

ESH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council meeting held in Parish Hall, Front Street, Esh on **Tuesday 12th June 2012** commencing at **7.00pm**

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

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

Apologies: Councillors: R. Bowyer, R. Partridge, S. Rothwell and M. L. Rowland (Deputy Clerk)

095/12 Declaration of Interest

Councillors C. Bloor, M. Gordon and K. Heartfield – agenda item 8 – Allotments.

096/12 Police Report

PACT report circulated at the meeting. Councillor Berry updated the meeting on the Pact meeting that had been held prior to the Parish Council meeting. He reported that 5 residents were in attendance and the priorities were to develop Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, speeding traffic, parking vehicles, working more closely with DCC Neighbourhood Warden and the next walkabout in Langley Park would take place on Wednesday 13th June at 1.00pm

097/12 Minutes of the AGM held 8th May 2012

Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

098/12 Matters Arising (non agenda items)

None.

099/12 Minutes of the ordinary meeting held 8th May 2012

Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

100/12 Matters Arising (non agenda items)

None.

101/12 Allotments

Councillor B. Armstrong reported that the allotment association had agreed a constitution and set up a bank account, they were preparing funding application forms.

The Clerk reported that he was still working on the proposed transfer documentation and would be reporting to the next Environment Working Party (July).

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102/12 Reports**A) Parish****Outstanding items: -**

i) Zurich Insurance PLC

The Clerk read from an e-mail received from Jane Moore, Solicitor with National Association of Local Councils "There are no specific legal issues that I can advise on this matter. The Council could put to its insurers that it has been advised by its previous insurance company that all of its files were handed over when the present insurers took over and as such the Council is of the view that the insurance company should have a record of this information and the council should not be obliged to produce the policy numbers. Ideally in my view the council would have still kept details of the policy numbers for its records and I would advise it to do from now on"

New Items:- None

B) County Council**County Councillor J. Armstrong (Reported on):-**

- I. Bus stop on Low Moor Road, Langley Park
- II. Bus Stop near Stringer Terrace, Langley Park
- III. Fly tipping by developer at Springwell Avenue (agreed to re-instate)
- IV. Olympic Torch
- V. Cutting of Hedges and grass at Low Moor Road
- VI. Village entrance feature (Stringer terrace) at Langley Park
- VII. Drainage problem in Langley Park (Councillor Berry to e-mail County Councillor Armstrong with details).
- VIII. Fly posting/advertising on Bus Shelters (Councillor Berry to contact Andy Leadbitter of DCC)

C) Members Report**Outstanding Items: -**

- i) Quebec Notice Board - revarnishing
The Clerk had issue an order for the works to Jeremy Cassidy
- ii) Dog Foul bin opposite Quebec Play area car park
The Clerk was awaiting response from DCC (Alec Bland)
- iii) Esh Notice Board – renew lock
The Clerk had issue an order for the works to Jeremy Cassidy

New Items:-

- iv) Supporting older residents during severe weather conditions (Councillor Sands)
Members agreed to agenda this item for the July meeting
- v) Retirement of Head Teacher at Langley Park Primary School (Councillor Bloor)
Members agreed for the Clerk to send a card to Miss Brennan from the Parish Council. Also representatives from the Partnership Working Party to meet the new head teacher (Michael Gardner), to help develop further joint working arrangements with the Parish Council.

103/12 The Tute, Church Street, Langley Park

The Clerk reported that he was to meet with the Council's Solicitor to discuss the lease between CISWO and the Parish Council.

Councillor Armstrong informed the meeting on the following:-

- a) Asbestos check of the building by DCC (satisfactory)
- b) Clean-up of the building (internal), work given to Jeremy Cassidy
- c) Rain damage to porch & front door, work given to Jeremy Cassidy
- d) E-mail contact with CISWO (Kevin Kelly) regarding consent for the proposed alterations, details on the management group

Approximate costs of funding, business plan, use of the building and the present circumstances of the Community Association.

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Langley Park and District Community Association (Alison Spenceley, secretary) informing the Parish Council that the Association have not insured the building. Clerk to check with the Council's Insurance Company regarding cover under public liability Insurance.

104/12 All Saints Youth Centre, Langley Park

County Councillor Armstrong informed the meeting that Officers from DCC had written to the owners regarding the State of the building and possible demolition. The problem of bats can be resolved.

105/12 Langley Park Mining Memorial Group

Members agreed for the Clerk to write to committee members of this group regarding the balance of funds held by the group and the possibility of some joint working with the Tute Working Party (Councillor Armstrong and Clerk to meet with Ann Suddick).

106/12 Financial Statement and Report

Members agreed the details of the Financial Statement and for Vouchers 23 to 38 should be paid, copy of the report attached to these minutes.

107/12 Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2012

Members agreed to defer this item to a Special Council Meeting to be held on Thursday 28th June 2012 at 7.00pm in the Harry Guildford Centre, Thomas Street, Langley Park.

108/12 Correspondence**Items for information:-**

- a) Durham Citizens advice bureau – receipt for financial contributions for the period 1st January to 30th June 2012
- b) Audit Commission – appointment of BDO as External Auditors for 2012/13 and future years.
- c) Miss Mandy Donaldson, 20 Front Street, Langley Park – request for work experience at the Parish Council's Office. Members agreed for the Clerk to meet Miss Donaldson and report to the next Parish Council meeting.
- d) Local Council; update; issue no 151 dated May 2012
- e) County Durham Link magazine; issue no 12 dated spring 2012
- f) Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine, issue no 81 dated May 2012
- g) Local Council review magazine

109/12 Environment Working Party

The (EWP) met on the 7th June and reviewed the Three Year Plan and noted that the Clerk was making arrangements for the Planning Officer, Highways Officer and Mr Cassidy to meet to move forward the training area at the Sports & Social Club, Langley Park

110/12 Community Partnership (EQUaL) Working Party

No report

112/12 Finance and General Purposes Working Party

Members agreed to set up a Personnel Committee (Councillors Gordon, A. Mollon and Sands) to discuss staffing matters. Next meeting of the working party scheduled to meet week commencing 18th June 2012.

112/12 Planning Working Party

Chair to meet with Councillor Bloor to discuss the three year plan and parish/neighbourhood plans:-

Members considered the following applications:-

A) 1/2012/0210/DMTP by Durham County Council to crown raise, deadwood and pruning of three oak trees (TPO 203) at land adjacent to 2 Stargate Close, Langley Park.

DECISION – No objections subject to neighbours being consulted

113/12 Publicity Working Party

No Report

114/12 Area Action Partnership / Parish Councils Committee

Next AAP Board meeting 11th July 2012 at Burnhope WMC (6pm)

Next PCC meeting: - 23rd June 2012 at Lanchester (10am)

Next SMCF meeting 17th August 2012 at Sedgefield (2pm)

115/12 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of Esh Parish Council is on Tuesday **10th July** 2012 at the Harry Guildford Centre, Thomas Street, Langley Park commencing at 7.00pm

The meeting finished at 8.30 pm

Signed by the Chairman.....Page 4