discuss this matter. Provide tangerines to the children attending the ceremony (cost approx £40). Refreshments provided by the Baptist Chapel in a room available within the premises. The Chapel had agreed to the use of the tany system. It was agreed to make a donation for the use of the facilities to Langley Park Baptist Chapel. St Johns Ambulance Service would be in attendance, it was agreed to make a donation to the organisation.

iv) Christmas Trees Esh and Quebec.

Trees will be in place on Thursday 24th November, decoration of the trees will be completed on Friday 25th November.

v) Pantomime – “Sleeping Beauty”.

Will take place on Saturday 3rd December 2005 at 2.15pm. in Wood View Community Centre, Langley Park.

It was agreed that the price of tickets would be £2 for adults and £1 for juniors. A raffle will be held on the day. To invite 20 volunteer workers of the Langley Park Old Peoples Treat as guests of the Parish Council as a way of saying thank you of the work carried out on this event throughout the year.

- vi) Special Meeting – Youth Issues in Esh Parish;
Members were reminded of this meeting, which was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 15th November 2005 at 7pm in Church Street Community Centre.
It was agreed to invite Upstage Audio to present their proposal for an under 18's disco in the village.
- c) District
Councillor Coulson Reported:-
 - i) Stanley Town Council
 - ii) Voting papers have been issued for ballot on Housing Stock Transfer.
 - iii) Meeting of licensing committee.
Councillor Tyrie raised a number of issues, subsequently a number of discussions took place.
- d) County Council ,
Councillor Armstrong reported:-
 - i) Update of temporary/permanent library.
 - ii) MUGA at Esh.
 - iii) Drop kerbs at Church Street in 2006/07 Programme.
 - iv) Salt bin to be placed near cemetery, Langley Park.
 - v) Funds available – Area Youth Committee.
 - vi) Cuts in Bus Services – 727 and 767 will not run after the end of present contract.

130/05 Allotment Annual Inspections.

Will take place on Thursday 24th November 2005. Members who are available to meet in the Parish Room at 9.30am

131/05 Review of Allotment Rents 2007.

Deferred until next meeting. Clerk to provide income/expenditure accounts for the next Parish Council Meeting.

132/05 Financial Statement and Reports.

After receiving details of financial details (V178 – V202 and verbal details for V203 - £270) should be paid and where appropriate confirm the Chairman/Clerk action in issuing cheques in advance of the meeting.

133/05 Date and Time of next Meeting.

To be held on Tuesday 13th December 2005 at 7pm in the Parish Room, Church Street Community Centre, Langley Park.

Meeting finished at 9.15pm.