

**ESH PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Room, Church Street Community Centre, Langley Park on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2006 at 7.00pm.

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

Apologies: M Sands, A Hiles and PCSO Steve Brown.

Also in Attendance: County Councillor Armstrong, G.F. Smith (Clerk) and M Ackroyd (Assistant Clerk).

141/06 Declaration of Interest

Councillor Coulson declared an interest in Item 9 – Planning Matters. He took no part in the debate other than to clarify any matters of fact.

Councillor Guildford declared an interest in Item 9 – Planning Matters. He took no part in the debate other than to clarify any matters of fact.

Councillor Bloor declared an interest in item 5 Clerks Report – Review of Tenancy Agreement for Allotments, he took no part in the debate.

142/06 Police Report

Report circulated at the meeting. (Copy attached to the minutes).

143/06 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2006

Agreed as true record and signed by the Chairman.

144/06 Clerks Report including observations from the Councillors to the Minutes.

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082/06 Garage Tenancy

Should Mr Cassidy withdraw his offer, members agreed to advertise again for expressions of interest. Clerk to report to the next Parish Council Meeting.

101/06 Reports-b) Parish

Roadside seats at Kaysburn Road, Langley Park.

Clerk to arrange an article (plus photograph) in the local press. Clerk to report to the next Parish Council Meeting.

110/06 Earl of Durham Allotments – Complaint

Clerk to send a letter to Mr Holmans advising him of the investigation and that no further action will be taken.

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## h) DCC – Tree Week.

Prior to the planting of the trees, two letters of complaints had been received. One from Mr and Mrs Hallam, Poplar House, Quebec regarding the lack of consultation and the positioning of the trees within the play area. The second letter was from Mr and Mrs Forster, Hillrise, 17 Front Street, Quebec regarding the lack of consultation and the positioning of the trees within the play area. An email had also been received from Durham County Council advising the Parish of the possible highway visibility problems should the trees be planted in the proposed area.

The Chairman, Councillor Christie, the Clerk and the Assistant Clerk met on site to discuss the relocation of the trees within the play area, the Chairman met with the two complainants and it was agreed to go ahead with the planting of the trees in the suggested relocation.

The trees were planted by Wharton Landscapes. Members agreed for the Clerk to send them a letter of thanks for carrying out the planting of the trees.

## s) EQUaL – Playground Equipment.

Awaiting cheque. Clerk to order equipment from Wicksteed Ltd on receipt of the cheque.

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## r) County Durham Primary Care Trust – Provision of Psychiatric Intensive Care services for County Durham and Darlington.

Councillor Harling informed the meeting of the proposed development at Earls House Hospital which should be completed by 2010 costing £23 million. This would see the transfer of services from the County Hospital in Durham City and also from Shotley Bridge Hospital.

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## Quebec, Esh and Langley Park Play Areas

## Agenda Item 10b Parish Report

## Langley Park Recreation Ground

Offer of grant from Community Resource fund for £2154.00. Awaiting responses from other funding organisations. Clerk to report to the next Parish Council Meeting.

## Allotment site, Bridgeway, near the recreation ground Langley Park

## Agenda item 10b Parish Report

## Christmas Tree at Langley Park

Members were pleased with the press coverage received for the switching on of the lights ceremony.

Thank you letters were to be sent to the Sponsors, Durham County Council Service Direct, Mr N J Cassidy, The Baptist Chapel, the Police and St John Ambulance.

Members agreed to donate £25 to St John Ambulance.

Item

The Clerk reported that the current motifs were now obsolete and could not be used next year. Members agreed for the Clerk to investigate the cost of replacing the five motifs and the possibility of any alternative equipment. Clerk to report to the next appropriate Parish Council Meeting.

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g) Post box at Quebec.

Councillor Armstrong informed the meeting that the post box at Quebec would be replaced and be resited next to the disabled car parking area in Front Street.

h) Horse box at Quebec.

Councillor Armstrong informed the meeting that it had now been removed.

i) New Library Facilities.

Councillor Armstrong informed the meeting that revised drawings were due to be finalised.

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136/06 Review of Tenancy Agreement for Allotments

Draft copy circulated at meeting. Members agreed with the conditions (subject to minor alterations to 7f and 14) and for the agreement to be issued accordingly.

137/06 Mining Memorial Fund

Members were informed that the group had now all Officers in place and at the next meeting they would be signing the Constitution and Charity Commission Papers. The exhibition would take place on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2007, the week prior to it, it would be set up in the Primary School at Langley Park and on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March there will be a Dedication Service in one of the Churches (further details to follow).

145/06 Minutes of a Special Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2006

Agreed as true record

Members agreed to:-

- a) Publish an edition of Esh Leaves Extra in January 2007.
- b) The cost of printing of £142.00 and delivery £250.00.

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Derwentside District Council

- a) SRB Community Resource Fund - £2154.00 Grant for the project at the Recreation Ground, Langley Park.
- b) Local Development Framework: Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report – Consultation concludes on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2007.

County Durham Association of Local Councils

- c) Local Council Review magazine – Members agreed to take out a subscription for three years in a row, to obtain a 10% discount.
- d) Section 137 Expenditure for 2007/08 shall be £5.64 per electorate.

Others

- e) Bethell Power Services Ltd – Trees offending the low-voltage power network within Esh Village.

Members agreed for the works to be carried out.

**Signed by the Chairman ..... Page 3**

- f) Durham Constabulary – Response to Parish Council concerns.
- Members agreed to reply to Inspector Andrew McConnell as follows:-
- a) To invite him to the next Parish Council Meeting.
  - b) To write to him regarding the Parish Council dismay at the unsatisfactory Police service within the Parish including the issue of a replacement Beat Officer.
  - c) Members also agreed to write to the County Councillor Armstrong regarding the concerns of the Parish Council and for him to take this up at the next meeting of the Police Authority.
  - g) CE Electric UK – Use of unmetered festive lighting connections.
  - h) North East War Memorial Project; Newsletter No3; Autumn 2006.

147/06 Planning Matters

A

No. SW/1/2006/0872/DMFP

APPLICANT ESH PARISH COUNCIL

PROPOSED CREATION OF PLAYGROUND, SKATE-PARK AND MULTI USE GAMES AREA

AT SPORTS GROUND NORTH OF BOWLING GREEN, 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. CC/1/2006/0940/DMFP

APPLICANT MR B CRABBE

PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE OF GROUND FLOOR TO HEARING AID CENTRE, CREATION OF RESIDENTIAL FLAT ABOVE

AT 49 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.

C

No. CC/1/2006/0945/DMFP  
APPLICANT MR T SIMMS  
PROPOSED ERECTION OF TWO STOREY REAR  
EXTENSION  
AT 11 HERRINGTON 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.

D

No. CC/1/2006/0980/DMFP  
APPLICANT MR & MRS BINKS  
PROPOSED ERECTION OF TWO STOREY SIDE  
EXTENSION  
AT 8 MAPLEWOOD COURT, 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. AR/1/2006/0948/DMFP  
APPLICANT Mr I MARSHALL  
PROPOSED ERECTION OF ONE HAY SHED  
AND ONE IMPLEMENT SHED  
AT LAND TO THE EAST OF CLICK-IN-FARM  
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.

148/06 Reports

- a) EQUaL Partnership – no report
- b) Parish

Quebec Play Areas

Complete

Clerk to contact Durham County Council Highways regarding the possibility of a car parking area near to the play area. Clerk to report to the next appropriate Parish Council meeting.

Esh Play Area

Fencing complete

Picnic table to be on site next week.

Langley Park Play Area

Awaiting invoice from Meikles Solicitors, acting on behalf of the Parish Council.

Allotment site, Bridgeway, near Recreation Ground, Langley Park

A site meeting took place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2006 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillor A. Mollon (Chairman), C. Bloor, A. Harling and L. Looby.

Apologies: Councillor A. Christie, G. Coulson, H. Guildford, A. Hiles and S. Rothwell

Also present: G. F. Smith (Clerk).

Following a site inspection of the allotment and adjoining field, Members agreed for the Clerk to contact the relevant officer at Derwentside District Council. To arrange a joint meeting on site to discuss the water problems in the area and provide an estimate for such works that are required.

Clerk to report to the next appropriate Parish Council meeting.

Parish Walk

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2007 commencing at 12.45 pm

Pantomime

Jack Drum Arts were performing Robin Hood and had three dates available (30<sup>th</sup> December, 6<sup>th</sup> January and 27<sup>th</sup> January), at a cost of £500 +VAT.

Members agreed:-

- a) To book Jack Drum Arts for Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2007 at the cost of £500 + VAT.
- b) The venue to be Wood View Community Centre, Langley Park.
- c) Ticket prices to be £3 per adult, £2 per child.
- d) Publicity – article in Esh Parish Leaves Extra, posters in local shops and notice boards.
- e) Visit to the school by cast members (awaiting costs) Delegate the power to the Chairman, one Councillor and Clerk/ Assistant Clerk to accept the cost and report to the next Parish Council Meeting.

C) District

County Councillor - No report.

Councillor Guildford reported:-

- a) Details of the Community Safety Scrutiny Panel.

Councillor Tyrie reported:-

- a) Durham Constabulary Query and answer.
- b) Psychiatric intensive care services in County Durham and Darlington.
- c) Responding to climate change.
- d) Grazing land.

D) County

Councillor Armstrong reported:-

- a) Winter gritting routes (details in the Parish Room).
- b) Sure-Start for Langley Park (further details)
- c) Asbestos removal at Church Street Community Centre, Langley Park.

149/06 Financial Statement and Report

Members agreed to the financial details (V210 – V251) should be paid and where appropriate the Chairman/ Clerks action in issuing cheques in advance of the meeting. Members also agreed to accept the action of the Chairman and the Assistant Clerk in purchasing 3no £10 vouchers and frames for certificates (V246) for the children who performed the switching on of the Christmas tree lights at Langley Park.

150/06 Preliminary Budget 2007/08 and budget forecast 2006/07

Members agreed to

- a) Receive the reports of Assistant Clerk/ Responsible Finance Officer.
- b) To discuss the setting of the precept for 2007/08 at the January meeting, this item to be placed on the agenda following the Police report

Members also noted that Derwentside District Council required the precept figure by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007.

151/06 Request for Donation

Members agreed the following:-

- a) Esh Village Senior Citizens Christmas Party. Donate £80 (under the power within Local Government Act 1972 section 137).
- b) Victim Support County Durham. To await financial details from the organisation.

152/06 Date and Time of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2007 in the Parish Room, Church Street Community Centre, Langley Park at 7.00pm.

**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.**

No Confidential items.

The meeting finished at 9.15pm.



## Police Report

For the period 15<sup>th</sup> November 2006 – 10<sup>th</sup> December are as follows:

### **Esh Parish: 65 calls (118 calls for previous period)**

(There may have been more than one call about the same incident.

Also note they are **calls** and not necessarily crimes. I.e. a call to a burglary may not actually be a confirmed burglary).

ASB / Nuisance / Under Age Drinking / Rowdy	: 15
Vehicle / Motorcycle Nuisance	:
Criminal Damage	: 3
Theft	: 1
Fraud	: 1
RTC – Injury	:
RTC – Damage Only	:
Crime Burglary	:
Missing from Home	: 1
Suspicious Persons	: 11
Violence (Against the person)	: 3
Domestic	: 1
Firearms Incidents	:
Road Related Incidents	: 9
Concern for safety	: 1
Animals	:
Hoax 999 Calls	:
Sexual Offences	: 1
Noise Complaints	:
Drugs Related	: 2
Civil Dispute	: 2
Multi-Agency Incidents	:
Hate Crime	:
Other Incidents	: 14

(Alarm activations, police reported problems, sudden deaths etc)

### **Current Anti-Social Behaviour Hot Spots:**

No current hot spots identified.

We are continuing to show a visible presence to deter youths from purchasing alcohol for consumption on the streets and we will work with our licensing unit with regards to under-age sales.

### **Ongoing:**

- Successful arrests in Langley Park following a magistrates warrant for drugs. 2 people arrested. Enquires are ongoing
- Anti-Social Behaviour / Damage etc. being reported after the event. Need people to report incidents when they happen (anonymously if they prefer).
- Always walkabout opportunities with me.
- Beat Surgeries (dates advertised on poster within Housing Office), Streetsafe box (Housing office) for intelligence; anonymously if preferred.
- We ask all residents, particularly elderly and vulnerable to be on their guard for bogus officials. This is becoming a problem across the force area. Further information regarding home security and crime prevention advice is available on request.
- All Langley Park CCTV Cameras are fully working

**Other Notes:**

- **Youth provision** – Still working with the EDDY project recruiting youths aged 12-17 year old who are perhaps at risk of offending, have low self esteem etc. Offering them personal development courses. Those who complete the course are offered a place on a one-week residential consisting of sailing, mountain biking and the like. Any youths interested can contact me at Lanchester police office.

And finally... MERRY CHRISTMAS from Durham Constabulary!!