

Esh Parish Council

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council Meeting held in the Conference Centre, Ushaw College on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2006 commencing at 7.00pm.

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

Apologies: Councillors F Crow and A Hiles. PC Dover and PCSO Brown.

Also in attendance: County Councillor J Armstrong and G.F. Smith (Clerk).

084/06 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.

085/06 Police Report

No report. (Report received after the meeting, attached to the minutes).

086/06 Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2006

Minute 079/06 Reports – c) District

Should read:-

Item a) Shotley Bridge Hospital

“ letter to be sent to Derwentside District Council (copy to the Member of Parliament) thanking them for their efforts in trying to save the temporary closure of the Day Surgery Unit”.

Minute 081/06 Annual Audit 2005/06 explanatory statement for the auditor.

Item receipts on schedule reads “ Cash for cheque – see copy report attached - £1000”.

Should read “Cash for cheque – to accommodate cash deposit at the bank. See similar entry under expenditure – £1000”.

Item expenditure on schedule reads “ Cash for cheque – see copy report attached - £1000”.

Should read “Cash for cheque – to accommodate cash deposit at the bank. See similar entry under income – £1000”.

Subject to the above amendments the members agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

087/06 Clerks Report including Observations from Councillors to the Minutes.

Page 1

072/06 Police report

Letter written, response received from the Member of Parliament and Durham Police. Members agreed to await any further development.

148/05 Complaints Procedure Policy

The County Durham Association of Local Councils are referring the matter to the National Association of Local Councils.

Page 2

064/06 Reports – Parish

Recreation Ground, Langley Park

The Clerk reported that he had set up a bank account with The Co-operative Bank. The account will be known as Esh Parish Council – Recreation Ground account.

Members agreed with the Clerks actions and also agreed that the Cheque signatories would be by the Clerk/Assistant Clerk and two Councillors (from G Coulson, H Guildford, A Harling, A Mollon and M Tyler).

Earl of Durham Allotments

A quotation has been received for the treatment of the rabbit problem on the allotment site.

Members agreed:-

- a) To check with representatives from the Gardening Association on the proposed treatment.
- b) For the Clerk to check with the Councils Insurance Company regarding insurance cover for the proposed treatment.
- c) The Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

Page 3

064/06 Reports

Recreation Ground, Langley Park

A quotation has been received from Derwentside District Council for providing and positioning 15no demarcation boulders at the entrance leading onto the old football field from Park Drive/Hilltop View area (£660 + VAT).

Members agreed that the Clerk make further investigations, in particular into the method of entry into the ground.

The Clerk to report to the next Parish council meeting.

Page 4

Page 5

078/06 Planning Matters

Item C – Hadrian Lodge, Front Street, Esh.

Members were informed that the Planning Officer was recommending approval of the scheme.

Item D – 6 Phoenix Close, Langley Park.

Members were informed that following a report on the condition of the tree, the Planning Officer would be recommending that the main tree should stay and that the offshoot can be removed.

Page 6

Page 7

079/06 Reports

B) Parish

Esh, Langley Park and Quebec Play Areas

Agenda item no. 8b

National Probation Service – Community Pay-Back Scheme.

Work continues as and when labour is available (i.e. community hours).

Earl of Durham Allotments

The gates were installed on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2006

C) District

The Clerk read out a letter received from the Member of Parliament, regarding the temporary closure of the Day Surgery Unit at Shotley Bridge Hospital. Members agreed to await any further developments.

Page 8

082/06 Garage Tenancy

The Clerk had discussed with the Planning Officer the possible use of the garage by Mr Cassidy (re – workshop). The Planning Officer had requested further information (i.e. hours of work and type of work to be carried out on the premises), before making a decision.

Member requested that the Clerk contact the Council's Insurance Company to clarify the situation.

The Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

Page 9

088/06 Correspondence

Derwentside District Council

- a) Planning Division – Questionnaire on the issues to be addressed by the core strategy and development control policies of the Local Development Framework.
- b) Planning Division – Draft Statement of Community Involvement, consultation period 7<sup>th</sup> July to 18<sup>th</sup> August 2006.

Members to contact the Clerk if they have any comments on the consultation document by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2006.

County Durham and Cleveland Training Partnership

- c) National Training Strategy documents.

Others

- d) Derwentside CVS & Volunteer Bureau – Invite to become part of a Compact Agreement.

- e) Age Partnership Group – Practical information for Employers.
- f) Rod Laird Organisation – One day training course “How to make your newsletter a success”, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2006 at Newcastle. Cost £315 plus VAT.
- g) AGRI – Environment newsletter, issue Summer 2006.
- h) Mr D Dixon, 7 The Woodlands, Langley Park – Claim for a faulty underground drainage problem.

Members agreed for the Clerk to write to Mr Dixon informing him that the recent work carried out by the Parish Council to the drainage system at the recreation ground area was following Northumbrian Waters advice/instruction.

089/06 Planning Matters

A

No.	SW/1/2006/0453/DMFP
APPLICANT	HARGREAVES HAULAGE
PROPOSED	CHANGE OF USE FROM STORAGE AREA TO OFFICE ACCOMODATION AND ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION
AT	HARGREAVES HAULAGE, ESH WINNING INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

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/1/2006/0416/DMFP
APPLICANT	MR A McDONALD
PROPOSED	ERECTION OF TWO STOREY REAR EXTENSION
AT	14 CHERRYTREE DRIVE, 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. LF/1/2006/0433/DMFP

APPLICANT MR G FISHER

PROPOSED ERECTION OF TWO STOREY REAR  
EXTENSION

AT 16 CHERRYTREE DRIVE, 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.

090/06 Reports

a) EQUaL Partnership.

Holding information event on 29<sup>th</sup> July at St Andrews Chapel for the residents to view the designs for the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of Langley Park play area. Parking problems in the vicinity were also discussed.

Problems obtaining a mobile telephone for the Community Capacity worker.

b) Parish

Esh Play Area

Members agreed to accept the quotation from Derwentside District Council to lay a tarmac footpath from the entrance gate onto the play area at the cost of £585.00 plus VAT.

Awaiting delivery of the sign.

Damage has been caused to three grass mats, turfing removed from under the grass mats and to the wet pour area under the swings (approx 1 sq. metre).

An estimate from Batson Environment and Leisure Ltd to repair the above damage at the cost of £495.00 plus VAT.

Members agreed to:-

The Clerk to complete an insurance claim form for the damage caused to the play area.

For the Clerk to place a letter in Esh Post Office and Parish notice board asking for any information from residents on the above incidents.

Quebec Play Area

Awaiting delivery of the sign.

Langley Park Play Area

No further update.

National Probation Service – Community Pay-Back Scheme

Awaiting update report from Probation Service staff. Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

Simply Soccer Coaching Sessions at Langley Park Primary School on a Saturday Morning

Members were informed that the funding for this scheme had now ran out.

Members requested that the Clerk write to Simply Soccer expressing their disquiet at how this had happened and ask if the scheme would be continuing in September (subject to further funding being available). Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

c) District

Councillor Guildford reported:-

- a) Recent meeting of the Licensing committee.
- b) Spice Bus celebration (meal and workshops).
- c) Site visit to Craghead.
- d) Site visit to Nomad Housing Scheme.

Councillor Coulson reported:-

- a) Meeting with Melissa Hardy of Quebec who is a representative on the Area Youth Committee. Members agreed to ask her to attend the next Parish Council meeting to talk about her role within this organisation.
- b) Land at Hill Top View, Langley Park – ongoing negotiations.

Councillor Tyrie reported:-

- a) Proposed housing benefits reforms.
- b) Miscellany of Achievements – Apropos the Corporate Plan 2006-2010
- c) Stanley Town Centre – phase two regeneration.
- d) Worklessness in Derwentside.

d) County

Councillor Armstrong reported:-

- a) Overgrowing nettle problem along Kaysburn Road.
- b) Crossing at Esh Village.
- c) Temporary library moved into ex fire station building.
- d) Drop kerb near Aged Miners Homes, Langley Park.
- e) Londis – work almost complete, may need a further barrier.
- f) Bus Service – new 725 service timetable operated by Scarlet Band Motor Services. (Copy of timetable in the Parish Room).
- g) Members question – publicity for temporary library, information to residents (item in Esh Leaves).

091/06 Financial Statement and Report

The following amendments were agreed:-

- a) Voucher 79 the cost of the fees for Langley Park play area £500.00 should be paid out of the Commuted Sum Account.
- b) Voucher 100 – Cheque not required.
- c) Voucher 101 – Cheque number should read 303534.
- d) Voucher 102 – Cheque number should read 303535.
- e) Voucher 103 – Cheque number should read 303536. Members also agreed to transfer £160 from contingencies to the Chairman's allowance.
- f) Voucher 104 – Cheque number should read 303537.
- g) Voucher 105 – Cheque number should read 303538.

Subject to the above amendments members agreed the financial details (voucher 79 to 99 and 101 to 105) should be paid and where appropriate the Chairman/Clerk action in issuing cheques in advance of the meeting.

092/06 Annual Audit 2005/06 – Statement of Assurance

Members agreed to accept the report of the Assistant Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer including the Annual Internal Audit Report.

Members also agreed to answer yes to all the eight questions on the Statement of Assurance and for the Chairman and Assistant Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer to sign the document with respect to the Councils Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006.

093/06 August Recess – Delegation of Powers

Members agreed to:-

- a) Delegate any urgent matters to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and report to the next Parish Council meeting.
- b) Delegate any planning matters to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Local Council Member/s and to report to the next Parish council meeting.

094/06 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2006 in the Parish Room, Church Street Community Centre, Langley Park commencing at 7.00pm.

No confidential items.

The meeting finished at 8.35pm.