

ESH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council meeting held in The Harry Guildford Centre, Thomas Street, Langley Park on Tuesday 13th September 2011 commencing at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors A. Mollon (Chair), B. Armstrong, M. Berry, R. Bowyer, J.Carr, M. Gordon, K. Heartfield, A. Hiles, P. Mollon, R. Partridge, M. Renneberg, S. Rothwell and M. Sands.

Apologies: County Councillor M. Campbell, Councillors C.Bloor, Councillor A.Harling, Mrs M.L.Rowland (Deputy Clerk) Miss P.J. Graham (Assistant Clerk).

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

127/11 Declaration of Interest

Councillors M. Gordon and K. Heartfield – agenda item 13 Environment Committee; Allotments.

128/11 Police Report

Copy of PACT report circulated at the meeting. Members noted the following:-

- A) PC Kevin Hall had replaced PC Barry Coulson.
- B) Next multi-agency walkabout 22nd September at 10.00am
- C) Incident at the Sir Bobby Robson Park caught on CCTV. The incident was dealt with by restorative justice (litter pick).

129/11 Minutes of the ordinary meeting held 12th July 2011

Members agreed the minutes as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

130/11 Matters Arising (non agenda items)

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Title of Dignitary – Lady Robson(054/11)

Clerk to make one more attempt to get a response from Lady Robson or her representative, if no response then the request to be withdrawn.

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Correspondence (123/11)

A) Craigs Coaching course (15/19th August)

Clerk reported that an average of 60 young people attended each day (most booked for 5 day sessions).

E) CDALC – Training Sessions

The course (19th October) was over scribed. Members agreed for the Clerk to arrange Training Sessions for 30 minutes prior to each Parish council meeting (6.15 to 6.45pm).

The first session will be on “Powers and Duties of a Local Council”.

131/11 Reports**A) Parish****Outstanding items:-**

i) Tenders for youth provision in Langley Park and surrounding areas.

Tenders to be evaluated on the 15th September. Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

ii) Grasscutting (seats) - work has now been carried out (Clerk to check with DCC regarding the grassed areas around the seats).

New Items:-

1) QPC portfolio submitted 30th August

2) Neighbourhood Warden Report (copy circulated at the meeting and attached to these minutes)

3) Community Engagement – Statement of Intent (copy circulated prior to the meeting via e-mail), any comments/amendments to the Clerk prior to the next Parish Council meeting.

4) Uk online centres – taster session's week commencing 31st October, members agreed for David Rider (IT Officer) to sign-up for this free event "Get Online Week" to be organised in the Gordon Coulson IT Suite, Langley Park.

B) County Council

County Councillor M. Campbell - no report

County Councillor J. Armstrong reported on:-

i) Londis Shop Environment Scheme

ii) Midridge Road (estate road markings)

iii) Repairing of traffic calming island at Low Moor Road

iv) Parking areas (porkies butchers), Front Street, Langley Park

v) Environment scheme at Ivy Terrace

vi) ST Michael's at Esh

vii) Road patching (various areas)

viii) Trees to cut back (overhanging road) in Langley Park to Esh Road

viii) Pot Holes

x) Community Building Report

xi) Proposed new constituencies (Boundary Commission for England)

xii) Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of County Durham

xiii) "The Tute", Church Street, Langley Park

xiv) Ex Derwentside College Building, rear of Church Street, Langley Park

xv) All Saints Youth Centre, Langley Park

xvi) Wallnook Lane, Langley Park – Members wished to thank DCC for the work carried out to repair the footpath and surrounding area (including shoring – up the river bankside)

C) Members Report

Outstanding Items: -

i) Damage to play area at Esh – work complete at a cost of £935 (insurance claim form to be completed).

ii) "Small is Beautiful – but Bigger is Better" Report from Councillor Sands had been approved by the Mid Durham AAP Parish Council Committee and endorsed by the County Durham Association of Local Council (Steve Ragg to lead), Parish Clerk (Geoff Smith) to assist).

132/11 Ex Derwentside College Building, Rear of Church Street, Langley Park

Members agreed for the Clerk to write to DCC to request to retain the covenant on the building for community use only. The use of light engineering works for this building is unacceptable (this type of building should be located on the nearby Industrial Estate).

133/11 All Saints Youth Centre, Langley Park

Updated from Terry Coult (ecologist), DCC

"I am unable to attend the meeting of the Parish Council tonight. The situation remains the same as the last time (13th July), I have written the licence application but until someone can fill in the questions in the application form (section D) to do with over riding public need then I'm afraid it's going nowhere.

The best thing to do is try and get a Structural Surveyor to visit again say the building is unsafe".

Members were very disappointed with this response and agreed the following as a matter of urgency:-

A) Advise Terry Coult to contact Councillor Hiles to complete the missing information on the reasoned statement in support of an application for a European Protected Species Licence (Natural England).

B) For the Clerk to e-mail Terry Collins, DCC (copy to County Councillor Joe Armstrong and County Councillor Bob Young) expressing the Council's concerns on the lack of progress on a number of issues i.e. bat surveys, relocation of bats, bat Boxes, demolition of building and ask for some immediate action.

134/11 Financial Statement and Report

Members agreed the details of the Financial Statement (vouchers 77 to 127) and that they should be paid;

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

Copy of the schedule attached to these minutes.

135/11 Planning Matters

A) CMA/1/54 – Mr J Simpson for variation to Planning Permission (CMA/1/46 at unit 10, Langley Park Industrial Estate.

Decision – Members agreed to raise no objection to the proposed development subject to Neighbouring business being consulted and their views taken into account when making a decision on this application.

B) LM/1/2011/0375/DMFP – Mr N Crompton for erection of two storey garage/store to rear of first floor flat at 27 Front Street, Langley Park.

The Clerk read out a letter from Ute Jenkins (occupier of ground floor shop),

Members were also made aware that Councillor B. Armstrong and K. Heartfield had received e-mails from Mrs Jenkins.

Decision – Members agreed to raise no objection to the proposed development subject to neighbours being consulted and their views taken into account when making a decision on this application.

C) GB/1/2011/0393/DMFP – Mr M Roberts for change of use to BI (light industrial) to manufacturing small, special purpose automated machines, erection of 2.4 metre steel palisade fence to boundary of site at Derwentside College Building, rear of Church Street, Langley Park.

Decision – Members agreed to object to this development on the following:-

1) The building has a covenant in place to be used for community use, this should remain in place.

2) The proposed fencing to the boundary of the site (in appropriate), it would be unsightly in the centre of the village (similar objection to the proposed fencing to the Doctors surgery).

D) TO/1/2011/0355/DMFP – Miss M Newsham for erection of first floor extension above existing garage at 24 Green Court, Esh.

Decision – Members agreed to raise no objection to the proposed development subject to neighbours being consulted and their views taken into account when making a decision on this application.

E) TO/1/2011/0411/DMFP - Mr McKenna for erection of single storey rear extension at 34 Eastern Avenue, Langley Park

Decision – Members agreed to raise no objection to the proposed development subject to neighbours being consulted and their views taken into account when making a decision on this application.

F) TO/1/2011/0418/DMFP – Mr J Kane for raising of roof height by 7.00mm at 3 Ellemore Close, Langley Park.

Decision – Members agreed to raise no objection to the proposed development subject to neighbours being consulted and their views taken into account when making a decision on this application.

G) TO/1/2011/0414/DMTP – Mr D Milner for pruning of one oak tree (TPO 203) at 9 Stargate Close, Langley Park.

Decision – Members agreed for the Clerk to request a copy of the Arborist report and send copy to the Planning Committee for their consideration/recommendation.

H) 1/2011/0452/DMT4 – Arquiva Services Ltd for replacement equipment and cabinet for existing telecommunication mast at North farm, Low Moor Road, Langley Park.

Decision – Members agreed to raise no objection to the proposed development subject to neighbours being consulted and their views taken into account when making a decision on this application.

136/11 Correspondence

Items for Discussion:-

A) Mrs D.R Speed, 20 George Street, Langley Park – various concerns

Members agreed for the clerk to forward a copy of the letter to DCC and Durham Police and for the Clerk to inform Mrs Speed of the Council's decision.

B) Andy Coulthard, AAP Co-ordinator – meeting with residents of Railway Street, Langley Park.

Members noted the contents and would await the feedback from the residents before making any decision on the area of land in question.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:-

C) Mid Durham AAP – Road Safety Task Group notes – Working with businesses at Langley Park Industrial Estate

D) Local Government Boundary Commission – Acknowledgement of submission

E) Willow Burn Derwentside Hospice Care Foundation – Acknowledgement of unsuccessful funding application

F) County Durham Link Newsletter; August 2011; issue No 35

G) AMC Bank – Closure of high interest cheque account

H) CDALC – Newsletter; August 2011

I) Local Council Review magazine; Autumn 2011

J) Clerks and Council Direct; September 2011; issue No 77

K) Local Councils Update; August 2011; issue No 142

L) Local Councils Update; September 2011; issue No 143

M) Durham Rural Community Council; Newsletter

137/11 Community – Partnership (EQUaL) Committee

Members noted the following matters which were discussed by the committee on 1st September 2011:-

- 1) Councillor Hiles was selected as Chair/Portfolio Holder.
- 2) Committee to meet on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7.00pm.
- 3) Community Forum to be held on Monday 14th November at Wood View Community Centre from 7.00 to 9.00pm (item to be placed in the next edition of the Parish Council's Newsletter end of October/beginning of November). Councillor Hiles to set the scene and then break-up into discussion groups, Members agreed to support this event.
- 4) Training Area, Sports and Social Club, Langley Park – planning approval with parking conditions. Members agreed to raise a letter of appeal to lift the planning restrictions (cost £85).
- 5) The Tute, Church Street, Langley Park – roofing contractor to commence on site Thursday 15th September 2011.
- 6) Litter Picking at the Recreation Ground – Members agreed to continue the monthly litter pick (cost £25).
- 7) Luncheon Club (Tuesday/Wednesday) – ends 28th September 2011.
- 8) Baths Bus for ladies group (Langley Park) – funding forms to complete.
- 9) Langley Park Mining Memorial Group (update).
- 10) AAP Funding for Youth provision – evaluation on 15th September 2011.
- 11) Next meeting 6th October 2011.

138/11 Environment Committee

Members noted the following matters which were discussed by the Committee on 1st September 2011:-

- 1) Councillor Bowyer was selected as Chair/Portfolio Holder.
- 2) Allotment Sites (update).
- 3) Meeting with DCC Officers regarding allotment sites at Langley Park and Quebec.
- 4) Grass cutting contract (update).
- 5) Sweeping of Parking Area, Front Street, Langley Park (Councillor Berry and Renneberg were arranging to place No Parking Signs prior to the County Council appearing on site)
- 6) Highway Issues (reminder to DCC)
- 7) Additional Trees in the Parish (referred to community forum for further discussion).
- 8) Cleaning of bus shelters (awaiting rota from DCC).
- 9) Councillor Berry updated the committee on parking on grassed verges in Langley Park (meeting with DCC officer Gordon Whingrove).
- 10) Next meeting 6th October 2011 (8.00pm).

139/11 Finance and General Purposes Committee

Members noted the following matters which were discussed by the committee on 31st August 2011:-

- 1) Councillor Gordon was selected as Chair/Portfolio Holder.
- 2) Further meeting to be held on Thursday 22nd September 2011 at 6.00pm to discuss:-
 - i) Income/Expenditure for year ending 31st March 2012
 - ii) Financial Plan 2011/2016
- 3) Special Parish Council meeting (provisional) Tuesday 27th September 2011 at 7.00pm

140/11 Planning Committee

Councillor Bloor was selected as Chair/Portfolio Holder.

141/11 Publicity Committee

Councillor Gordon was selected as Chair/Portfolio Holder.

142/11 Area Action Partnership / Parish Councils Committee

Next AAP Board meeting: - Wednesday 14th September at 6.00pm in the Catholic Hall, Esh Winning.

Next PCC meeting: - Saturday 17th September at 10.00am in the Harry Guildford Centre, Langley Park

143/11 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of Esh Parish Council is on Tuesday 11th October 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 8.30 pm

Signed by the Chairman.....Page 6