

ESH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council meeting held in The Harry Guildford Centre, Thomas Street, Langley Park on **Tuesday 9th October 2012** commencing at **7.10pm**

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

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

Apologies: Councillors: J. Carr, S. Maddison and M L Rowland (Deputy Clerk).

158/12 Declaration of Interest

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

159/12 Police Report

No report received

160/12 Minutes of the ordinary meeting held 11th September 2012

Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

161/12 Matters Arising

A) Letter of resignation by Councillor M. Berry

Following a meeting between the Chair, Vice Chair and Councillor Berry to discuss the reasons behind the resignation. Councillor Berry wished the resignation to be upheld, therefore members reluctantly agreed to accept the resignation and for the Clerk to:-

- i) write a letter to Councillor Berry thanking him for his service to the Parish
- ii) Inform the Returning Officer at DCC of the resulting vacancy and for the appropriate notice to be placed on the Council's notice boards.

B) Residents Association for Langley Park

Residents are keen to support this idea, EQUaL'S Community Development Officer (M L Rowland) to give support to the group.

C) Preperation for Christmas 2012

Councillor Heartfield updated the meeting on development of a environment group (volunteers) regarding funding for the tree in Langley Park.

162/12 Minutes of a Special meeting on 28th September 2012

Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

163/12 Matters Arising

None

164/12 Allotments

Copies of the Management Agreement and Tenancy Agreement proposed by the Allotment Association would be sent to all Councillors via email for any comments by Friday 19th October.

Special meeting of Allotments Working Party (Councillors Sands, P. Mollon and S. Rothwell) together with Committee members of the Langley Park Allotments Association to be held on Tuesday 23rd October at 12 noon in the Parish Office.

165/12

Reports**A) Parish**

i) Letter from Esh Residents Association and Neighbourhood Watch

The Clerk read out the letter from the above organisation requesting support from the Parish Council in respect of Insurance cover for the Christmas Tree in Esh.

Members agreed for the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements with the Council's Insurance Company (Zurich) and to inform the Association when the details have been confirmed.

ii) Letter from Esh Residents Association

The Clerk read out a letter from the above organisation regarding permission to place several animal sculptures around the village. Risk assessments have been carried out by DCC (Keith Jameson). Permission should be sent from Landowner, map of proposed sites were circulated at the meeting. Members agreed to support this project although the sculptures are not being placed on Parish Council Land.

iii) Railway Path Master Plan meeting 13th September 2012 on developments on this project.

The Clerk/Councillors Renneberg and Heartfield updated the meeting further meeting to be held on 10th October, update at the next Parish Council meeting.

B) County Council

County Councillor J. Armstrong (Reported on):-

- I. Work to bus lay-bys at Stringer Terrace, Langley Park
- II. Future of Wood View Community Centre
- III. Withdrawal of funding for training area at the Sports and Social Club, Langley Park (fund to be transferred into section 106 allocations)
- IV. Environment fund for works at Railway Street
- V. Cutting back trees at The Fold, Quebec by DCC
- VI. Concerns on editorial for latest edition of Parish Newsletter

B) Chair's

- I. Thanks to the Editor (Julie Carr) on the latest Parish Newsletter
- II. Meeting with Councillor Berry
- III. Working Parties – Some appear to be working better than others. Members were asked for their thoughts and ideas to the Chair
- IV. Council's Website – is in need on updating/revamping. Members were asked for their thoughts and ideas to the Chair.
- V. Remembrance Sunday (11th November) – arrangements agreed for the laying of the wreaths

C) Members

Outstanding items:-

- I. Rubbish bin opposite Quebec Play area Car Park (Councillor B Armstrong) - now in place
 - II. Renew lock at Esh Notice Board (Councillor Sands) – still outstanding
- New items:-
- III. E-Tape Cycle Ride 7th October (Esh Village Route). Councillor Gordon raised concerns regarding marshalling at various points in the village, more details and contact details will be provided by Councillor Gordon to the Clerk.

- IV. Damage to the Weir at Browney/Wallnook Lane area (Councillor Bowyer). Clerk to write to Environment Agency
- V. Working Party recommendations (agenda items) (Councillor B. Armstrong) Clerk/Chair to check details with NALC/CDALC/SLCC and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

166/12 Financial Statement and Report

Members agreed the details of the Financial Statement and for Vouchers 91 to 102 should be paid, copy of the report attached to these minutes.

167/12 Correspondence

Items for information:-

- a) Local Councils update; October 2012
- b) CDALC – Annual General Meeting 3rd Nov at County Hall commencing at 10.30 am

168/12 Finance and General Purposes Working Party

Minutes of a meeting held on 4th October 2012 were circulated at the meeting

Councillor Gordon raised the following recommendations:-

- a) Use of scan management (scan of old documents) – approximate cost £400. Following a demonstration prior to the meeting. Members agreed to proceed with the first phase (front office files) at a cost of £400. cost of files in garage to be estimated and further reported to a future Parish Council meeting (voting 7 for, 2 against and 2 abstention)

169/12 Community Partnership (EQUaL) Working Party

Minutes of the meeting held 3rd October were circulated at the meeting. The Clerk reported that a walkabout at the Recreation Ground has been arranged for Saturday 13th October at 10.am meeting at the bottom gate, all Councillors welcome (party to be led by Councillor Hiles).

170/12 Environment Working Party

No report. Chair raised concerns that perhaps the scope of this Working Party was too extensive and asked for comments.

171/12 Planning Working Party

Planning Applications were received for the following:-

- A) 1/2012/0317/DMFP by Mrs L. Witherspoon for demolition of vacant storage building and construction of a new 3 storey dwelling at 1a Prospect House, Front Street, Langley Park.

Decision – No Objections

- B) 1)2012/0407/DMFP by Mr B Abbott for erection of summerhouse to the rear of 18 Willow Park. Langley park

Decision – No Objections

- C) 1/2012/0465/DMFP by Mr J. Tate for raising decking and erection of privacy screening to the rear of 10 Front Street, Esh

Decision – No Objections

D) 1/2012/0494/DMVP by Dr. J. Broome for application to vary conditions to reduce area of final barn conversation at Biggen House Farm, Esh
Decision – No Objections

E)1/2012/0505/DMTP by Mr Lilly for Felling 1 Oak Tree (T1) and Crown reduce the east side canopy of 2nd Oak Tree (T2) at 7 Ramshaw Close, Langley Park
Decision – No Objections

F)1/2012/0474/DMFP by Mr M Bickerton for retrospective application for raised decking in rear garden at 14 Hilltop Walk, Langley Park
Decision – No Objections

172/12 Publicity Working Party

Minutes of the meeting held 31st July were circulated prior to the meeting. Next deadline for articles is 23rd November 2012.

173/12 The Tute Working Party

No Report
Clerk/Councillor Armstrong to contact CISWO regarding lease conditions.
Clerk to contact the Councils Solicitor regarding Lease (not received). ongoing work with officials of Big Lottery Fund.

174/12 Personnel Committee

Ongoing work with contracts of Employments, Job Descriptions and Staff Appraisals.

175/12 Area Action Partnership / Parish Councils Committee/Medium and Small Councils Forum/Dates of Council's Working Parties

Next AAP Forum meeting 14th November at Brandon Community School (6pm)
Next PCC meeting: - 20th October at the Harry Guildford Centre (10am)
Next MSCF meeting 16th November 2012 at Spennymoor (2pm)
Next Finance Working Party 6th Nov (6.30pm)
Next Community Partnership (EQUaL) Working Party 5th December (7pm)
Next Environment Working Party 22nd November (6.30pm)

176/12 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of Esh Parish Council is on Tuesday **13th November 2012** at the Village Hall, Front Street, Quebec commencing at 7.00pm

The meeting finished at 8.35 pm