

Esh Parish Council

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Quebec on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2006 at 7.00pm.

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

Apologies: Councillors A Hiles and W Tyrie.

Also in attendance: County Councillor J Armstrong, P.C. Dover, P.C.S.O. Brown and G.F. Smith (Clerk).

030/06 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.

031/06 Police Report

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

032/06 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2006.

Insert top of page 5 021/06 reports above item a) EQUaL Partnership Meeting. Subject to the above amendment they were agreed as true record and signed by the Chairman.

033/06 Clerks Report including Observations from Councillors to the Minutes.

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148/05 Complains Procedure Policy.

Clerk awaiting further information, report to be prepared for the next Parish Council Meeting.

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- e) Erection of a Memorial. (Mining Industry)
- i) Item placed in the next edition of Esh Leaves.
- ii) Date for public meeting (on a Tuesday), to be agreed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

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- d) Buckingham Palace Garden Party.  
Nomination was unsuccessful.
- e) Presentation by Land Registry.
- i) Land Ownership – Agenda Item No 12.
- ii) The DAPTC to host a meeting in April/May 2006, date to be confirmed.

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- g) Councillors Mollon was nominated to represent the Parish Council on the Derwentside District Council Area of the County Durham Association of Local Councils Executive Committee.
- h) Meikles Solicitors.  
The Clerk has sent a letter to Meikles solicitors accepting their estimate for acting on behalf of the Parish Council for land at Langley Park.
- i) Petition letter re; free travel for pensioners in Langley Park. The situation has recently been resolved, free bus travel across County Durham. This also extends across the boundary to and from Tyne and Wear. Derwentside District Council have sent out an informative letter to all people who are in receipt of a bus pass.

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020/06 Planning Matters

TOC/1/2006/0019/DMFP – Land south of 21 Ivy Terrace, Langley Park.

The Clerk had spoken to the Planning Officer stating the concerns of the Parish Council around parking and confirmed this by letter.

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021/06 Reports

Quebec, Esh and Langley Park play areas.

Agenda Item No. 10(b).

National Probation Service- Community Payback Scheme.

Agenda Item 10(b).

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025/06 Drainage/Footpath at the Recreation Ground, Langley Park.

The Clerk reported:-

- a) The drainage work is complete.
- b) The footpath was almost complete, required rolling of the top surface (delayed due to poor weather conditions).

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026/06 NPFA Deed of Dedication

Agenda Item No 12.

028/06 Earl of Durham Allotments

Agenda Item No 17.

034/06 Minutes of a Special Meeting held on 7th March 2006

Agreed as true record.

035/06 Matters Arising

EQUaL Partnership was waiting the funding from Durham County Council. Clerk to discuss this with County Councillor Armstrong.

036/06 Correspondence

Derwentside District Council

- a) Parish Liaison Meeting – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2006. Now Cancelled.

Durham County Council

- b) Parish Paths Partnership (P3) Applications 2006

Members agreed to apply for the following projects:-

- a) Tarmac footpath next to the cricket ground, leading to the allotments site (Clerk to obtain estimates).
- b) Recover the footpath from the Cross Keys, Esh to Low Moor Road, Langley Park (Clerk to to obtain estimates).

Durham Association of Parish & Town Councils

- c) Local Councils Open Day Event – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2006 at County Hall 10.00 to 2.00pm

Others

Meikles Solicitors – Terms & Conditions of Business Form for signature.

Members agreed for the Clerk to sign the document on behalf of the Parish Council.

- e) Wicksteed Leisure Ltd – Quotation for the supply of signs at Esh and Quebec Play Areas.

It was agreed for the Clerk to obtain further quotations and prepare a report for the next Parish Council meeting.

- f) DTW Advertising and Marketing Ltd – campaign to raise awareness of the services provided to the voluntary and community sector in County Durham.

It was agreed to place notices on the Councils notice boards.

- g) County Durham and Darlington NHS Acute Hospitals NHS Trust – Foundation Trust ‘ be part of our future’.

037/06 Planning Matters

**A**

No. SW/1/2006/0073/DMFP

APPLICANT MR R WOOLER

PROPOSED SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION

AT 28 EPPLETON CLOSE, LANGLEY PARK

Agreed 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.

B

No. SW/1/2006/0078/DMFP  
APPLICANT MR D GRANATH  
PROPOSED ERECTION OF SECOND STOREY SIDE  
EXTENSION  
AT 1 WHITFIELD HOUSE, FRONT STREET, ESH

Agreed 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.

C

No. CC/1/2006/0124/DMFP  
APPLICANT MR & MRS HALLAM  
PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF BAY WINDOW WITH  
CANOPY TO FRONT ELEVATION, TWO  
STOREY AND SINGLE STOREY EXTENSIONS  
TO REAR, DORMER WINDOWS TO SECOND  
FLOOR. REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING  
GARAGES AND WORKSHOP TO REAR  
GARDEN  
AT 18 FRONT STREET, QUEBEC

Agreed 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.

D

No LF/1/2006/0125/DMFP  
APPLICANT MR D MITCHELL  
PROPOSED ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY REAR  
EXTENSION  
AT 16 DURHAM STREET, LANGLEY PARK

Agreed 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.

E

No SW/1/2006/0142/DMFP

APPLICANT STUART WRIGHT FUNERAL SERVICE

PROPOSED ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY EXTENSIONS TO EXISTING COMMERCIAL GARAGE

AT GARAGE TO THE REAR OF 37/38 FRONT STREET, LANGLEY PARK

Agreed 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.

F

No. 4/06/00195/FPA/PGH

APPLICANT ANDERSON & YOUNG COACHWORKS LTD

PROPOSED ERECTION OF 12 No. DWELLINGS AND ASSOCIATED GARAGES

AT ANDERSON & YOUNG COACHWORKS OLD STATION YARD, LANGLEY PARK

Members raised the following concerns:-

- a) Protection of the railway walk.
- b) Speed restriction of motor vehicles to/from the proposed development.
- c) Access to the recreation ground via footpath.
- d) Possible tarmacing of above footpath on the edge of the proposed development.

It was agreed for the Clerk to discuss the above concerns with the Planning Officer at Durham City Council and to report back to Council Members.

**G**

No. SW/1/2006/0152/DMFP  
APPLICANT CATHERINE MORALEE  
PROPOSED ERECTION OF TWO STOREY SIDE AND REAR EXTENSIONS  
AT 11 STARGATE CLOSE, LANGLEY PARK

Agreed 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.

038/06 Reports

a) EQUaL Partnership.

Six applicants for the job of Community Capacity Worker, short listing 15<sup>th</sup> March, interviews to be held 24<sup>th</sup> March 2006.

Quebec play area to be officially opened on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2006 (subject to ground conditions, Clerk to meet with the contractors and contact Councillor Bowyer).

b) Parish

Quebec

Site still closed, order placed with contractor for turfing works (subject to weather conditions).

Esh

Members agreed to accept the quotation from NJC Wrought Iron of £388.36 to supply and fit a single gate for pedestrians and a large gate for vehicles, including posts and ironmongery.

Awaiting start date from the Contractors for the grass matting.

Langley Park

Legal work being prepared by the Parish Councils solicitors (Meikles).

Recreation Ground

Concern was raised on the amount of fly tipping taking place near the entrance gate. The Clerk to obtain prices for supplying and installing a bar type gate and to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

National Probation Service – Community Pay-Back Scheme

Work has commenced on the Cross Fell allotment site, Members suggested the following schemes to be considered:-

- a) All Saints Church Youth Club – tidying up of site, including pruning of shrubs (Clerk to contact Reverend Peers).
- b) Boundary fencing of the football and cricket ground - general tidy up and removal of broken panels etc. (Clerk to contact Mr Duffy).

C) District

Councillor Coulson reported:-

- i) Re-Issue of New Bus Passes.
- ii) Lottery peoples ‘ millions.
- iii) Timetable for transfer of Council Housing Stock.

Councillor Guildford reported:-

- i) Items from the Community Safety Scrutiny Panel
  - a) Numbers of scramble bike incidents.
  - b) Police mergers (by 2007).
  - c) CCTV cameras (delays with Derwentside College).
- ii) Procedure for dealing with rent arrears (in excess of £1000).

D) County

Councillor Armstrong reported:-

- i) Steps at Londis shop – a scheme to enable disabled access adjacent to the steps is programmed for the next financial year.
- ii) Woodside Farm Estate – the street lighting has not yet been handed over to Durham County Council.
- iii) Hawthorn Terrace – repairs to the road after drainage works will be attended to and the covered up road gully investigated.
- iv) Kingsway Lay-by – repairs completed.
- v) Cof E Church Gate, Esh – costing for the tarmac work is being prepared.
- vi) Temporary Library – update.
- vii) Permanent Library – update.
- viii) Urban Renaissance – work has commenced.

039/06 Financial Statements and Reports

Members agreed the financial details (V287 –V311 and 2006/07 V1) should be paid and where appropriate confirm the Chairman/Clerk action in issuing cheques in advance of the meeting.

040/06 NPFA Deed of Dedication – Guaranteed future of Playing Fields

After careful consideration members agreed to:-

- a) Prepare Deed of Dedication for Esh play area.
- b) For the Clerk to check with NPFA on the restriction of land clause at Quebec play area and report to the next Parish Council meeting.
- c) Clerk to check the legal status of the Recreation Ground at Langley Park and report to the next Parish Council meeting.
- d) Clerk to check the legal status of the Village Green at Esh and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

041/06 Request for Donations

- a) Goodwill Association Langley Park.

Members agreed to make a donation of £200 from 2006/07 budget (under the powers within the Local Government Act 1972 section 137).

- b) Langley Park Branch Sunderland Supporters Association.

Members agreed:-

- i) For the Clerk to check the minutes of the meeting held in May 2005 and to report to the next Parish Council meeting.
- ii) For the Clerk to contact Mr Turnock with a view for the association to review the charges for the costs to break even.
- iii) For the Clerk to obtain a copy of the latest bank statement from the association, and report to the next Parish Council meeting.
- iv) For the request to be deferred until the next Parish Council meeting.

042/06 Garage Licence Fee 2006/07

Members agreed to defer a decision on the garage rent to allow the Clerk to look back at previous minutes and to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

043/06 Date and Time of the next meeting

To be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2006 immediately following the Annual Assembly which commences 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.**

The meeting finished 9.05pm