

## ESH PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Esh Parish Council meeting held in The Harry Guildford Centre, Thomas Street, Langley Park on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2011 commencing at 7.00pm**

**Present:** Councillors A. Mollon (Chairman), B. Armstrong, M. Berry, C. Bloor, M. Gordon, A. Harling, A. Hiles, S. Maddison, P. Mollon, S. Rothwell and M. Sands.

**Apologies:** Councillors R. Bowyer and R. Partridge, Mrs M.L. Rowland (Deputy Clerk) Miss P.J. Graham (Assistant Clerk).

**Also Present:** County Councillors J. Armstrong and M. Campbell and G.F. Smith (Clerk).

### **003/11 Declaration of Interest**

Councillors C. Bloor and M. Gordon declared an interest in agenda item No 6A (v) Earl of Durham Allotments

### **004/11 Police Report**

Report from PCSO Steven Liddle circulated at the meeting, from February 2011 PACT meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of every month at Wood View Community Centre, Langley Park, commencing at 6.00pm.

The dates for the first five meetings are as follows:-

1st February 2011

1<sup>st</sup> March 2011

5<sup>th</sup> April 2011

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2011

7<sup>th</sup> June 2011

Separate reports for Parish Council meeting will not be produced but the monthly PACT meeting report will be used as a Parish Council report the following week.

PCSO Liddle can be contacted on the following:-

Telephone: 03456060365

E-mail: [steven.liddle@durham.pnn.police.uk](mailto:steven.liddle@durham.pnn.police.uk)

In addition to the Police report a report from Stewart Liddle, DCC Neighborhood Warden was circulated at the meeting. Details included:-

Langley Park

- Regular vehicle/foot patrols of area, with emphasis on Sir Bobby Robson Memorial Park at present as dog fouling reports and youth nuisance on the park, recently, these issues being littering and alcohol consumption. PCSO's have been informed.
- Untaxed vehicle removed from building site, no owner traced. Fred Henderson recovery removed as DVLA could not move as not parked on highway. Car had been abandoned since September, untaxed from August with an illegal tax disk. Investigation ongoing.
- Letter drop and door knock to advise residents of change to bin schedule due to weather problems.
- Regular patrols on waste collection days as problems with access on the bottom of Park Drive.
- Caravan issued with a 24 hour notice on Dale Street. Currently ongoing.

**005/11 Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2010**

Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**006/11 Matters Arising (non agenda items)**

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**Presentation by a Resident (223/10)**

Carrying out work to unadopted roads

Awaiting details from CDALC/ NALC. Clerk to chase this up as a matter of urgency and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

**Correspondence (130/10)**

M) CDALC – Titles of Dignitary

Awaiting details from CDALC/NALC. Clerk to chase this up as a matter of urgency and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

**Bus Service to Local Swimming Baths (161/10)**

Clerk to chase this up as a matter of urgency and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

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**Correspondence (229/10)**

D) CDALC – Consultation on Service Delegation Scheme (DCC)

Details circulated to all Councillors, any comments/responses to be sent to the Clerk.

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**007/11 Report**

**A) Parish**

Outstanding Item:-

i) Quebec car park – provision of litter and dog bin

AAP funding application form to be completed for the next meeting of the AAP board.

ii) Rachel Davis, 27 Eppleton Close, Langley Park – application for funding awaiting details from CDALC regarding Power of Well Being – Legal Status.

Clerk to chase this up as a matter of urgency and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

iii) Damaged half barrels flower tubs at Esh village green

Due to inclement weather the contractor has been unable to check the state of the tubs.

Clerk to chase this up as a matter of urgency and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

iv) Damaged Tree/s on Esh village green

Due to inclement weather the contractor has been unable to check the state of the tree/s.

Clerk to chase this up as a matter of urgency and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

v) Earl of Durham Allotments – Rats

Clerk updated the meeting with progress (pest control officers of DCC to visit a number of allotment holders to agree the method of treatment).

Clerk to update at the next parish Council meeting.

vi) Council owned garage at Earl of Durham Allotments  
Clerk to chase up quotations for replacement/repair doors and to check with electrical contractor for the burglar alarm system to be installed as a matter of urgency.

**New Items:-**

**Paths at the Recreation Ground, Langley Park**

Councillor Bloor updated the meeting on work carried out by the Parish Paths volunteer group on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

Work also scheduled for Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

Clerk to send a letter of thanks to the group for the work carried out and for the item to be placed in the next edition of the Parish Newsletter.

**B) County Council**

County Councillor J. Armstrong reported:-

- i) County Council funding (including section 136 payments)
- ii) Institute building, Church Street, Langley Park
- iii) Verge hardening
- iv) Review of County Council services
- v) Provision of Planning for unadopted roads
- vi) Funding for Community Development Worker (EQUaL)
- vii) Arranged Ian Hoults to meet with Parish Council

County Councillor Campbell reported:-

- i) Repainting of zebra crossing at Langley Park
- ii) Snow Clearance (snow angels)
- iii) Institute Building, Church Street, Langley Park (security measures)
- iv) Joint working with Probation Service
- v) Additional road safety measures at Langley Park (meeting with Councillor Berry)

**C) Members Report**

Outstanding Items: -

**i) Parking Sign at Quebec Play Area**

Clerk to chase this matter up with the contractor as a matter of urgency and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

**New Item:-**

Provision of dog bins (Councillor Maddison)

Deferred until the next Parish Council meeting.

**008/11 Financial Statement and Report**

Members agreed the details of the Financial Statement (vouchers 195 to 208) and that they should be paid;

Where appropriate confirm the Chairman/Clerk's action in issuing cheques in advance of the meeting.

**009/11 Planning Matters**

A) MS/1/2010/0682/DMAD – Advertising Consent for the erection of one fascia sign at St Cuthbert's Hospice Shop, 26A Quebec Street, Langley Park.

**Decision – Members agreed to raise no objection to this proposal**

**010/11 Correspondence**

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

A) Deerness Valley Junior Football Club - Application for funding

Members agreed not to support this application. Clerk to write to the organisation suggesting other possible funding organisations.

B) Communitasic – The Localism Bill and community planning for rural areas, assistance with production of neighbourhood plan.

Details noted and placed on file for future reference.

C) The Royal British Legion – “Great Poppy Party Weekend” 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> June 2011, planning a successful celebration party.

Details available from the Clerk.

D) S E Landscaping and garden service – company introduction

Details noted and placed on file for future reference.

E) Action for Children – service introduction

Details noted and placed on file for future reference.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:-**

F) CDALC – Electorate numbers for December 2010; 3922 (compared to December 2009; 3805) for Esh Parish Council.

G) HM Revenue & Customs; Annual Return date 19<sup>th</sup> May 2011

H) Clerks and Councils direct magazine; January 2011; issue No.73

I) Campaign to Protect Rural England newsletter; winter 2010

**011/11 Report of the Publicity Committee**

Next meeting to be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2011

**012/11 Report of the Environment Committee**

Minutes of the meeting held 30<sup>th</sup> December 2010 were circulated at the meeting.

Members agreed the report and noted that the Committee was to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month.

**013/11 Report of the Community Partnership (EQUaL) Committee**

Minutes of the meeting held 30<sup>th</sup> December 2010 were circulated at the meeting.

Members agreed the report and noted that Councillor Hiles had agreed to be Chair.

**014/11 Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee**

Minutes of the meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011 were circulated at the meeting.

Members did not agree with the recommendation to raise the Precept by 3% for the financial year 2011/12. Item deferred until agenda item 14 – setting the Precept for 2011/12.

Further discussion took place on:-

i) Review of funding (DCC)

ii) Review of Income, Expenditure and reserves

iii) Review requests for donations

iv) Old IT equipment

v) Review of tuition fees for IT classes

Members agreed that the above would be further discussed at the next meeting of the Committee on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2011.

**015/11 Setting the Precept for 2011/12**

Following notification (verbal) from DCC that the 136 section payment for 2011/12 would be £6843 (50% reduction) and no payment would be made in 2012/13.

Members discussed the various options and agreed by 6 votes to 3 to increase the Precept by 10% for the financial year 2011/12.

(£38594 + 10% = £42453).

**016/11 Area Action Partnership / Parish Councils Committee**

Next meeting of the AAP board is 12th January 2011, At the Village Hall, Brancepeth commencing at 6.00pm

Next Parish Councils Committee meeting is Saturday 15th January 2011 at Brandon & Byshottles Parish Council Officers at Langley Moor commencing at 10.00am

**017/11 Langley Park Needs Survey**

Members agreed to meet with Ciswo (owners of the “Tute”), Langley Park Community Association, County Councillors, AAP Co-ordinator and Durham Rural Community Council to discuss the future of the institute, Church Street, Langley Park.

Members also agreed to refer the document to the Partnership committee for further discussion (i.e. funding etc)

**018/11 All Saints Youth Centre, Langley Park**

Outstanding Items: -

**Reports (068/10)**

1. A) Letter to Chief Executive, DCC
- B) Letter to Inspector Turner, Durham Police
- C) Letter to Natural England
- D) Letter to Health and Safety Executive

No further update, Clerk to chase this matter up as a matter of urgency and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

New Item:-

Members raised concerns at the lack of any progress report from officers at Durham County Council. Clerk to contact the officers for an update report for the next Parish Council meeting.

**019/11 Councillors Vacancy**

The vacancy following the resignation of Councillor Joyce has been reported to the Returning Officer DCC, Awaiting date for the publication of the notice of vacancy of office of Councillor. Clerk to inform all Councillors of details and place the notice on the Council’s notice boards.

**020/11 Date and Time of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Esh Parish Council is on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2011 in The Harry Guildford Centre, Thomas Street, Langley Park, commencing at 7.00pm.

**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 8.55 pm