

ESH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council meeting held in The Harry Guildford Centre, Thomas Street, Langley Park on **Tuesday 13th March 2012** commencing at **7.00pm**

Present: Councillors A. Mollon (Chair), B. Armstrong, M. Berry, J. Carr, M. Gordon, A. Harling, K. Heartfield, M. Renneberg, and M. Sands.

Apologies: Councillors C. Bloor, S. Maddison, P. Mollon, R. Partridge, S. Rothwell, County Councillor J. Armstrong and M. L. Rowland (Deputy Clerk)

Also Present: G. F. Smith (Clerk)

038/12 Declaration of Interest

Councillors M. Gordon and K. Heartfield – agenda item 7 – Allotments.

039/12 Police Report

Copy of the PACT report circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting, copy attached to these minutes.

040/12 Minutes of the ordinary meeting held 14th February 2012

Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

041/12 Matters Arising (non agenda items)

None.

042/12 Minutes of a Special meeting held on 23rd February 2012

Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

43/12 Matters Arising

a) EQUaL Partnership – charity status (registration) A. Hiles (Trustee and Chair) R. Bowyer (Trustee and Treasurer) and Esh Parish Council (Trustee).

b) Clerk awaiting draft lease for the “Tute”, circulate Councillors with details received.

44/12 Allotments

Clerk had a document regarding the number of allotment holders who had indicated that they agreed with setting up an Allotment Association to take over the running of the allotment sites. Clerk to contact the remaining allotment holders who have not responded to the questionnaire, meet with allotment holders representatives (30th March) and report any progress to the next Parish Council meeting.

045/12 Reports

A) Parish

Outstanding items: -

i) Zurich Insurance PLC

Clerk has contacted CDALC/NALC and was still awaiting a response was on its way, Clerk to update at the next Parish Council meeting.

ii) Youth Provision

Councillor Armstrong was still awaiting confirmation from DISC when the scheme is to be starting (possible March?). The AAP co-ordinator had been informed and he was trying to set up a meeting with the relevant organisations.

iii)rat problem at the E of D allotments/Garden Avenue

The Clerk had received an estimate from DCC (John Bevils) to carry out the work:-
 purchasing boxes @£33 each (estimated 80 gardens @2 boxes per garden) = £891
 visits to gardens 8 per year @£120 per visit = £960

Total costs =£1851

Members noted the costs

iv) Olympic Torch – 16th June 2012

no further details

v) appointment of internal auditor

Mr Harris had left the area, members agreed to appoint Gavin Richards (Langley Park Post Office)

B) County Council

County Councillor M. Campbell - no report

Members were concerned that County Councillor Campbell has not attended a Parish Council meeting for some months. Clerk to write a letter asking Councillor Campbell to attend the next Parish Council meeting.

County Councillor J. Armstrong (sent a report on):-

i) Enforcement notice at 8 Esh Terrace, Langley Park – complied by the owner/occupier

ii) “Blight site” initiative – All Saints Youth Centre, Langley Park

C) Members Report

Outstanding Items: -

Provision of dog fouling bags (Councillor Heartfield)

Clerk awaiting details from the Parish Clerks, report to the next Parish Council meeting.

New Items:-

1) Neighbourhood Warden, Stuart Liddle (Councillor Berry)

Councillor Berry reported that Stuart would be leaving on 31st March. Member agreed for the Clerk to write to him thanking him for the service he provided to the Parish.

2) Siting of Christmas tree outside “Porkies”, Front Street, Langley Park (Councillor Berry)
 Steven Craig (DCC) to investigate area and report back to Councillor Berry.

3) Entrance to the Village (Councillor Berry)

Councillor Berry talking to Diggerland and will produce an update report to the Environment Committee.

4) Recreation Ground, Langley Park (Councillor Berry)

Clerk to check Governance document regarding upkeep of the football field area and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

5) Old Fire Station building (Councillor Berry)

Following a recent walkabout meeting it was agreed for the Parish Council to contact Derwentside College with concerns on the poor state of the building, young people congregating around this area and possible access into the building.

6) Area of land at Railway Street, Langley Park (Councillor Berry/Armstrong)

Clerk to check old files and prepare a report for the next Parish Council meeting.

7) Youth Engagement Service (Councillor Armstrong)

Councillor Armstrong reported that the service was available to carry out work within the Parish (clean-up days at the Institute and Recreation ground).

046/12 The Tute, Church Street, Langley Park

Awaiting Lease details from the Council’s Solicitors. Awaiting amended floor plans from County Council. Councillor Armstrong reported that a funding Officer from DCC was available to assist with funding application forms etc.

047/12 All Saints Youth Centre, Langley Park

DCC (Graham Davison) had convened a meeting of relevant Officers (Public Health, Planning, Ecologist and legal) and agreed a way forward. The action agreed was to establish the owner of the premises, review the existing section 79 notice to see whether it can be relied upon. If it can be relied upon then consideration will be given to prosecuting the owners for non-compliance with notice. Mr Davison is collecting the views of various groups to gather evidence regarding anti-social behaviour to establish a possible way forward.

Detailed update to be provided to County Councillor Armstrong

048/12 Financial Statement and Report

Members agreed the details of the Financial Statement and for Vouchers 228 to 250 should be paid, copy of the report attached to these minutes.

Copy of report attached to these minutes.

049/12 Correspondence**Items for information:-**

- a) HMR & Customs – information
- b) Finchale Training College – application for funding
- c) Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine; march 2012
- d) Local Councils Review magazine; spring 2012
- e) DCC Children's Network – professional pack

050/12 Community Partnership (EQUaL)/Environment Committee

Copy of the minutes of the Committee held on 1st March 2012 are attached to the Minutes.

Members noted the following:-

- a) Councillor Hiles to Chair this joint meeting
- b) Use of Youth Engagement Service for clean up days at the Tute and Recreation ground
- c) Request DCC (Neighbourhood Warden) to produce/deliver a letter drop regarding parking on the grassed area at the Aged Miners Homes, Langley Park
- d) Speeding of vehicles leaving Langley Park along Kaysburn Road (details to the Police)

051/12 Finance and General Purposes Committee

Copy of the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 6th March 2012 attached to these minutes.

Members agreed the following:-

- a) Budget allocation for 2012/13
- b) Produce a Parish Plan (3 years)
- c) Establish a Parish Plan Working Party (Councillor Armstrong, Gordon, Harling, Rennebergh and Sands) reserve Councillor Carr. Clerk to arrange a meeting as soon as possible

052/12 Planning Committee**Members considered the following applications:-**

A)1/2012/0077/DMTP by Mr D Rowe for various tree works to one Ash tree (TPO203) at 18 Hawthorne Close, Langley Park.

DECISION - No objections subject to neighbours being consulted

B) 1/2012/0071/DMFP by Mr A. Hammond for erection of Garden Room extension to front of Plum Tree House, Esh

DECISION – No objections subject to neighbours being consulted

053/12 Publicity Committee

No Report

054/12 Area Action Partnership / Parish Councils Committee

Next AAP Board meeting 16th May 2012 (AGM) New Brancepeth Village Hall

Next PCC meeting: - 24th March 2012 at the office of Lanchester Parish Council commencing at 10.00am.

055/12 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of Esh Parish Council is on Tuesday **10th April** 2012 commencing after the Annual Parish meeting which starts at 7.00pm in the Harry Guildford Centre, Thomas Street, Langley Park.

The meeting finished at 8.30 pm

Signed by the Chairman.....Page 4