

**Minutes of the Esh Parish Council Meeting held at Church Street Community Centre, Langley Park on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2008 commencing at 7.00pm.**

**Present: Councillor A. Mollon (Chairman), B. Armstrong, C. Bloor, R. Bowyer, G. Coulson, A. Harling, A. Hiles, L. Looby, P. Mollon, S. Rothwell. M. Tyler and W. Tyrie.**

**Apologies: Councillors H. Guilford and M. Sands**

**Also in attendance: County Councillor J. Armstrong, PC Jacklyn Laws, GF Smith (Clerk) and Mr M.G. Ackroyd( Assistant Clerk)**

**001/08 Declaration Of Interest**

**Councillor Coulson and Rothwell declared an interest in item 11 – Planning Matters, they took no part in the debate other than to clarify any matters of fact.  
Councillor Bloor declared an interest in item 12 – Parish Report (Earl of Durham Allotments), he took no part in the debate.**

**002/08 Police Report**

**PC Jacklyn Laws gave a verbal report to the meeting followed by a question and answer session. She left the meeting after this item.**

**003/08 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2007**

**The Minutes of the Meeting were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.**

**004/08 Clerk’s Report including observations from Councillors to the Minutes**

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**132/07 Reports b) – Parish**

**Langley Park Recreation Ground**

**Awaiting return of quotations, Clerk to report to the next Parish Council Meeting.**

**169/07 Correspondence**

**a) Parish Paths Partnership 2007 – Erection of new Noticeboard at Langley Park new lock and keys have now been ordered. Awaiting lock to be fitted, Clerk to report to next Parish Council Meeting.**

**170/07 Parish Garage**

**Further adverts to be placed on the Parish noticeboards and in local shops. Clerk to report to the next Parish Council Meeting.**

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200/07 Correspondence

Others

**l) Meikles Solicitors – Lease of Land at Langley Park**

Awaiting response from the Council’s Solicitors, Clerk to report to the next Parish Council Meeting.

202/07 Reports – c) District

Neighbourhood Office at Langley Park

Agenda item No. 9.

222/07 Financial Risk Assessment – Standard Life

Application form has been accepted, £7500 has been transferred to Standard Life.

224/07 NLDC Grant and additional hours

Agenda item No 13.

225/07 Draft Budget 2008/09

Agenda item No 6.

230/07 Correspondence

**e) National Tree week 2007**

No further response received from Durham County Council, Clerk to report to the next Parish Council Meeting.

241/07 Correspondence

**a) Registration of Financial and other interests form**

Forms to be handed to each Councillor to complete and return to the Clerk who will then forward them onto the District Council’s Monitoring Officer.

**b) Disposal of garage and allotments sites owned by DCC**

Clerk to contact DCC (Mr Don Hutchinson) to arranged a site visit/meeting and to report to the next Parish Council Meeting.

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005/08 Draft Budget 2008/09

The Assistant Clerk presented a report to the meeting which included:-

**a) An update of the Parish Council Income & Expenditure for 2007/08 and also a Draft Budget for 2008/09.**

**b) Changes since the previous meeting:-**

- i. Possible move to the neighbourhood office at Langley Park**
- ii. Running costs of the neighbourhood office at Langley Park**
- iii. Annual Insurance premium for 2008/09 at a cost of £2744.73**

c) Advertising cost for Esh leaves.

Members agreed to:-

1. Produce an Esh Leaves Extra in February 2008 outlining the Council's approach to fixing the Precept for 2008/09, giving the examples of how the precept affects each property band.
2. The Esh Leaves Extra to be published in February 2008 is to be delivered to each property in the Parish.
3. Leave the advert fees for Esh Leaves at the current rates.
4. Accept the draft budget for 2008/09 (subject to agreeing costs for the neighbourhood office at Langley Park).

#### 006/08 Setting the Precept 2008/09

The Assistant Clerk presented a report to the meeting.

It was proposed to increase the precept by £5000, 9 voted for 2 voted against.

It was agreed to raise the precept by £5,000 for 2008/09 from £31,035 to £36,035 and to accept the contribution from Derwentside District Council to the Parish for £13,692 for 2008/09.

#### 007/08 Financial Statement

After receiving details of all Financial Statements for 2007/08 (vouchers v271 to v291) should be paid and where appropriate confirm the Chairman/Clerk's action in issuing cheques in advance of the Meeting.

#### 008/08 Langley Park Neighbourhood Office

Members discussed the offer from Derwentside Homes. It was agreed for the Clerk to negotiate with Derwentside Homes on the extension to the period of Tenancy and also on the restriction of the use of the office. Clerk to report to the next Parish Council Meeting.

#### 009/08 Correspondence

##### Derwentside District Council

- a) Allotments & Service Development Officer – Creation of new Wetlands at Stoblee Allotments, Langley Park – update.
- b) Regeneration Officer – Funding not approved for costs of producing a leaflet

##### Durham County Council

- c) Environment – County Durham Environment Award 2007.
- d) Environment – Parish Paths Partnership Applications 2008 closing date 1<sup>st</sup> March 2008.

##### Others

- e) Andrew McConnell, Neighbourhood Inspector – Area consultation meetings prior to Parish meeting in May and December 2008 commencing at 6.45pm.

It was agreed for the Clerk to contact Inspector McConnell regarding the starting times. (It was suggested 6.00pm). Clerk to report to the next Parish Council Meeting.

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**Item**

- f) **County Durham & Cleveland County Training Partnership – Training course “Risk Management” at County Hall, Durham on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2008 10.00 am to 12.00 pm, free event.**

**It was agreed for Councilor Rothwell to attend the training event.**

- g) **County Durham Association of Local Councils – Post Office Closure Programme.**
- h) **County Durham Association of Local Councils – Free training event at County Hall, Durham on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2008 2.00pm to 3.30pm “Planning Portal Event”.**

**It was agreed for Clerk to attend this training event.**

- i) **County Durham & Darlington Fire & Rescue Service – Integrated Risk Management draft year 5 Improvement Plan comments by 9<sup>th</sup> March 2008.**
- j) **SLCC 2008 Conference programme – regional event Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at Shotton Hall, Peterlee, cost £45**

**It was agreed for Clerk to attend this training event.**

- k) **Institute of Local Council Management, application for membership for Mr G F Smith, cost £55 (proportion Esh £30.22 Tow Law £24.78).**

**It was agreed to support the Clerk for Membership of the Institute of Local Council Management and contribute £30.22 towards the Membership Fee.**

- l) **H M Revenue & Customs – Training courses**
- m) **CE Electric UK – preparing for mother nature, information leaflets and posters.**
- n) **E.ON – changing from Powergen**
- o) **County Durham & Cleveland County Training Partnership – Training Course “Community Engagement” at County Hall, Durham on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2008 10.00am to 12.00pm at a cost of £27.00 +vat per delegate.**

**It was agreed for the Clerk to attend this training Course.**

**010/08 Planning Matters**

**A**

<b>No.</b>	<b>SW/1/2007/0935/DMFP</b>
<b>APPLICANT</b>	<b>MR &amp; MRS BENNETT</b>
<b>PROPOSED</b>	<b>ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION</b>
<b>AT</b>	<b>5 ELM STREET, LANGLEY PARK</b>

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Members agreed to raise no objections subject to adjacent occupants being consulted and for their views to be taken into account when making a decision on this development.

**B**

No. SW/1/2007/09997/DMAD

APPLICANT GEORGE WIMPEY NORTH EAST

PROPOSED ADVERTISING CONSENT FOR THE  
ERECTION OF ONE HOARDING

AT HILLTOP VIEW, LANGLEY PARK

Members agreed to raise no objections subject to adjacent occupants being consulted and for their views to be taken into account when making a decision on this development.

011/08 Reports

**A) Equal**

- 1) Sir Bobby Robson Park, Langley Park
- 2) Recreation Ground, Langley Park

**B) Parish**

- 1) Councilor Guildford

Members agreed to accept the apologies from Councilor Guildford due to his long term ill health problems.

**2) Esh Green**

The Border fencing and a flower tub have recently been damaged. It was agreed for the Chairman and Clerk to visit the site and report to the next appropriate Parish Council Meeting.

**3) Joint Working**

A request has been received from Langley Park Primary School and the Parent and Teacher group for some joint working on a Winter Festival incorporating the switching on of the Christmas tree lights. It was agreed for the Clerk to contact the groups and report to the next appropriate Parish Council meeting.

**4) Earl of Durham Allotments**

A request has been received from the tenant of allotment numbers ED21 and 21 (Mr Taylor) to co-let with Mr R. Scott, 21 South View, Langley Park.

Members agreed to this request, the Clerk to write to both parties.

**C) District**

**Councilor Tyrie Reported:-**

- 1) Funding for Stanley Town Council from Derwentside District Council
- 2) Shotley Bridge Hospital

**Councillor Rothwell reported:-**

- 1) Councillor Initiative Fund (£60,000)

It was agreed for the Clerk to obtain a list of organisation contacts from Karen Gibson (Equal) and to invite a representative to attend a Meeting to discuss a possible Project.

**It was agreed for Councillor Alan Mollon to Chair the Meeting**

**Councillor Coulson reported:-**

- 1) Executive Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2008 to discuss Funding for the Sir Bobby Robson Park (£90,000)**
- 2) Gowarm Initiative**

**D County**

**County Councillor Armstrong reported: -**

- 1) Footpaths at Kaysburn Road**
- 2) Finings Street**
- 3) Replacement Windows at Wood View Community Centre**
- 4) Library Provision at Langley Park**
- 5) Costs for Internet access at Wood View Community Centre**

**012/08 NLDC Grant**

**Members agreed to: -**

- a) Accept the joint report of the Chairman and Assistant Clerk**
- b) Offer the IT Officer the opportunity of joining the Council's Superannuation Scheme, if requested by him**
- c) Accept the Funding in the sum of £4817.68 for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 (£3513.90) and 31<sup>st</sup> July 2008 (£3103.78)**

**013/08 Date of Next Meeting**

**The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at Quebec Village Hall commencing 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 items 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.**

**Confidential items**

**Meeting finished at 9.10pm**

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