

ESH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council meeting held at The Harry Guildford Centre, Langley Park on Tuesday 10th November 2009 commencing at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors A. Harling (Chairman), G. Coulson, A. Hiles, L. Looby, A.Mollon, P.Mollon, M. Sands.

Apologies: Councillors B. Armstrong, C. Bloor, H. Guildford, S. Rothwell, M .Tyler, M.Campbell (County Councillor).

Also Present: County Councillor J. Armstrong, G.F.Smith (Clerk)
P. J. Graham (Assistant Clerk).

143/09 Declaration of Interest

None

144/09 Police Report

The Clerk read out the report from PC Laws, PCSO Joyce. No other items were raised.

145/09 Reports

1. Parish Report

A) Resignation of Councillor Chris Bloor (Chairman)

Members agreed to accept the resignation of Councillor Bloor as Chairman and for him to remain as a Councillor.

- i) For Councillor Allan Harling to be Chairman of the Parish Council
- ii) For the vacancy of Vice Chairman to be placed on the agenda of the next Parish Council meeting (8th December 2009).

Councillor Allan Harling in the Chair

B) Parish Walk

It was agreed for the Clerk to check the proposed date (1st January 2010)

And report to the next Parish Council meeting

C) Community Engagement – Statement of Intent

A draft copy of the statement was circulated at the meeting.

It was agreed to place this item on the agenda of the next Parish Council meeting.

D) Village Green at Esh

Competitive quotations were outstanding for the replacement of the wooden guard rail at the Village Green, Esh.

It was agreed to progress this work and for the Clerk to prepare a report for the next Parish Council meeting.

2) County Council Report

Councillor J. Armstrong reported on the following:-

A) AAP

- Work at Quebec, to be completed next week
- Road lining, to commence soon
- Footpath at Esh Laude (complete)

B) State of field at Quebec.

C) £10,000 Balance remaining for youth work in Langley Park.

D) Library, Langley Park, furniture on order, opening in January 2010.

E) Planning application for Sports & Social Club at Langley Park to be discussed by the Planning Committee on 12th December 2009.

F) Langley Park Surgery, application made to NHS.

G) All Saints Youth Centre, Langley Park, awaiting licence to demolish.

H) Bus Shelters at Langley Park, work to commence very soon.

I) Esh – Safe Walk to School Scheme.

J) Institute, Church Street, Langley Park, meeting with Alison Spenceley on 12th November 2009.

K) Response to Boundary Committee report on Durham County Council.

DCC report recommending single member ward for Esh, Esh Winning and Tow Law (including Hilltop Villages) or three member ward with Crook.

146/09 Minutes of a Special meeting held on 13th October 2009

Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

147/09 Matters Arising

Editorial Committee is to be Councillor Coulson, Harling, Hiles and Sands.

148/09 Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 13th October 2009

Amendment Page 5 minute 135/09 (B)

Amount donated should read £300

Amendment Page 8 minute 143/09 (A)

should read Mr M.G.Ackroyd

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

149/09 Clerk's Report

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128/09 Report – A) Parish

1) Report of the Allotment Committee held on 3rd October 2009

A) Letters have been sent to Allotment Holders

B) Clerk to check with other Parish Council on their rules about the number of hens allowed on the allotment for the tenant's own domestic consumption of eggs.

Clerk to report to the next appropriate Parish meeting.

2) The Harry Guildford Centre, Langley Park.

Clerk to report at the next Parish Council meeting.

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128/09 Report – A) Parish

5) Christmas Celebration Event.

Councillor Hiles updated the meeting on the proposed event which was provisionally booked for 20th December 2009 at Wood View Community Centre, Langley Park (cost of hire £50). Lanchester Band to perform two 45minutes slots (£75).

Possible Choir from the Primary School at Esh or Langley Park (to be confirmed).

Proceedings to go to a Charity (RNID). local shops to donate raffle prizes. Refreshments could be broth and sweet mince pies.

Members agreed to underwrite the event up to £200.

088/09 Rams Head over 40's Football Team

Awaiting financial information, Clerk to chase this up and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

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AGM 04/09 Cheque Signatories – Standard Life

Awaiting form to increase number of cheque signatories, Clerk to chase this up and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

047/09 Reports – B) Parish

Earl of Durham allotments – security gates

Contractor to complete this work within the next two weeks, Clerk to report progress at the next Parish Council meeting.

068/09 Reports – B) Parish

1) EDF Energy Wind Farm – 3 Parish Councils meeting

Lanchester Parish Council have responded to agree to ceasing the meetings. It was agreed to disbandon this committee.

064/09 Resignation of Councillor Tyrrie

Agenda item no.18

067/09 Correspondence

B) DCC – Insurance Officer – play equipment at Esh

Contractor to complete this work within the next two weeks. Clerk to report progress at the next Parish Council meeting.

080/09 Planning Matters

Former Hippodrome building at Langley Park

No further update, Clerk to report any progress at the next appropriate Parish Council meeting

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098/09 Correspondence

B) CDALC – grant scheme from Northern Gas Networks.

Closing date for proposed schemes has now closed. Clerk to discuss with Councillor Hiles to prepare a scheme for the 2010 project.

D) DCC (Asset Management) – disposal of allotment sites.

A meeting with a DCC Officer had taken place and details were awaited from the County Council. Clerk to chase this up and report to the next appropriate Parish Council meeting.

115/09 Planning Matters

C) MH/1/2009/0429/DMAD – Co-operative, Langley Park (advertising consent).

No further update, Clerk to report any progress at the next appropriate Parish Council meeting.

118/09 Sir Bobby Robson Park

Notices

Clerk to chase them up with the supplier and report to the next Parish Council meeting

121/09 Citizens Advice Bureau

Clerk had discussed the possibility of the CAB holding surgeries at the Harry Guildford Centre, Langley Park and awaiting a response from the Durham office. Clerk to chase this up and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

123/09 Partnership Sub Committee

Agenda item no.19

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134/09 Planning Matters

B) SP/1/2009/0337/DMFP – Sports & Social Club, Langley Park
Site plans have been received from the Planning Officer.

Decision – no objections

E) GB/1/2009/0533/DMFP – St Josephs RC Church, Langley Park
Site plans have been received from the Planning Officer.

Decision – no objections

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135/09 Correspondence

F) CDALC – Mapping (ordnance survey)

Awaiting details from DCC. Clerk to chase this up and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

G) CDYOS – Projects

Meeting arranged for 11th November 2009. Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

K) Durham Biodiversity Partnership

No further detail. Clerk to chase this up and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

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138/09 Langley Park Library

Agenda item no.14

140/09 Christmas Lights at Esh, Langley Park and Quebec

Agenda item no.17

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150/09 Financial Statement and report

Members agreed the details of the financial statement (vouchers Nos 136 to 152) and they should be paid; where appropriate confirm the Chairman/Clerk's action in issuing cheques in advance of the meeting.

151/09 Correspondence

A) DCC – Head of Planning – the County Durham Plan; core strategy issues paper; October 2009. Consultation period ends 27th November 2009.

Documents at the Parish Office for viewing / comments.

B) DCC – Regeneration & Economic Development – Consultation on the development of travel schemes and alternative's to Bus Services across County Durham.

Questionnaire to be completed by 3rd December 2009.

Clerk to copy documents to all Council Members.

C) DCC – Regeneration & Economic Development – road closures from 9th November 2009 in Langley Park (water main renewal works).

Clerk to copy documents to all Council Members.

D) DCC – Chairman; invitation to Chairman to Civic Carol Service at St Andrews Methodist Church, Crook on 17th December 2009 at 7.00pm, followed by refreshments.

Details passed to the Chairman.

E) DCC – Chairman; invites to various events for the Chairman.

Details passed to the Chairman.

F) DCC – Chairman; invite to Chairman civic reception and dinner at County Hall, Durham on Friday 11th December 2009, commencing at 7.00pm.

Details passed to the Chairman.

Items for information:-

G) Link County Durham – membership invitation.

H) Local Councils update; November 2009; issue no 121.

152/09 Recreation Ground, Langley Park

Councillor Hiles reported:-

A) Damage to Interpretation Board.

B) Further work to update Management Plan.

C) Area designated County Wildlife Site.

153/09 Sir Bobby Robson Park

Councillor Hiles Reported:-

A) A number of securing bolts missing from various play equipment.

B) A number of cross pieces of wood missing from various play equipment.

Clerk to report the above to local contractor (Jeremy Cassidy) for the work to be completed as soon as possible.

154/09 Langley Park Library

County Councillor Armstrong had reported that the Library was due to open in January 2010.

155/09 Area Action Partnership

Councillor Hiles reported on the forum meeting, which included:-

A) 60 attended the meeting

B) Presentations by a number of organisations

C) Play Strategy; statement of intent by 4th December 2009, Members agreed to support the proposed MUGA for Langley Park.

The Clerk reported that the next meeting of the Parish Councils Committee would be held on Saturday 21st November 2009 at 10am, Lanchester.

156/09 All Saints Youth Centre, Langley Park

County Councillor Armstrong had reported that DCC were awaiting a licence to demolish the building.

Councillor Paula Mollon raised concerns on the state of the grounds of the area (i.e. fly tipping and general untidiness).

Members agreed for the Clerk to write to Durham County Council and the Lambton Estates regarding the need to clear up the site as soon as possible.

157/09 Christmas Lights at Esh, Langley Park and Quebec

Members agreed:-

A) For the trees to be decorated on Friday 27th November 2009.

B) For the lights at Esh and Quebec to be switched on 27th November 2009.

C) For the lights at Langley Park to be switched on 4pm, 28th November 2009 and to be carried out by Sir Bobby Robson's son Andrew, refreshments and music (carols) to be provided by Langley Park Baptist Church.

D) Due to three lampposts failing Heath & Safety tests, members agreed for the motifs not to be installed. Clerk to write to DCC regarding the Council's disappointment of not being able to install the motifs again this year and hoped that something could be done to replace the defective lamp posts.

158/09 Councillor Vacancies on the Parish Council

The Council had three vacancies in the following wards:-

Langley Park, Esh and Ushaw.

Members were required to forward any names of candidates to the Parish Clerk. Item to be placed on the agenda for the next Parish council meeting.

159/09 Partnership Sub Committee

Awaiting financial details from the treasurer of the EQUaL Partnership (Councillor Bowyer).Councillor Hiles reported on the appointment of Lynne Rowland and Paula Graham as Community development workers until 31st March 2010, (funding ends from Northern Rock).

160/09 Date and time of meeting

The next meeting of Esh Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 8th December 2009

In the Harry Guildford Centre, Thomas Street, Langley Park, Commencing at 7.00pm.

The meeting finished at 8.45 pm

Signed by the Chairman.....Page 6