

Esh Parish Council

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Room, Langley Park, on Tuesday 11th April 2006(following the Annual Assembly) at 7.04pm.

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

Apologies: Councillors R Bowyer and M Sands..

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

046/06 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.

047/06 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.

048/06 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14th March 2006

Agreed as true record, signed by the Chairman.

049/06 Clerks Report including Observations from Councillors to the Minutes.

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148/05 Complaints Procedure Policy.

Awaiting details, Clerk to update at the next Parish Council Meeting.

005/06 Correspondence

- e) Erection of a Memorial. (Mining Industry) meeting of all interested parties to be held on Tuesday 2nd May 2006 in the Parish Room, Church Street Community Centre, Langley Park commencing at 7.00pm.

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

The footpath work is now complete.

035/06 Matters arising from the meeting held on 7th March 2006

Funding Transfer from Durham County Council to the EQUaL Partnership

Clerk was in discussion with staff from Education in the Community, DCC. Clerk to update at the next Parish Council meeting.

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036/06 Correspondence

b) Parish Paths Partnership (P3) Applications 2006

Application form has been completed for footpaths No's 30 and 59 including an estimated figure of £1800. Official quotations will be required, Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

e) Supply of Signs

Awaiting prices, Clerk to update at the next Parish Council meeting.

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Nothing.

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037/06 Planning Matters

f) 4/06/0195/FPA/PGH, Proposed erection of 12 No dwellings at Anderson and Young Coachworks, Langley Park.

Clerk has discussed concerns raised by Members at the last meeting with the Planning Officer at Durham City Council and confirmed them in writing. A letter had been received from the City Council Planning Officer confirming that the concerns raised would be considered at the next meeting of the Planning Committee at Durham City Council.

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038/06 Reports b) Parish

Esh, Langley Park and Quebec play areas.

Agenda Item No 8b.

National Probation Service – Community Pay- Back Scheme.

Details had been passed onto Probation Service staff. Members agreed to add on the footpath leading from Low Moor Road through Eppleton Close/ Beamish Close, Langley Park (general tidy up under the hedges).

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041/06 Request for Donation

Langley Park Branch Sunderland AFC Supporters.

Bank statement received (copy attached to the minutes), members referred to minutes 067/05 when it was agreed to donate £450 towards the cost of providing coaches for the event and it was further agreed to consider a sponsorship programme should this type of scheme be held at a future date. Members were informed of a meeting of the Supporters Branch on Wednesday 26th April 2006 where the proposed event was to be discussed. It was agreed to defer this matter until the next Parish Council meeting.

043/06 Garage Licence Fee 2006/07

The Clerk informed members of the charges from 2003 up to the present. It was agreed to increase the Garage Licence Fee to £120 per month.

044/06 Earl of Durham Allotments

The boundary fencing work is now complete.

050/06 Correspondence

Derwentside District Council

- a) Draft Community Strategy 2006.
- b) Chairman's Charity Ball – Friday 28th April 2006.

Durham County Council

- c) Environment – Temporary Footpath Closures, Langley Park.
- d) Environment - Temporary Footpath Closure, Langley Park.
- e) Environment – Trees Love Care Campaign.

Others

f) Mr T Muskett, Highfields, Quebec – termination of garage tenancy.
Members agreed to accept the termination notice and also agreed to advertise the vacancy on the Parish Notice board and in a number of local shops.

- g) Mr R Brownlow – Street lighting Esh/Irene Terraces.

Members agreed to forward the request onto Durham County Council.

- h) Durham Rural Community Council – Top village of 2006 competition
- i) CE Electric UK – dedicated phone line to use during prolonged power interruptions and other major incidents.
- j) Durham Rural Community Council Newsletter, Issue 100, March 2006.
- k) County Durham Association of Local Councils Newsletter, Issue 5, Spring 2006.

l) Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs – Getting to grips with the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 “ A Parish Council guide to Environment Enforcement.

m) Society of Local Council Clerks – Digital dialogue widens debate on the future of Local Government (Office of the Deputy Prime Minister).

n) County Durham and Cleveland County Training Partnership – Launch of E-Learning project available to all Town And Parish Councils in the region.

o) County Durham and Cleveland County Training Partnership – Training for Trainers (Officers and Members) at County Hall, Durham on 7th June 2006 (half day), follow up session 5th July 2006, cost £27.00 + VAT per delegate.

p) County Durham Association of Local Councils – Local Area Agreements.

q) County Durham Association of Local Councils – Section 137 expenditure limit for 2006/07 is £5.44 (from £5.30).

r) County Durham Association of Local Councils – County Council Scrutiny Committee. Members are currently undertaking an investigation into access to the Durham countryside; views from Parish Council by 21st April 2006.

s) Environment Agency – Consultation on the review of British Energy Generation Limited's Nuclear Power Station Authorisations; the disposal of radioactive waste into the environment.

t) County Durham Learning Disabilities Partnership Newsletter; edition 8; March 2006.

u) Learning Skills Council County Durham – Corporate document.

v) Allotments Regeneration Initiative Newsletter; Spring 2006

w) Agri-Environment Matters Newsletter; Spring 2006.

051/06 Planning Matters

A

No. LF/1/2006/0179/DMFP
APPLICANT DR & MRS P SURTEES
PROPOSED ERECTION OF REPLACEMENT
CONSERVATORY
AT HILLTOP COTTAGE, HILL TOP, 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.

B

No. LF/1/2006/0158/DMFP
APPLICANT K CHRISTIAN
PROPOSED CONSERVATORY TO REAR
AT 20 SPRINGWELL AVENUE, 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.

C

No. CS/1/2006/0185/DMFP
APPLICANT MR & MRS PADGETT
PROPOSED ERECTION OF DOUBLE GARAGE AND
ALTERATIONS TO RAISE HEIGHT OF ROOF
AT STOBBILEE FARM, 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.

D

No SW/1/2006/0210/DMFP
APPLICANT MR & MRS CHEAL
PROPOSED ERECTION OF GARAGE
AT 56 DAVIS CRESCENT, 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/1/2006/0178/DMFP
APPLICANT ELITE PROPERTY SERVICES LTD
PROPOSED DEMILITION OF EXISTING BUILDING AND
ERECTION OF EIGHT FLATS AND ONE OFFICE
(RE-SUBMISSION)
AT FORMER HIPPODROME BUILDING, HEDLEY
TERRACE, 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.

052/06 Reports

a) EQUaL Partnership
Community Capacity worker appointed (Karen Gibson).
Recently held a heather plant at the Recreation Ground, including a litter pick.
Assisted by four children who together planted 120 heathers.

b) Parish

Quebec

Turf laid, ongoing problems with drainage and grassed outer play area. Clerk to meet with the Contractor and to report to the next Parish Council meeting.
Awaiting prices for sign.

Esh

Gate ordered (installation work to be carried out very soon), followed by laying of the tarmac footpath (Derwentside District Council). Awaiting prices for sign.

Grass matting, waiting start date from the contractor, Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

Langley Park

Members agreed to accept advice from Meikles Solicitors and for the Clerk to respond accordingly on the Agreement to the Heads of Terms from Derwentside District Council (subject to the break clause after 15 years being acceptable to either Party).

National Probation Service – Community Pay-Back Scheme

Work still outstanding, Clerk to contact Probation Service staff and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

Earl of Durham Allotments, Langley Park

Members agreed to accept the quotation from NJC Wrought Iron of £530 for supplying and fitting of 2no. steel boom gates at the two entrance roads to the allotment site. Additional costs would be supply of padlocks and keys. Clerk to contact all allotment holders informing them of the proposed works and that keys will be available from the Parish Clerk for the refundable deposit of £5 (refunded on the return of the key). Gates would be installed to allow pedestrian access to the site, but would not allow any motor vehicle access other than to key holders.

Recreation Ground, Langley Park

Members agreed to accept the quotation from NJC Wrought Iron of £265 for the supply and fitting of 1no. steel boom gate at the entrance to the Recreation Ground. Additional costs would be supply of padlocks and keys.

PC and Computer table in the Parish Room

The PC was now fully operational. Members wished to thank David Ryder (IT Officer) for the work involved in setting up the system and erecting the table.

Parish Walk

Members were reminded of the Parish Walk, which would take place on Sunday 21st May 2006.

c) District

Councillor Guildford reported:-

- a) Proposed Parish Council at Stanley

Councillor Coulson reported:-

- a) National Award for engaging Young People (Best District Award).
- b) Spice Bus.
- c) Bus Passes.
- d) Citizen Panel (500 new members).
- e) Funding for voluntary sector.

Councillor Tyrie Reported:-

- a) Closure (Temp) of Neighbourhood Office, Langley Park.
- b) Provision of services for older people.
- c) Petition for a Parish of Stanley.
- d) Right to buy.

D) County – Councillor Armstrong reported:-

- a) Permanent Library- update.
- b) Temporary library- update (work to complete by June 2006).
- c) Library facilities in Wood View Community Centre.
- d) Price for works to the road at C of E Church, Esh.
- e) Road crossing, Esh.
- f) MUGA, Esh (near completion).
- g) Urban renaissance (near completion).
- h) Soccer coaching in summer school holidays donated £200.
- i) Steps at Londis shop.
- j) Bus routes- concerns raised at the number of routes being axed by the bus operators.

053/06 Financial Statements and Reports

Members agreed the financial details (V312- V317 for 2005/06 and V1-V18 2006/07) should be paid and were appropriate the Chairman/Clerk action in issuing cheques in advance of the meeting.

054/06 Annual Audit 2005/06

Members noted that the date for the Annual Audit 2005/06 has been set for 11th September 2006.

Members agreed the appointment of Mr Stuart Harris to act as the internal auditor prior to the accounts going off to the external auditor.

055/06 Requests for Donations

- a) Langley Park Angling Association (Juniors).

Members requested further information about the fishing trips, numbers and ages of the young people attending the events. Clerk to meet with Mr Davidson and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

- b) Kraft Klub 4 Kids.

Awaiting a copy of bank statement, it was agreed to defer this request until the next Parish Council meeting.

- c) Talking Newspaper Appeal 2006/07

Members were informed of a donation to this organisation in July 2005 of £200 It was agreed to request further information on the number of people in the Parish receiving the service and also to review the application later in the financial year (2006/07).

056/06 Date and time of the next meeting

The next ordinary meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th May 2006 immediately following the Annual General Meeting 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 at 9.05pm

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