

## ESH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council meeting held in The Harry Guildford Centre, Thomas Street, Langley Park on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2013** commencing at **7.31pm**

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

**Also Present:** County Councillor J. Armstrong, D Rider (IT Officer) and G.F. Smith (Clerk)

**Apologies:** M. L. Rowland (Deputy Clerk)

**055/13 Declaration of Interest**

Councillor K. Heartfield declared an interest in Agenda Item 9 Langley Park Allotment Association.  
Councillor B Armstrong declared an interest in Agenda Item 11- Planning Applications.

**056/13 Police Report**

Copy of the PACT report ( 2/4/13 to 5/5/13) was circulated at the meeting. Councillor Renneberg updated the meeting on items discussed at PACT meeting (7<sup>th</sup> May).  
Next PACT meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> June at Wood View Community Centre (6pm)

**057/13 Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**058/13 Reports**

**A) Parish – No Report**

**B) County Council**

**County Councillor J. Armstrong reported on the following:-**

i)Verge hardening at Aged Miners Homes, Langley Park

ii)Village Walkabout

iii) Report on Road/Fencing – Esh to Langley Park

County Councillor B. Armstrong reported on the following:-

iv) Declaration of Interest for Planning Applications

v) Update on youth provision in Langley Park (Deric Youth Bus to continue to visit Langley Park until September.)

**C) Chair's – No report**

**D) Members**

i) Burning of rubbish/smoke from Sports & Social Club, Langley Park (Councillor Renneberg)

Councillor Renneberg updated the meeting on the above concerns, Members agreed for the Clerk to write to DCC(Terry Collins) and also the Environment Agency.

ii)Langley Park Environment group (Councillor Heartfield)

Councillor Heartfield updated the meeting on the work carried out by this group (Stobilee Wetlands, strimming areas around seats/bins, sign posting, sculptures, meeting with staff from Princes Trust, work at youth centre (tidy up) and joint working with pupils from local Primary schools)

iii) Free seat for Langley Park (Councillor Heartfield)  
Councillor Heartfield updated the meeting on the offer from Steve Craig (DCC) of a seat for Langley Park.

Councillor Heartfield suggested an area near the Parish Notice Board, Members agreed with this suggestion subject to the local residents Agreement (Clerk to write a letter to households in Front Street).

**059/13 “The Tute”, Church Street, Langley Park**

The Clerk reported no further update from the Council’s Solicitor regarding a completion date, Also a letter from Beamish Museum expressing an interest in the building, although they don’t have any funding for such a project.

Members agreed for the Clerk to write to Beamish Museum thanking them for their interest but the Parish Council intend to re-furbish the building and bring it back for use by the community.

Councillor B. Armstrong reported on the following:-

**A) Summary of Funding (to be confirmed)**

County Councillors Neighbourhood Budgets 2011/12 and 2012/13	£24133.00
Clothmakers Fund	£5000.00
Mid Durham AAP	£15000.00
LP Derwentside District Council Legacy Monies	£28191.00
Derwentside College – Community Monies sale of Fire Station)	£30000.00
Total	<b>£102324.00</b>

B) Setting up a Management Committee for the building

C) Quotations for the building works

Members agreed the following:-

1) The Parish Council to donate up to £6900 towards the possible shortfall in funding for the building work.

2) The Parish Clerk to arrange for the windows in the outhouse building to be boarded up as soon as possible.

3)The Parish Council to arrange for a Funding Indicator sign to be erected at “The Tute”.

4)The Parish Council to act as the Financial Body for all Income/Expenditure for the refurbishment of the building.

**060/13 The Recreation Ground, Langley Park**

Following the Offer from Nathaniel Litchfield Partners to meet with the Parish Council regarding the latest Outline Planning Application for 400 dwellings near Langley Park and possible work to the Recreation Ground, the Members agreed not to hold a Special meeting and await the outcome of the decision of the County Council’s Planning Committee before making any further decisions.

**061/13 Applications for Funding**

**A) Langley Park Goodwill Association**

Letter of application for funding 4 buses to take local residents to South Shields on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2013 (from the Secretary Amanda Herworth) also enclosed was a bank statement.

**Members agreed to donate £200.00 towards the cost of this event.**

**B) Langley Park Primary School**

Letter of funding for school activities.

Members agreed to donate £300.00 and for the Head Master to inform the Parish Council what the donation would be used for (either by letter or attending a Parish Council meeting)

- 062/13 Langley Park Allotment Association (LPAA)**  
**A) Improvements to the track roads through both allotment sites**  
 Letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> April 2013 from the Chairman of the Association asking for permission for LPAA to carry out the above improvements.  
**Members agreed to this request.**  
**B) Replace the entrance gates at both Allotment Sites**  
 Letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> April 2013 from the Chairman of the Association asking permission for LPAA to carry out the above improvements.  
**Members agreed to this request.**  
 C) Request from LPAA for the Parish Council to pay a contribution towards the water charges at the Earl of Durham Site for water by the tenants of the smallholdings.  
 Members agreed to contribute £100 per annum towards the costs of providing water for the smallholding sites.
- 063/13 Financial Statement and Report**  
 Members agreed the details of the Financial Statement and for Vouchers 1 to 22 should be paid, copy of the report attached to these minutes.
- 064/13 Planning Applications**  
 Planning Applications were received for the following:-  
 A) Outline Planning Application **1/2013/00225/OUT** by Southlands Management Ltd for the erection of a maximum of 400 dwellings and associated works at land to the South of Wallnook Lane East of Recreation Ground, Langley Park  
**Decision – Members agreed to oppose this development on the following grounds:-**
- Access to/from onto Wallnook Lane and Kaysburn Road
  - Additional traffic onto A691 and surrounding roads
  - Potential flooding of site (historical), including discharging of surface water into river Browney
  - Result of recent consultations with residents
  - Possible inadequate supply of electricity/Broadband
- B) Planning Application 1/2013/0199/ DMFP by Mr A Crick for change of use of Land to side of dwelling at 9 Aged Miners Homes, Quebec.  
**Decision – Members raised concerns** regarding access of road to other properties and that the comments of neighbours should be taken into consideration when deciding this application.
- C) Planning Application 1/2013/0134/DMFP by Ms L Witherspoon to vary Planning Application (1/2012/0317) to change the dwelling to a two storey 3 bed dwelling with reduced footprint at Prospect House, Front Street, Langley Park  
**Decision – No objection**

**065/13 Area Action Partnership / Parish Councils Committee/Small Councils Forum**  
Next AAP Board meeting **12<sup>th</sup> June 2013** at New Brancepeth Village Hall (6pm)  
Next PCC meeting **18<sup>th</sup> May** 2013 at Lanchester (10am)  
Next SCF meeting (to be arranged)

**066/13 Date and Time of the Next Meeting**  
The next meeting of Esh Parish Council is on Tuesday **11<sup>th</sup> June** 2013 at The Harry Guildford Centre, Langley Park commencing at 7.00pm

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**067/13 Financial Savings for 2013/14**  
The Clerk reminded Members that when they set the Precept for 2013/2014 they also agreed to save £5413 from the budget. Members were asked to consider this and also to review the income/expenditure accounts for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 (unaudited) and discuss at the next Parish Council meeting.

The meeting finished at 9.15 pm

Signed by the Chairman.....Page 4