

Esh Parish Council

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council Meeting held at Church Street Community Centre, Langley Park on Tuesday 11th March 2008 commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors A. Mollon (Chairman), C. Bloor, R. Bowyer, G. Coulson, A. Harling, L. Lobby, P. Mollon, M. Sands, M. Tyler and W. Tyrie.

Apologies: Councillors B. Armstrong, H. Guildford, S. Rothwell and County Councillor J. Armstrong.

Also in Attendance: Sgt Naughton, PcsO Pearsall (Durham Police) and G. F. Smith (Clerk)

028/08 Declaration of Interest

Councillor Coulson Declared an Interest in item 8 – Planning Matters, He took no part in the debate other than to clarify any matters of fact. Councillor Bloor Declared an Interest in item 9B (3) – Parish Report; Earl of Durham Allotments, He took no part in the debate.

029/08 Police Report

PcsO Pearsall presented the Report to Council Members, followed by a question and answer session. Sgt Naughton and PcsO Pearsall left the meeting after this item.

030/08 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12th February 2008

Amendment – Page 9 item iv) Allotments – Crossfell Site

“No Vacant Plot (No 6) should read 1no. Vacant Plot (No.6)” subject to the above amendment the minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

031/08 Clerk’s Report including observations from Councillors to the Minutes

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132/07 Report –b) Parish

Langley Park Recreation Ground

The Clerk reported that he had called a Meeting of the Trustees of the Charity to discuss quotations for Footpaths, Fencing and Information Boards. The Meeting of the Trustees was scheduled to meet after the Parish Council Meeting. The Clerk to report to the next Parish Council Meeting.

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170/07 Parish Garage

Following an advert in Esh Leaves Extra five people have expressed an interest in renting the garage. It was agreed for the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Clerk to Interview all five applicants and report to the next Parish Council Meeting.

241/07 Correspondence

a) Registration of Financial and other Interests form. The Clerk reminder Members to complete the form and return it to him as soon as possible.

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009/08 Correspondence

c) DCC - Environment – Parish Paths Partnership Applications 2008 the Clerk (with assistance from Councillors Bloor and Hiles, Assistant Clerk and the IT Officer) are working on the Application Form. The Clerk to report to the next Parish Council Meeting.

011/08 Report – b) Parish

2) Esh Village Green

A site Meeting took place on Thursday 28th February 2008 (present Councillors Mollon, Hiles, Sands and the Clerk). They recommended the Re-lining of the Village Green with small concrete posts with a Metal Rail. Members agreed with the recommendation and authorised the Clerk to obtain quotations for the Fencing work and report to the next appropriate Parish Council Meeting.

011/08 Reports –c) District

1) Councillors Initiative Fund

Councillor Coulson reported on a Meeting he had with the District Council's Chief Executive Officer. A further update would be presented to the next Parish Council Meeting.

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022/08 Langley Park Neighbourhood Office

The Clerk reported that he had moved into the premises on 10th March 2008, telephone line was to be transferred on 14th March 2008. Members agreed to name the premises in honour of Councillor Guildford. It was also agreed for the Clerk to meet with Councillor Guildford to discuss the naming of the premises (It was suggested "Harry Guildford Centre" or "The Guildford Centre") and report to the next Parish Council Meeting.

023/08 Correspondence

a) DCC - Environment – Field Boundary Restoration Grant Scheme 2003/04 at Kaysburn Road, Langley Park. A site meeting took place on 10th March 2008 and the Clerk was awaiting costs for the replacement of failed trees. Members agreed for the Clerk to report to the next appropriate Parish Council Meeting.

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023/08 Correspondence

k) Butterwick Hospice Care – Application for Funding

The Clerk reported that financial details have been received and are reported under Correspondence Report item 7a.

l) Meikles Solicitors – Leases of Land at Langley Park

A further letter has been received and is reported under Correspondence Report item 7f.

q) Reported problems at the Recreation Ground, Langley Park

The Clerk reported that a new lock had been fitted to the gate. He was awaiting the cost of providing boulders and will report to the next appropriate Parish Council Meeting.

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024/08 Planning Matters

e) No. TA/1/2007/1022/DMFP – 7 Green Court, Esh

The Application had been dealt with by the Planning Officer under delegated Powers. Members agreed to accept the Planning Officer recommendations subject to adjacent occupants being consulted and for their views to be taken into account when making a decision on this development.

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024/08 Planning Matters

No.SW/1/2007/1073/DMFP – All Saints Youth Centre, Langley Park.

Members agreed to receive the acknowledgement letter from the District's Planning Officer dated 19th February 2008.

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024/08 Planning Matters

f) No. BG/1/2008/0019/DMTF – 6 Stargate, Langley Park.

Members agreed with the Arborist Report and therefore accept his recommendations subject to adjacent occupants being consulted and for their views to be taken into account when making a decision on the development

g) No. TA/1/2008/0027/DMFP – 10 Green Court, Esh

Members were informed that this Application had been withdrawn

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027/08 Staffing Matters

Agenda item No. 12

032/08 Financial Statement

After receiving details of all Financial Statements for 2007/08 (vouchers v292 (adjustment to Budget), V319 to V349) and for 2008/09 (vouchers 1 and 2)

Members agreed they should be paid and where appropriate confirm the Chairman/Clerk's action in issuing cheques in advance of the Meeting.

033/08 Correspondence

a) Butterwick House Children's Hospice – Financial details

Members agreed to donate £250 to the appeal (Under Powers Section 137 Local Government Act 1972).

b) Dewentside District Council – Chairman's Charity Ball on Friday 25th April 2008 in the Civic Hall, Consett.

c) Dewentside District Council – Stanley Action Plan – Issues and Options.

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- d) Durham Rural Community Council – “Parish Plans – What’s in it for you” training event at the Greenhouse, Annfield Plain, 9.30 to 1.00pm Wednesday 2nd April 2008, no charge.
- e) Department of Communities and Local Government “Powers to create Parish Councils – confirmed 15th February 2008”.
- f) Meilkes Solicitors – Lease of Land at Langley Park – update.
- g) Scope – Scope’s 2008 house to house collections 7th to 27th April 2008.
- h) Clerks & Clerks Direct newsletter, March 2008; Issue 56.
- i) Local Council’s update; March 2008.

034/08 Planning Matters

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NO. TA/1/2008/0052/DMFP

APPLICANT MR J COOPER

PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE OF LAND TO GARDEN AND DRIVEWAY

AT 16 PENSHAW CLOSE, 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.

B

NO. SW/1/2008/0072/DMFP

APPLICANT Fr M GRIFFITHS

PROPOSED ERECTION OF EXTENSION TO FRONT

AT ST JOSEPH’S CHURCH HALL, 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.

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NO. GB/1/2008/0084/DMTP

APPLICANT MR M POWELL

	Item
PROPOSED	FELLING OF ONE ASH TREE (TPO 17)
AT	HIGH FINNINGS. LOW MOOR ROAD, LANGLEY PARK

Members requested the Clerk to contact the Planning Officer to obtain further detailed information (i.e. Arborist Report) in order to make an informed decision on the development.

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NO.	GB/1/2008/0113/DMFP
APPLICANT	MR K WADGE
PROPOSED	ERECTION OF REPLACEMENT GARAGE TO REAR, SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AND ERECTION OF BOUNDARY WALL TO REAR.
AT	9 DEAN STREET, 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.

035/08 Reports

A) Equal Partnership

- i) Applying for extension of time for Big Lottery Funding**
- ii) Update on Sir Bobby Robson Park**
- iii) Karen Gibson, Project Worker on holiday until end of March**
- iv) Seeking further Funding for additional hours for Project Worker**

B) Parish

i) Parish Council Lap Top Computers

Members agreed to accept the Report of the Chairman (Copy attached to the Minutes) and also to:-

- a) Purchase a Windows XP Professional Program**
- b) Purchase a 3 Year McAfee Anti Virus System**
- c) The Assistant Parish Clerk to retain the exciting Carry Case**
- d) The IT Officer to continue maintaining the New Laptop when required**
- ii) Grass Cutting Contract 2008**

Members agreed to a 5% increase on last year's negotiated Contract with Wharton Landscape of Esh Winning. Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

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iii) Earl of Durham Allotments – ED 28

Members agreed to the request to transfer the Co-Tenancy (MR J Evans/Mr W Bayles) to Mr W Bayles for Allotment ED28.

C District

Councillor Rothwell – No Report

Councillor Tyrie – Reported:-

i) Derwentside D.C. Budget Proposals

ii) Crime Statistics for the District

iii) Consett and Stanley Market Stalls

Councillor Coulson – Reported:-

i) West Durham Wind Farm

ii) Visit to CCTV Centre

iii) Meeting with Community Association (Councillor Tyler added that the meeting discussed the future of Church Street Community Centre)

D County

Councillor Armstrong – No Report

036/08 Date of the Next Meeting

The Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th April 2008 in the new Parish Offices, Rear of Front Street, Langley Park immediately following the Annual Assembly which commences at 7.00pm.

THE 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.

The Meeting Finished at 8.40pm.

Signed by the Chairman.....Page 6