

ESH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council meeting held at The Harry Guildford Centre, Langley Park on Tuesday 12th January 2010 commencing at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors A. Harling (Chairman), B.Armstrong, C.Bloor, G. Coulson, A.Mollon, P.Mollon, M.Sands, M.Tyler, M.Berry and M.Gordon.

Apologies: Councillors R.Bowyer, L.Looby, S.Rothwell.
County Councillor M.Campbell.

Also Present County Councillor J.Armstrong, PC J.Laws PCSO A. Joyce, C.Gordon (resident), G.F.Smith (Clerk), M.L.Rowland, P.J.Graham (Assistant Clerk) and David Rider (IT).

001/10 Declaration of Interest

Councillors C.Bloor, M.Gordon declared an interest in Agenda Item No. 5a (3) – Allotment.

002/10 Co-option of Councillors

Councillors M.Berry, M.Gordon signed acceptance of office form, countersigned by the Clerk and received by the Council Members.

003/10 Police Report

PC J. Laws, PCSO A. Joyce verbally reported on alcohol seizures and youths throwing snow balls causing damage to a bus window, and raised concerns regarding possible bogus callers following the recent adverse weather conditions.

004/10 Reports

A) Parish

i) Use of information Technology for Council agenda, minutes and reports.

Members agreed to receive Council agenda, minutes and reports via email.

It was also agreed for the Clerk / IT Officer to send a test e-mail (with attachment) to see if all Councillors could receive the e-mail and open the document.

Clerk to provide copying paper to all Councillors (supplies available at the Parish Office).

ii) Winter Gritting / Footpath Clearance

The Clerk raised a number of concerns from residents who had called into the office.

Councillor Sands raised a concern on the clearing of the road from Langley Park to Esh.

County Councillor Armstrong suggested that Members initially raise their concerns with Dave Wilcox. Members agreed to prepare a report on this matter for discussion at the County Council's Scrutiny Committee meeting in May 2010.

Item to be placed on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

iii) Collection of Allotment Rents (item for information)

The collection of allotment rents is taking place from Monday 11th January to Saturday 16th January, in the Harry Guildford Centre from 9.30 to 11.30am.

B) County Council

County Councillor J. Armstrong reported on the following:-

i) Langley Park Sports & Social Club.

ii) All Saints Youth Centre, Langley Park – demolition of building in March 2010.

iii) New Library at Langley Park – work ongoing.

iv) Anti – Social Behaviour in Lambton Street, Langley Park.

v) Use of Library premises rear of Church Street.

005/10 Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 8th December 2009

Amendments Page 5 minutes 169/09

1) Mr Malcolm Gordon, Craiglyne, Esh should read Mr Malcolm Gordon, Craiglyne.

2) Mr Malcolm Berry, 4 Hazell Wood Court, should read Mr Malcolm Berry, 4 Hazelwood Court.

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

006/10 Clerk's Report

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165/09 Report – 2) County Council

v) Youth Provision in Langley Park.

Letter sent to Keegan Harris.

A further meeting with interested parties is scheduled for Wednesday 13th January at 6.00pm in Wood View Community Centre, Langley Park

Clerk to update at the next Parish Council meeting.

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145/09 Reports – 1) Parish

Fencing at Esh Village Green.

Due to inclement weather the Contractor (Charleton Fencing) had been unable to confirm a start date, a letter will be sent (from the Parish) informing residents of Hall Road of the progress and starting date and will also include an item on vehicles parking in the turning circle.

Clerk to update at the next Parish Council meeting.

128/09 Reports – A) Parish

1) Allotment condition of tenancy (livestock)

Clerk to chase this matter up and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

2) The Harry Guildford Centre, Langley Park.

The Clerk was in discussion with Derwentside Homes, (Simon Sheard) and the lease arrangements were to be discussed at their Management team meeting on Friday 15th January 2010.

Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting

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AGM 04/09 Cheque Signatories – Standard Life

Clerk to discuss with Mr Mike Ackroyd (meeting arranged for Monday 18th January).

Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

047/09 Reports – B) Parish

Earl of Durham allotments – security gates

Gates are manufactured, keys cut, but due to inclement weather they have not been installed.

Clerk to chase this matter up with the contractor (NJC Wrought Iron) and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

067/09 Correspondence

Play Equipment at Esh

Due to inclement weather the repairs (treatment of rust areas) have not been carried out.

Clerk to chase this matter up with the contractor (NJC Wrought Iron) and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

080/09 Planning Matters

Former Hippodrome building at Langley Park.

No details received from the Planning Officer.

Clerk to chase this matter up and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

115/09 Planning Matters

The Co-operative, Langley Park (advertising consent).

No details received from the Planning Officer.

Clerk to chase this matter up and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

118/09 Sir Bobby Robson Park

Notices

Agenda Item No.16

121/09 Citizens Advice Bureau

Use of the Harry Guildford Centre

Awaiting response from the Manager of the Durham Office.

Clerk to chase up this matter and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

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135/09 Correspondence

F) CDALC – Mapping Ordnance Survey.

Awaiting response from Steve Ragg (CDALC). Clerk to chase up this matter and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

G) CDYOS – Projects.

Work completed along Kaysburn Road, it was agreed to extend the work to the footpath from the roundabout up the Lanchester Road. **Clerk to make the necessary arrangements with CDYOS. Other project work is on hold due to the present inclement weather.**

K) Durham Biodiversity Partnership.

Clerk to chase up this matter and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

153/09 Sir Bobby Robson Park

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156/09 All Saints Youth Centre, Langley Park

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169/09 Councillor Vacancies

Agenda Item No.3

170/09 Community Engagement – Statement of Intent

Councillor Training

Clerk to speak to Steve Ragg (CDALC) to arrange the training session in January / February in The Harry Guildford centre, Langley Park.

Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

172/09 Financial Statement and Report

Budget Headings

Agenda Item No.8

174/09 Correspondence

A) DCC – County of Durham School Benevolent Fund; application for funding.
No further details received.

Clerk to chase up this matter and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

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175/09 Recreation Ground Langley Park

Agenda Item No.12

176/09 Area Action Partnership / Parish Councils Committee

Agenda Item No.13

177/09 All Saints Youth Centre Langley Park

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178/09 Library at Langley Park

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179/09 Partnership Sub Committee

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007/10 Financial Statement and report

Members agreed the details of the financial statement (vouchers 176 to 194) and they should be paid; where appropriate confirm the Chairman /Clerk’s action in issuing cheques in advance of the meeting.

The Clerk was unable to produce the financial report for the period ending 31st December 2009 for this meeting.

Members agreed for the Clerk to circulate this report to all Councillors when it is complete and for this item to be placed on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting (February 2010).

008/10 Setting the Precept

The County Council have informed the Parish Council that the Precept request for 2010/11 must be returned by 30th January 2010.

The tax base for 2010/11 has been calculated at 1488.1 (2009/10 figure was 1479.1)

The section 136 Grant payment for 2010/11 will remain the same figure as 2009/10 £13692.

The Double Taxation Grant payment for 2010/11 will remain the same figure as 2009/10 £134.

Members agreed to increase the 2009/10 Precept (£37837) by 2% for the year 2010/11 due to prospective inflationary costs and increased insurance costs. Therefore the Precept figure is £38594 (increase of £757).

The total income from Durham County Council for 2010/11 will be as follows:-

- Precept £38594
- Section 136 Grant £13692
- Double Taxation Grant 134
- Total £52420

For information: - the band D Council Tax for the Parish is calculated by dividing the Precept by the tax base.

Therefore the band D figure for Esh Parish Council (2010/11) is £38594 divided by 1488.1=£25.94 (£25.58 for 2009/10) increase of 0.36pence (1.40% increase)

009/10 Planning Matters

A) MH/1/2009/0749/DMFP (resubmission) – Mr M Quigley

Erection of 2 dwellings on land to the South of 21 Ivy Terrace, Langley Park.

Decision – No Objections.

B) MS/1/2009/0763/DMFP – Mr D Scorer

Erection of single storey extension to the Eastern elevation at Beechcroft, Hill Top, Esh.

Decision – No Objections

010/10 Correspondence

Item for Discussion:-

A) CDALC – Charter Arrangements Local Councils and Durham County Council.

Signing ceremony Saturday 16th January 2010 at 10.00 am Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham (one representative).

Members agreed for the Chairman to attend this ceremony on behalf of the Parish Council.

Item for Information:-

B) Link County Durham – Consultation Documents

i) Age Equality in Health and Social Care

ii) Dealing with Deafness Rehabilitation Week

iii) Royal Pharmaceutical Society – working with you; how to get involved

iv) Pictures of Health – your guide to Local Health Services

C) Gone – later life bulletin; November 2009

D) Durham Association Newsletter December 2009; Issue No.28

E) Link County Durham Newsletter December 2009; Issue No.5

F) Campaign to Protect Rural England Newsletter; winter 2009

G) Allotment Regeneration Initiative Newsletter; autumn 2009

H) Land Registry – Registering your Land; a guild for Town/Parish Councils

I) Langley Park Sports&Social Club – concerns regarding Sports England’s comments to the recent Planning Application.

011/10 Recreation Ground, Langley park

Due to the absence of Councillor Hiles it was agreed to defer this item to the next Parish Council meeting.

012/10 Area Action Partnership/Parish Council Committee

The next meeting of the AAP board is on Wednesday 20th January 2010 at 6.30pm in the Community Centre, Woodview, Langley Park.

The next meeting of the PCC is on Saturday 16th January 2010 at 10.00am in the offices of Brandon&Byshottles Parish Council, Langley Moor.

The Vice Chair Councillor Paula Mollon agreed to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

013/10 All Saints Youth Centre, Langley Park

Building scheduled for demolition in March 2010

014/10 Langley Park Library

Building work continues, scheduled to open this month

015/10 Sir Bobby Robson Park

Clerk to provide an update report to the next Parish Council meeting.

016/10 Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of Esh Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 9th February 2010 In the New Parish Hall, Front Street, Esh, Commencing at 7.00pm.

017/10 Partnership Sub Committee

Due to the absence of Councillor Bowyer it was agreed to defer this item to the next Parish Council meeting.

018/10 Matters Raised by a Resident

Mr Cameron Gordon raised a number of issues. In the time available answers were given expanding on some of the issues raised, however the Chairman explained that as no issues were raised by Mr Gordon prior to attendance for discussion, we could not as a Council re-discuss all the issues already discussed and where appropriate decided upon. Mr Gordon accepted this and the Chairman thanked Mr Gordon for his attendance at the meeting.

**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.**

The meeting finished at 8.15 pm

Signed by the Chairman.....Page6