

Esh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the New Parish Hall, Front Street, Esh on Tuesday 10th April 2007 at 7.00pm following the Annual Assembly.

Present: Councillor A Mollon (Chair), G Coulson, A Christie, A Harling, L Looby, M Sands, M Tyler and W Tyrie.

Apologies: Councillor H Guildford, S Rothwell and H Tyler.

Also in Attendance: G.F. Smith (Clerk).

137/07 Declaration of Interest

Councillors Coulson declared an interest in Item 12 – Planning Matters, he took no part in the debate other than to clarify any matters of fact.

Councillor Christie declared an interest in Item 5 – Request for co tenancy of allotment at the Earl of Durham site, she took no part in the debate.

Councillor M Tyler declared an interest in Item 10 – Financial Statement – Voucher 18 Langley Park Community Association, she took no part in the debate.

Councillor Coulson declared an interest in Item 10 - Financial Statement – Voucher 18 Langley Park Community Association, he took no part in the debate.

Councillor Bloor declared an interest in Item 13 Correspondence – Access Lane to Cross Fell Allotments, he took no part in the debate.

138/07 Police Report

No report.

139/07 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 13th February 2007

Agreed as true record and signed by the Chairman.

140/07 Clerks report including Observations from Councillors to the Minutes

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132/06 Reports – Park

Langley Park recreation ground.

Awaiting price from contractor (NJC Wrought Iron) for supply and fix fencing. Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

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010/07 Correspondence

e) LGPS – Flexible Retirement Policy

Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

f) LGPS – Early Retirement and Voluntary Redundancy Payments.

Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

132/07 Quality Parish Council Status

Portfolio is complete and has been handed into the County Durham Association of Local Council for assessment by a panel on 26/27 April 2007.

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135/07 Reports – B) Parish

Footpath 59, Langley Park, Parish Paths Partnership 2006.

Councillor Christie and the Clerk had met the successful contractor on site and had agreed starting mid April 2007. Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

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135/07 Reports – B) Parish

Earl of Durham allotments. Members agreed to the request for co-tenancy of allotment ED69 (Mr K. Bradshaw and Mr Jason Martin).

The work to the entrance gate had commenced and was due to be completed very soon. Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

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135/07 Reports – B) Parish

Publication of book of poems.

Clerk to obtain competitive prices for publication prices. Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

141/07 Minutes of a Special Meeting held on 15th March 2007

Members agreed to:-

- A) Receive the report and agenda the item for the next Parish Council meeting for more detailed discussion.
- B) The Clerk to look at alternative office accommodation and report cost to the next Parish Council meeting.
- C) The Clerk to obtain a quotation for some remedial works to the present Parish Council room in Church Street, Community Centre and report to the next Parish Council meeting.
- D) The Clerk to obtain from Councillor Armstrong (County Council) the proposed timetable and development plans for the permanent library at Langley Park.

142/07 Minutes of a special meeting held on 3rd April 2007

Members agreed to receive the report and agenda for the next Parish Council meeting for a more detailed discussion.

143/07 Financial Statement and Report

Members noted the following amendments to the report:-

- a) Voucher 321 Crucial Technology net cost should read £543.39
- b) Voucher 332 should read voucher 331
- c) Voucher 8 Inland Revenue February 2007 should read March 2007

- d) Voucher 18 Langley Park Community Association net cost should read £800.00
- e) Total column should read £2711.97

Members agreed subject to the above amendments that the financial details (V321 – 331 for 2006/07 and V8 – 20 for 2007/08) should be paid and where appropriate the Chairman/Clerks action in issuing cheques in advance of the meeting.

144/07 Request for Donation

County Durham Society for the blind and partially sighted – Talking Newspaper Appeal.

Members agreed to await financial records from the society (i.e. bank statement). Item to be placed on the agenda of the next appropriate Parish Council meeting.

145/07 Planning Matters

A

No.	CC/1/2007/0233/DMTP
APPLICANT	Ms C COATES
PROPOSED	ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY FRONT & REAR EXTENSIONS, EXTENSION TO EXISTING GARAGE
AT	14 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.	G/1/2007/0177/DMFP
APPLICANT	MR P JOHNSON
PROPOSED	CONSERVATORY TO REAR
AT	36 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.

C

No. CC/1/2007/0188/DMFP

APPLICANT MR P THOMPSON

PROPOSED REPLACE EXISTING GARAGE WITH DOUBLE GARAGE INC BEDROOMS IN ROOF SPACE

AT WALLNOOK COTTAGE, 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.

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No. CC/1/2007/0249/DMFP

APPLICANT MR S YOUNG

PROPOSED ERECTION OF TWO STOREY REAR EXTENSION

AT 6 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.

146/07 Correspondence

- a) Durham City Council – Supplementary Planning document on the provision of affordable housing – consultation draft.
- b) Chief Constable, Durham Police – Briefing, March 2007.
- c) Langley Park Hotel FC – Request for use of football pitch at the Recreation Ground, Langley Park.

Members agreed to let the football pitch to Langley Park Hotel FC free of charge for the season 2007/08 and to review on a yearly basis.

- d) Durham Wildlife Trust – Hedleyhope Fell and Common, proposal for visitor car park and surfaced path.
- e) Dr C M Buck, Crossfell House, Langley Park – Request for filling in of potholes to the access lane to Cross Fell Allotments.

Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting on the ownership of the access lane.

- f) North East War Memorials Project; Newsletter No. 5; Spring 2007.
- g) BDO Stoy Hayward – Audit date for financial year ending 31st March 2007 is 17th August 2007.

- h) Durham County Council – Unitary Local Government; Stakeholder consultation comments to Government by 22nd June 2007.

Clerk to circulate copies of the above correspondence. Item to be raised on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

147/07 Reports

A) EQUaL Partnership

No report.

B) Parish

No report.

C) District

Councillor Tyrie reported:-

- a) Chief Constable, Durham Police briefing.
- b) Garage site portfolio.
- c) Post Office Network Consultation.

Councillor Coulson reported:-

- a) Langley Park All Saints Youth Centre – Item to be placed on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.
- b) Funding for the ‘Ellie’ Youth Bus.
- c) Merging of licensing committees.
- d) Funding from the Northern Rock Foundation (details handed to the Clerk).
- e) Unitary Pathfinder – District Perspective.

D) County

No report.

Members requested the proposed timetable and plans for the permanent library at Langley Park. Clerk to contact Councillor Armstrong.

148/07 Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th May 2007 immediately following the Annual General Meeting, which commences at 7.00pm in the Parish Room, Church Street Community Centre, Langley Park.

The meeting finished at 8.20pm.



POLICE REPORT

For the period 13th March 2007 – 10th April 2007:

Esh Parish Area: 99 calls

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

Criminal Damage	: 12 calls
ASB / Nuisance / Under Age Drinking / Rowdy	: 10 calls
Vehicle / Motorcycle Nuisance (None related to motorbikes)	: 2 calls
Suspicious Persons	: 14 calls
Domestic	: 5 calls
<i>Drugs Related</i>	<i>: 0 calls</i>
Concern for safety	: 1 call
<i>Crime Burglary</i>	<i>: 0 calls</i>
Theft	: 9 calls
RTC – Injury	: 1 call
RTC – Damage Only	: 1 call
Violence (Against the person)	: 2 calls
<i>Firearms Incidents</i>	<i>: 0 calls</i>
Road Related Incidents	: 8 calls
Other Incidents (Alarm activations, police reported problems, sudden deaths, animals etc)	: 35 calls

Current Anti-Social Behaviour Hot Spots:

Youths are starting to gather on Quebec Street. Although not committing any offences they often appear intimidating to local residents.

Important Notes:

Off Road bikes – no calls have been made this period regarding this problem. I have been working with the off-road bike team to provide a visible deterrent which seems to have sent out the correct message

No drugs related incidents although we are aware of the problems within the village we are working together with partner agencies and welcome any intelligence via the 0845 number

All Saints Youth Centre, Front Street – building has been suitably secured and is currently for sale. No further incidents have been reported

Ongoing:

- Recent shift changes for beat officers mean that Langley Park is better served by the police. Myself and PC Fenwick work opposite shifts so that the village will have increased patrols
- Criminal damage and Anti-social behaviour calls are still causing concern. We have increased patrols, particularly on evenings when such problems are occurring and will continue to discourage this behaviour by displaying posters, current radio campaign etc
- Walkabout opportunities are always available with me to identify hot spots or to pass on intelligence
- Beat Surgeries (dates advertised on poster within Housing Office), Streetsafe box (Housing office) for intelligence, complaints; anonymously if preferred
- We are continuing to show a visible presence to deter youths from purchasing alcohol for consumption on the streets and we will continue to work with our licensing unit with regards to under-age sales. During this period we have not seized any alcohol on the streets.

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