

ESH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council meeting held in The Harry Guildford Centre, Thomas Street, Langley Park on **Tuesday 11th June 2013** commencing at **7.00pm**

Present: Councillors A. Mollon (Chair), R. Allaker, B. Armstrong, S. Bell, R. Bowyer, A. Hancock, A. Harling, G. Hawxwell, K. Heartfield, S. Maddison, P. Mollon, R. Moralee and M Sands.

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

Apologies: Councillors M. Renneberg, S. Rothwell, C. Thompson and M. L. Rowland (Deputy Clerk)

- 070/13 Declaration of Interest**
Councillor B Armstrong declared an interest in Agenda Item 16- Planning Applications.
- 071/13 Representation by Residents**
None Present
- 072/13 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 14th May 2013**
Agreed as a true and signed by the Chairman
- 073/13 Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held 14th May 2013**
Amendment
Page 2 minute 059/13 – The Tute; summary of funding £241.33 should read “£24133.00” subject to the above amendment they were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 074/13 Minutes of a Special Meeting held on 28th May 2013**
Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 075/13 Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Councillor**
New Councillors signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form, countersigned by the Clerk and witnessed by the Councillors present at the meeting (Councillor Thompson had signed the form prior to the meeting in the Clerk’s office).
- 076/13 Declaration of Interest Forms**
All Councillors had been sent (via post) the latest amended form to complete and hand to the Clerk as soon as possible. The Clerk would forward a copy onto the County Council’s Monitoring Officer.
- 077/13 Police Report**
Copy of the PACT report for the period 6th May to 2nd June 2013 were circulated at the meeting.
Councillor Heartfield updated the meeting on items discussed at the PACT meeting (4th June).
Next PACT meeting – 2nd July at Wood View Community Centre (6pm)

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Reports**A) Parish**

i)The Clerk asked for permission to use Interplan Signs for the sign at the Sir Bobby Robson Park (original supplier for Esh and Quebec play areas). This would save on design costs.

Members agreed for the Clerk to negotiate with Interplan Signs.

ii)Request from Esh Residents Association for the Parish Council to organise the beating of the Parish Boundary walk on Rogation Sunday (May).

Members agreed to re-introduce the Parish walk in January and May each year, Councillor Harling volunteered to be the walk leader. Clerk to inform the Esh Residents Association, item to be placed in the Parish Newsletter and on the Council's web site.

iii)Damage to guttering and downpipes at "The Tute"

The Clerk reported that vandalism had recently taken place at the Tute and the cost of replacing the damage guttering and downpipes would be £90.00.

Members agreed for the Clerk to arrange for the work to be carried out as soon as possible.

B) County Council

County Councillor J. Armstrong reported on the following:-

- I. Flooding at Herrington Close, Langley Park
- II. Meeting with Langley Park Allotment Association
- III. Sale of Ex-Fire Station, Langley Park
- IV. Clearing of ditch near Midridge Road, Langley Park (Clerk to email C C Armstrong)
- V. Allotments at Quebec (Clerk to e-mail Richard Huggins, DCC)

C) Chair's – No report

D) Members

i) Stobbilee Allotment site, Langley Park (Councillor Bowyer) complaint regarding dogs being left overnight on the allotment site, Clerk to write to Richard Huggins DCC).

ii)Langley Park Environment group (Councillor Heartfield) Councillor Heartfield updated the meeting on the work carried out by this group on the Stobbilee Wetlands site (picnic table, litter bins, awaiting sculptures).

iii)Litter bin/dog fouling bin for Recreation Ground, Langley Park – football pitch area (Councillor Heartfield).

Members agreed for a bin to be sited in this area and for the emptying of the bin to be carried out by transferring waste to a bin that is being serviced by the County Council.

iv)Railway Path (Councillor Heartfield)

Councillor Heartfield updated the meeting on a proposed funding application to Tesco for seating, bins and signs posts etc (approx £4000)

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"The Tute", Church Street, Langley Park

The Clerk updated the meeting on the latest on completion of the transfer of the property to the Parish Council an e-mail from the Council's Solicitor states "we received a letter today (11th June) to say the Trustees of LPCA didn't know they had to do and hadn't realised that they had to tell the Land Registry. A letter will be prepared by the other side's Solicitor and we will send that to the Land Registry explaining what has happened and provided this is acceptable we will complete". Members noted the position.

Councillor B. Armstrong updated the meeting on completion of funding application forms (AAP and CDCF).

- 080/13 Durham Citizens Advice Bureau (DCAB)**
The Clerk reported on a letter from DCAB requesting continuation of the Parish Council's support. Members agreed to continue this service for the financial year 2013/14 (£25 per month).
Members were pleased to see a report from DCAB that during 2012/13 the outreach service was used by 19 new clients and had received 33 enquiries.
- 081/13 Applications for Funding**
An application for funding had been received from Jennifer Oliver of Esh towards the costs of a World Challenge trip to Malawi in July.
Members agreed to refer this matter to the Langley Park Youth Partnership. Recommending a donation of £100.00 (8 votes for; 2 against).
Clerk to also inform Miss Oliver of possible funding from the AAP and the County Councillors Initiative Fund.
- 082/13 Annual Return for year ended 31st March 2013**
The Clerk reported that the Internal Auditor had yet to complete his report. Members agreed to hold a Special Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 25th June 2013, commencing at 7.00pm to approve the document (which must be approved by 30th June).
- 083/13 Financial Statement and Report**
Members agreed the details of the Financial Statement and for Vouchers 23 to 36 should be paid, copy of the report attached to these minutes.
- 084/13 Planning Applications**
Planning Applications were received for the following:-
A) 1/2013/0243/DMFP by Mr P. Robson for erection of two storey side/rear extension at 86 Davis Crescent, Langley Park
Decision – No objections
B) 1/2013/0239/DMFP by Mr & Mrs Smith for erection of pitched roof to existing front and side flat roofed offshoots at 4 Green Court, Esh
Decision – No objections
- 085/13 Area Action Partnership / Parish Councils Committee/Small Councils Forum**
Next AAP Board meeting **12th June 2013** at New Brancepeth Village Hall (6pm)
Next PCC meeting **22nd June 2013** at Langley Park (10am)
Next SCF meeting **28th June 2013** Stainton Grove (2pm)
- 086/13 Date and Time of the Next Meeting**
The next meeting of Esh Parish Council is on Tuesday **9th July 2013** at The Harry Guildford Centre, Thomas Street, Langley Park commencing at 7.00pm

The meeting finished at 8.20 pm