

Esh Parish Council

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council Meeting held at Ushaw College Conference Centre on Tuesday 10th January 2006 at 7.00pm.

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

Apologies: Councillors F Crow and A Harling.

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

001/06 Declaration of Interest

Councillor 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.

002/06 Police Report

No report.

003/06 Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 13th December 2005

The following required amendment:

Page 6 Item 143/05 Reports iv Pantomime

Should read “Members agreed to book a local company for 2006”.

Following the above amendment the minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

004/06 Clerks Report including observations from Councillors to the Minutes

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020/05 Footpath at the Recreation Ground

Quotations for the works to the footpath and drains have been sent out to 5 companies. Closing date is 31st January 2006. Clerk to prepare a report for the next Parish Council meeting.

128/05 Planning Matters

CS/1/2005/0859 – 1 Kingswood, Langley Park.

Following further details being received and circulated to members it was agreed to raise no objections to the scheme subject to replanting trees where they have been removed.

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142/05 Planning Matters

SW/1/2005/1006 – Haugh Farm, Quebec.

Following further details being received and circulated to members it was agreed to raise no objections to this scheme.

143/05 Reports

b) Parish

Quebec, Esh and Langley Park play areas

Items dealt with on agenda Item 8b – Parish report.

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148/05 Complains Procedure Policy

Clerk to report at the next Parish Council meeting.

153/05 Earl of Durham Allotment

Item dealt with on agenda - Confidential Item 15.

005/06 Correspondence

Durham County Council

- a) Chief Executive – Comprehensive Performance Assessment.
- b) Chief Executive – Corporate Director Appointments.

Durham Association of Parish & Town Councils

- c) Newsletter – December 2005.

Others

- d) National Association of Local Councils – Quality Councils: Open Day on Saturday 18th March 2006 at County Hall, Durham.
- e) Mr. S. Meek, 6 Garden Avenue, Langley Park – Erection of a memorial (Mining Industry).

The Parish Council agreed to support this proposal and to arrange a public meeting to gauge the amount of support from the Parish. To work in partnership with other groups (i.e. EQUaL, W.I. etc) and to look at the finance available from the Local Heritage Fund.

- f) Chester-le-Street & District Council for Voluntary Service and Volunteer Bureau – One day conference on Friday 10th March 2006 at Durham County Cricket Club.
- g) County Durham and Darlington Fire & Rescue Service – Integrated Risk Assessment: Draft year 3 Improvement Plan, consultation programme.
- h) Local Action 21 – Festive Fact sheet.
- i) Local Action 21 – Newsletter: Winter 2005, Issue 30.
- j) Durham Rural Community Council – Newsletter: December 2005, Issue 99
- k) Northern Rock Foundation – Newsletter: December 2005, Issue 12.
- l) Office of the Deputy Prime Minister – Standards of Conduct in English Local Government: The Future.
- m) Agri-Environment Matters – Newsletter: Winter 2005
- n) Mrs M Ackroyd – Letter of thanks

006/06 Planning Matters

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No. TOC/1/2005/1068/DMFP
APPLICANT MR & MRS WHITE
PROPOSED CONSERVATORY TO REAR
AT 31 NETHERTON CLOSE, 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.

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No. SW/1/2005/1045/DMFP
APPLICANT BOB SMITH TRAVEL LTD
PROPOSED ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY COACH BUILDING AND DEPOT
AT RIVERSIDE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, LANGLEY PARK

That no objection to the above planning application, subject to satisfactory vehicle/highway issues (i.e. vehicles turning right into the estate from the main road and also vehicles turning right onto the main road from the estate) and to adjacent owners being consulted and to their comments being taken into consideration before making a decision on this development.

007/06 Reports

- a) EQUaL Partnership Meeting.
At a meeting last week members were informed that a funding application has been sent off to fund a part time Community Capacity Worker (12.5 hours per week). Funds have been received from two different Councillors for publicity costs for the Sir Bobby Robson Park – Proposal plans to be produced and delivered to every house in Langley Park.

- b) Parish
 - i) Quebec Play Area
 - Equipment inspected and approved by Derwentside District Council.
 - Play area infill – to arrange a meeting with Landscape expert.
 - Awaiting quotations for Park sign.
 - It was agreed to place two signs on the site informing the public that the site was closed and work is still in progress (mainly due to the waterlogged state of the play area).
 - i) Esh Play Area
 - Equipment inspected and approved by Derwentside District Council.
 - Tarmac path and entrance gates – work to commence soon.
 - Grass matting – awaiting start date from Contractor.
 - Awaiting quotations for Park sign.
 - ii) Langley Park Play Area
 - Solicitor to be instructed.
 - iii) Esh Parish Walk – 2nd January 2006
 - 14 people participated on the walk.
 - For the walk on 14th May 2006 it was agreed to walk the opposite way round and to include a stopping point at Ushaw College for refreshments and a tour of the college premises. Councillor Christie agreed to assist Councillor Bloor with the organising of this event.
 - iv) Parish Liaison Meeting
 - The next quarterly meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Consett on Thursday 19th January 2006.
 - v) Earl of Durham Allotment – Site No. 82
 - The Clerk has been advised that the allotment holder (Mr Goulding) has died, his widow wishes to continue the tenancy.
 - It was agreed to transfer the tenancy of the site No 82 to Mrs Goulding.

- c) District
 - Councillor Coulson had no report
 - Councillor Guildford had no report
 - Councillor Tyrie reported:-
 - a) Proposal to merge the County Durham and Darlington and Tees and North East Yorkshire HealthTrusts.
 - b) Concessionary fares.
 - c) Post Ballot costs for housing stock transfer.
 - d) County
 - Councillor Armstrong reported:-
 - a) Clifford Street lighting update.
 - b) Provision of salt bins at the cemetery turning, Langley Park.
 - c) Temporary library – work commencing 23rd January.
 - d) Meeting in Church Street Community Centre on Monday 16th January 2006 commencing at 7.15pm to discuss community use within the new library facilities. Officers from DCC will be attending.

- e) Urban Renaissance – commencing 23rd January.
- f) MUGU at Esh – update.
- g) Speed sign at Langley Park will shortly be removed.
- h) State of the footpath between Garden Avenue/Cricket Ground.

008/06 Financial Statement and Reports

Members were asked to note the following amendments:-

Voucher 241	Net cost £99.98 should read £85.09
	VAT amount Nil should read £14.89
Totals	Net amount £8979.94 should read £8965.05
	VAT amount £0.77 should read £15.66

Subject to the above amendments members agreed the financial details (v239 – v264) should be paid and where appropriate confirm the Chairman/Clerk action in issuing cheques in advance of meeting.

009/06 Setting the Precept for 2006/07

Members agreed to await further details from Derwentside District Council and to discuss this item at the next Parish Council meeting.

010/06 Annual Audit 2004/05 – External Auditor Report

Members agreed to approve and accept the annual return for the year ended 31st March 2005 and for the Notice of Conclusion to be displayed for 14 days after this meeting.

Members wished to thank Mr Ackroyd for his work on producing the accounts and annual return for 2004/05.

011/06 Date and Time of the next meeting

To be held on 14th February 2006 at 7.00pm in the Parish Room, Church Street Community Centre, Langley Park.

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 item listed below on the grounds that if they are present during discussion of these items there could be disclosure of them of exempt information as defined in Section 100.