

**Esh Parish Council**

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council Meeting held at The Harry Guildford Centre, rear of Front Street, Langley Park on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2008 commencing at 7:00pm

Present: Councillors A.Mollon (Chairman), B.Armstrong, G.Coulson, H.Guildford, A.Harling, A.Hiles, L.Looby, P.Mollon, S.Rothwell, M. Sands, M.Tyler, W.Tyrie

Apologies: Councillors C.Bloor, and County Councillors Armstrong and Campbell.

Also in attendance: G.F.Smith (Clerk), and C.Wayman (Assistant Clerk)

096/08 Declaration of Interest

Councillors Coulson and Rothwell declared an interest in item 9 Planning Matters, they took no part in the discussion other than to clarify any matters of fact.

097/08 Police Report

Copy of report presented for Councillors information

098/08 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2008

Minute number 095/08 Confidential Item – Staffing Matters to read Mike Ackroyd will be reducing the number of hours he will work to 4 hours per week from the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2008 and then from the 17<sup>th</sup> October will be reducing to 3 hours per week to concentrate on Esh Leaves .

Subject to the above amendment the minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

099/08 Clerks report on matter arising from the Previous Meeting

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085/08 Needs Survey

Copy of a report by Derek Snaith, DCC, was circulated at the meeting.

132/07 Reports b) Parish

Langley Park Recreational Ground

The fencing will be completed by the end of the week. The information boards will be paid soon.

011/08 Reports – b) Parish

2) Esh Village Green

The Clerk to arrange a meeting with Tamsin Harrison.

023/08 Correspondence

a) DCC – Environment – Field Boundary Restoration Grant Scheme 2003/04 at Kaysburn Road, Langley Park.

The re-planting will take place in November/December time as recommended by the contractor.

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046/08 Reports – b) Parish

Joint working with Langley Park Branch of SAFC

51 Young people took part in the first session and the numbers stayed consistent all week even through the bad weather. Plans are underway to make sure the event can continue next year.

068/08 Reports a)Parish

1. EDF Energy - Wind Farm

There is still no correspondence from Burnhope Parish Council, the Clerk is to follow up before the next meeting. Councillor Rothwell informed the Council that she had received a letter from County Durham Foundation about a potential move forward.

2. Litter Problem, Thomas Street Langley Park

The litter problem has improved around Spar, however, there is now a problem with broken glass around the outside of the Parish Council Offices. Councillor Coulson will see if it is possible for the road sweeper to come down the road to help clean it up.

6. Earl of Durham allotments

The outstanding work will be completed by the end of the month.

7. Crossfell allotments

The outstanding work will be completed by the end of the month.

8. Litter Bin

No suitable meeting date has been arranged.

079/08 Correspondence

h) MENCAP – Application for funding, financial information required. Still no information received, Clerk to follow up.

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088/08 Reports b) – Parish

1. Langley Park Library

It was agreed to keep the Library on the agenda until the matter is resolved

2. Front door shutter

Work is completed, however, there have been some problems over the shutter opening and closing which the Clerk will follow up.

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090/08 Planning matters

F) SCA/1/2008/0526/DMFP – fencing at the Sports & Social Club, Langley Park

The Clerk confirmed that the application was for only the three sides. Councillor Coulson reported that he and Councillor Tyrie had met with Mr Cassidy and that he was now hoping to build a brick wall with ornamental iron work on the top, for the side next to the main road.

G) TA/1/228/0496 – 7 Ramshaw Close, Langley Park (Within land to the South of 6 Ramshaw Close).

Members accepted the arborists report and noted that the tree had been included in a Tree Preservation Order. Planning permission was granted for the crown of the oak tree to be lifted by 3-4 branches and the occasional removal of small branches within the canopy. The crown reduction was not permitted.

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090/08 Planning Matters

H) TA/1/200/0604/DMTP – 24 Epleton Close, Langley Park

Members reviewed the arborist's report and agreed with the recommendations.

091/08 Correspondence

b) Rachel Davies, 27 Epleton Close, Langley Park

The Clerk had tried to contact Mrs Davies by telephone on a number of occasions to let them know the application for funding had been successful, however there was no reply, a letter has been written.

c) Vitalise, Chigwell, Essex

No financial information has been received.

d) WRVS

No financial information has been received.

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091/08 Correspondence

g) CDALC – Access point within the Parish Council office

Application form has been received.

j) NALC – Financial Services Compensation Scheme

Now being discussed at the London office of NALC, however we are currently not covered under the scheme.

092/08 Area Action Partnerships

Agenda Item No.12

093/08 Sir Bobby Robson Park

Agenda Item No.13

100/08 Minutes of Special meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2008

Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

101/08 Matters arising from the Special Meeting

a) Litter

Once the fencing is in position Derwentside District Council will supply a wheelie bin. The Parish Council will arrange to sign a Service Level Agreement with Derwentside District Council regarding litter collection in the play area on a weekly basis.

d) Security Fencing

Planning permission has been approved and the fencing should be going up in the next fortnight.

e) Site Notice (Temporary)

The notices were up in shops and conspicuous places the next day and it appears to have helped.

102/08 Reports

a) EQUaL

Nearly finished the new management plan.

Looking into planting of shrubs for the £1,000 grant received.

Stoblee allotment group have been approached over the running of the area below the old recreation ground.

## b) Parish

The price for Durham County Council to put up the Christmas lights comes to:

Esh	£480 +VAT
Quebec	£480 +VAT
Langley Park	£1434 +VAT

The Parish Council agreed for Durham County Council to carry out the work.

The date for the light switch on may be Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> of November to tie in with the School fair (if the fair is to take place on that day.) The Clerk will confirm the arrangements

Remembrance Service, the Council will order four wreaths, the Clerk will report back to members before the next meeting.

The Parish Council agreed to close the account in the bank at Guernsey and transfer the balance into the Co-operative bank (current account).

Councillor Rothwell reported back from the LSP, explaining that their future passed March is uncertain. However, there is more money available for initiatives at the moment

## c) District Council

Councillor Tyrie - updated on lap dance licensing

Councillor Coulson – no report

Councillor Rothwell – explained the complaints procedure for possible TV interference from the wind farm and that there was a meeting to discuss the situation at the Working Man's Club on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> October.

It was agreed to include the procedure into the next edition of Esh Leaves.

## d) County Council

County Councillor Armstrong sent a report to the meeting.

County Councillor Armstrong after speaking with local residents has talked with the Chief Constable, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Police Authority and the new Inspector about anti-social behaviour and the lack of permanent police presence in the area.

County Councillor also reported on:

Esh Village

Highway works in Quebec

Highway works in Langley Park

103/08 Financial Statement and Report

Voucher 176, NJC Wrought Iron for £25 was added to the list of vouchers. After receiving details of all Financial Statements for 2008/09 (vouchers V146to V176) Members agreed they should be paid and where appropriate confirm the Chairman/Clerk's action in issuing cheques in advance of the meeting

104/08 Planning Matters

A

No. TA/1/2008/0613/DMFP  
APPLICANT THE POST OFFICE  
PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF EXTERNAL ATM UNIT  
AT 28 QUEBEC STREET, LANGLEY PARK

The members agreed to raise no objection to this application

B

No. TA/1/2008/0633/DMFP  
APPLICANT MR & MRS WATERSON  
PROPOSED TWO STORY SIDE EXTENSION  
AT 24 PARK DRIVE, 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

C

No. GB/1/2008/0663/DMFP  
APPLICANT MR G TODD  
PROPOSED ERECTION OF SINGLE STORY REAR EXTENSION  
AT 39 EPPLETON 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

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No. GB/1/2008/0673/DMFP  
APPLICANT MR WATSON  
PROPOSED SINGLE STORY SIDE EXTENSION  
AT 7 MARLEYS HOUSES, QUEBEC

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

E

No. SCA/1/2008/0697/DMAF

APPLICANT MR G GRAHAM

PROPOSED AGRICULTURAL DETERMINATION FOR THE  
ERECTION OF A STORE AND LIVESTOCK SHELTER

AT LAND TO THE NORTH OF AGED MINERS HOMES,  
QUEBEC

Members objected to the above application as they do not feel that the application is appropriate in the village and the size of the structure. The members also would like to make sure that the building will not be too close to the aged miners homes

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No. GB/1/2008/0712/DMFP

APPLICANT MR A LEE

PROPOSED ERECTION OF TWO STORY SEMI-DETACHED  
DWELLING WITH HARDSTANDING FOR TWO  
VEHICLES TO THE FRONT

AT STAPLEFIELD HALL ROAD, ESH

Members wished clarification on parking for the existing house and clarification on the use of a flat roof on the dwelling. The members also wished that the views of neighbours at Green Court be taken into consideration.

105/08 Correspondence

- a) Derwentside District Council – Grants for Groups applications
- b) CDALC – Freedom of Information; Publication scheme. The members agreed to the scheme with the Clerk to give a full report at the next Council meeting.
- c) Derwentside Partnership – representation on the Executive Board - Councillor Rothwell
- d) DCC, Environment – National Tree Week. It was agreed that the Council put a bid in for £150 (Clerk to discuss with Councillor Hiles).
- e) County Durham PCT – Consultation on the NHS constitution.

- f) County Durham & Cleveland County Training Partnership – Training update No.2 – A copy to be send to all members
- g) CDALC – Area Action Partnerships
- h) DCC Environment – Temporary road closure and speed restriction, including Walnut Lane, Langley Park
- i) CDALC – Councillor’s Indemnity – Code of Conduct, consultation
- j) KPMG – re Escom UK Ltd – Liquidator’s Intromissions
- k) N-Power – Working together to reduce our impact on the environment. The Council agreed that we should look at receiving our bills online and also look into seeing if there is a cheaper supplier.
- l) Department for Communities & Local Government – Consultation on the making and enforcement of Byelaws.
- m) The Minerals Valleys Project – Community events.
- n) Zurich Insurance – Change to the Group structure
- o) CDALC – Newsletter; September 2008; Issue 21.
- p) The Standards Board for England – Town & Parish Standards Newsletter; September 2008; Issue 3.
- q) Durham Rural Community Council – Community News; Autumn 2008
- r) Building Schools for the Future – Newsletter; September 2008; Issue6.
- s) Local Councils Update – September/October 2008; Issue 107/108
- t) County Durham Link – Link Management representative for Derwentside. The Council agreed to vote for Colin Burton
- u) CDALC – Newsletter – including annual report; November 2008
- v) NALC – Quality Councils Exhibition 1<sup>st</sup> November 2008, Town Hall, Spennymoor 9:30 – 12:30
- w) CDALC – AGM 1<sup>st</sup> November at 10:30, Spennymoor Town Hall.
- x) Derwentside District Council – Parish liaison meeting 30<sup>th</sup> October 2008 Civic Centre Consett 6:30pm. Esh Parish Council will request an update on the Local Government re-organisation to be added to the agenda.
- y) DCC – Parish paths partnership – P3 Newsletter; Autumn 2008.
- z) Louise Wilson, Youth Development Worker DCC – Project “Steps”. A copy to be sent to members.

#### 106/08 Area Action Partnerships

County Councillor Armstrong sent an update on Area Action Partnerships:

At the meeting of Durham County Council on the 1<sup>st</sup> October it was agreed to establish 14 Area Action Partnerships. Esh Parish Council will be included in Lanchester/Durham Rural West.

It was also decided that the name of the new Council will be Durham County Council

A decision on the precept will be requested by the 9<sup>th</sup> of January and the contribution for Derwentside will be replaced with a grant for 2009-10 from Durham County Council.

#### 107/08 Sir Bobby Robson Park

The Council now has the certificate of completion for the equipment. All play equipment is now covered under the Council's All Risks insurance policy.

108/08 Date of the Next Meeting

The Next Meeting of Esh Parish Council is on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2008 in The Village Hall, Quebec, which commences at 7.00pm

109/08 Confidential Item – Staffing Matters

The meeting finished at 9.00pm