

ESH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council meeting held in The Village Hall, Quebec on **Tuesday 10th December 2013** commencing at **7.00pm**

Present: Councillors A. Mollon (Chair), B. Armstrong, R. Bowyer, A. Hancock, G. Hawxwell, K. Heartfield, P. Mollon, R. Moralee, M. Renneberg, S. Rothwell and C. Thompson.

Also Present: County Councillor J. Armstrong and G.F. Smith (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillors S. Bell, A. Harling, S. Maddison, M Sands and M. L. Rowland (Deputy Clerk)

139/13 Declaration of Interest
Councillor Heartfield – agenda item 7 (The Tute) and 11 (Allotment Association)
Councillor Hawxwell – agenda item 8 (financial report – voucher 115)

140/13 Representation by Residents
None

141/13 Police Report
Councillor Hawxwell/Heartfield updated the meeting on the Pact meeting held on 3rd December 2013.

14213 Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held 12th November 2013
The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

143/13 Reports
A) Parish
i) Centenary of 1914 – 1918; Memorial Service in 2014
Members agreed to set-up a working party and for the Clerk to co-ordinate a meeting in January 2014.
ii) County Durham Local Plan (Draft)
Parish Boundary (Councillor Rothwell)
Members agreed for the Clerk to contact CDALC (Steve Ragg) regarding the possibility of extending Esh Parish Boundary. Land to the South of Wallnook Lane, Langley Park – outline planning permission (Councillor Bowyer)
Members agreed to wait further details from a local residents group who were preparing a submission to the Local Ombudsman regarding the above planning application.
iii) Volunteer to open/close the gates at Sir Bobby Robson Park. Members agreed for the Clerk plus Chair or Vice Chair or one Council member to interview the candidate (Louise Vanderhoeven, 13 Lambton Street, Langley Park).

B) County Council

County Councillor J. Armstrong reported on the following:-

- Wallnook Lane – works to drainage/flooding problems (£15,000 cost)
- Condition of bridge on Wallnook Lane – present one is to be replaced
- Works at Esh Bank Road to commence 13th January 2014
- Withdrawal of funding for caretakers (DCC) – Woodview Community Centre

- Sports & Social Club gate at Garden Avenue – DCC own footpath, permission would be required for vehicles to cross over it.
- Works to St. Johns churchyard, Quebec – new access.

C) Chair's**No Report****D) Members**

i) Poor state of repair of footpaths in Kingsway, Langley Park (Cllr Thompson)

County Councillor Armstrong to take this matter up with Highways (DCC)

ii) Flooding of roads at Esh Hill Top (Councillor Thompson)

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iii) All Saints Youth Centre, Langley Park (Councillor Thompson)

County Councillor Armstrong informed the meeting that the County Council was awaiting a response from the Church Council (owners of the building) but would chase this up with officers (DCC)

iv) Environment Group (Councillor Heartfield)

Seat in place at Front Street, Langley Park

Seat/bins ordered for the Recreation Ground, position of a further two seats to be determined (any comments to Councillor Heartfield).

144/13**The Institute Building, Church Street, Langley Park**

The Clerk reported:-

i) Second instalment paid to builder

ii) Still awaiting details for completion at the Land Registry. Clerk to contact, Council's Solicitors, Community Association's solicitor and CISWO as a matter of urgency

iii) Funding Conditions:-

- That the Management Committee receives support and guidance from Esh Parish Council for a minimum period of three years
- That the Parish Council agrees to underwrite any losses made for a period of three years
- That should the building cease to remain open within the next 10 years, a proportion of the total grant awarded is returned to the Community Foundation/Banks Community fund (pro rata based on the number of years it has remained open).

Councillor B. Armstrong updated the meeting on:-

iv) additional works/overspend (£13,000)

v) funding from County Councillor Budgets

vi) IT Connection/Furniture

vii) Funding application (£10,000)

viii) Furniture from East Durham Partnership

ix) Kitchen supplied by contractor

x) meeting of interested parties on Thursday 12th December in the Harry Guildford Centre, Langley Park, commencing at 6pm

xi) Allocation of funds by Parish Council – to be placed on the agenda for discussion at the January PC Meeting.

145/13**Financial Statement and Report**

Members agreed the details of the Financial Statement and for Vouchers 110 To 127 should be paid, copy of the report attached to these minutes.

- 146/13 Application for funding – Matthew Brown, 11 Maplewood Court, Langley Park**
 A copy of a letter dated 10th November 2013 from Mr Brown was sent to all Councillors via email.
 Members agreed to support this application and for the Langley Park Youth Partnership to donate £100 towards the operation Wallacea Conservation Expenditure to Indonesia.
- 147/13 Management of Recreation Ground, Langley Park**
 Copy of a letter dated 22nd November 2013 from Hodgson & Angus Solicitors was sent to all Councillors via email.
 Members noted that the land was transferred to the Council by the then Trustees of the Miners Welfare Fund and the conveyance shows the land is held in the name of the Parish Council and not the Trustees on behalf of the Council. As such any liability attaches to the Council and not individual Council Members. Any liability will lie with the Council and the Council should have appropriate insurance in place.
- 148/13 Allotment Association (update)**
 Copy of an e-mail from the Secretary of the Association dated 2nd December 2013 was sent to all Councillors via e-mail.
 Members agreed the following amendments to the Tenancy Agreement:-
 Paragraph 3,5,8.1 and 18
 The following requires further amendment paragraph 8.14 should read
 “children’s play equipment, for example trampolines and swing sets should not be installed on the plots”. (Remove any referral to Health & Safety regulations).
 Members further agreed that the Allotment Association has the power to remove children’s trampolines from two allotment plots.
- 149/13 Planning Applications**
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| A | |
| NO | CE/13/01412/FPA |
| APPLICANT | JOHN SIMPSON CIVILS LTD |
| LOCATION | UNIT 7, LANGLEY PARK NORTH IND ESTATE |
| PROPOSAL | DEMOLISHISH EXISTING BRICK BUILDING AND REPLACE WITH METAL FABRICATION BUILDING |
| DECISION | No OBJECTION (Any further comments by Councillors to the Clerk) |
| B | |
| NO | 1/2013/0537/DMTP |
| APPLICANT | MR E FARRELL |
| LOCATION | 15 WILLOW PARK, LANGLEY PARK |
| PROPOSAL | FELLING OF ONE ALDER AND TWO ASH TREES (TPO67) |
| DECISION | No OBJECTION (Any further comments by Councillors to the Clerk) |

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NO 1/2013/0637/DMFP
APPLICANT MRS BLAND
LOCATION 70 DAVIS CRESCENT, LANGLEY PARK
PROPOSAL INSTALLATION OF DISABLED ACCESS RAMP TO
FRONT OF DWELLING
**DECISION NO OBJECTIONS (Any further comments by
Councillors to the Clerk)**

**150/13 Area Action Partnership / Parish Councils Committee/Small
Councils Forum**
Next AAP Board meetings **11th December 2013** at Brandon (6pm) ;
22nd January 2014 at 6pm (New Brancepeth)
Next PCC meeting **18th January 2014** at Lanchester (10am)
Next SCF meeting **14th February 2014** at Spennymoor (2pm)

151/13 Date and Time of the Next Meeting
The next meeting of Esh Parish Council is on Tuesday **14th January 2014**
at The Harry Guildford Centre, Langley Park commencing at 7.00pm

`The meeting finished at 8.17pm

Signed by the Chairman.....page 4