

ESH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council meeting held in The Harry Guildford Centre, Thomas Street, Langley Park on **Tuesday 9th July 2013** commencing at **7.00pm**

Present: Councillors A. Mollon (Chair), R. Allaker, B. Armstrong, S. Bell, A. Hancock, G. Hawxwell, K. Heartfield, M. Renneberg, M Sands and C. Thompson

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

Apologies: Councillors A. Harling, S. Maddison, P. Mollon, S. Rothwell and M. L. Rowland (Deputy Clerk)

090/13 Declaration of Interest

None

091/13 Representation by Residents

None Present

092/13 Police Report

Copy of the PACT report for the period 4th June to 30th June 2013 was circulated at the meeting.

Councillor Heartfield updated the meeting on items discussed at the PACT meeting (2nd July).

Next PACT meeting 6th August at Wood View Community Centre (6pm)

093/13 Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held 11th June 2013

Amendments to Private Items (minute 087/13). To be changed by the Clerk and corrected minutes to be circulated to all Councillors.

Subject to the above amendments they were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

094/13 Minutes of a Special Meeting held on 25th June 2013

Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

095/13 Reports

A) Parish

i) Langley Park Youth Partnership

The Clerk presented a Financial Statement of Accounts as at 30th June 2013.

Income £8937.37

Expenditure £7226.30

Balance £1762.07

Members noted the position of the Accounts.

ii) Langley and Esh Job Hub – Employment Pathway

Councillor Thompson updated the meeting on the work being carried out on a Wednesday (10am to 2pm) to assist the unemployed to complete cvs and on-line job applications. Funding is an issue and it is hoped to attract more funding when the IT centre is transferred to “The Tute” later this year. The IT Officer is to undergo further training which will allow for additional training courses and the possibility of increasing Income/Funding opportunities.

B) County Council

County Councillor J. Armstrong reported on the following:-

- I. County Council Budgets
- II. Possible job losses
- III. Savings
- IV. Street Lighting timings
- V. Possible charging for green bin collection
- VI. School road crossing patrols
- VII. Herrington Close (works) – completed
- VIII. Verge hardening at Aged Miners Homes, Langley Park – cancelled(possible bird mouth fencing to stop vehicles parking on grassed area)
- IX. Road workings (various)
- X. Langley Park Primary School Playing Field

County Councillor B Armstrong also reported on the following:-

- XI. Gates at Sports & Social Club/Garden Avenue, Langley Park
- XII. Planning Application at Esh Winning Industrial Estate
- XIII. Lack of water at Langley Park Cemetery

C) Chair's – No report

D) Members

- i) Langley Park Environment Group (Councillor Heartfield)
Councillor Heartfield updated the meeting on the work carried out by this group, including, litter/dog fouling bin installed at the Recreation Ground, cutting of grass at the top of the Recreation Ground (Members agreed for this to continue with their permission), repairs to seats opposite Langley Park WMC, Stobilee Wetlands Site and the group had entered a number of environmental awards, but were unsuccessful with funding from Tesco.
- ii) Parish Newsletter (Councillor Sands)
The next edition will be delivered by Top Banana around the 28th July. David Rider would be Editor; Lynne Rowland would be Sub Editor. Newsletter would be published in Colour/black and white, Clerk to advise all Councillors of future editorial dead lines and to publish four copies per year.
- iii) Footpath/kerbs at The Crescent, Langley Park (Councillor Thompson)
Councillor Thompson updated the meeting on the above matter. He has been informed that Durham County Council will be carrying out the work on the 11th July 2013.
- iv) Sir Bobby Robson Park – various items (Councillor Renneberg)
Councillor Renneberg raised the following concerns:-
State of grass cutting (this was now improving)
Graffiti removal (Clerk to chase up PCSO/DCC Neighbourhood Warden)
Missing equipment (Clerk to chase this up with Jeremy Cassidy)
Inspection of play areas, Councillors to attend with Jeremy Cassidy;
SBRP (Councillor Renneberg); Quebec (Councillor Allaker), Esh (Councillor Sands)
- v) Councillor Business Cards (Councillor Allaker)
Clerk to work with Councillor Allaker to further research this topic, including discussions with Steve Ragg (CDALC) and David Walker (Cornsay PC) and report to September Parish Council meeting.
- vi) Land East of Langley Park proposed development of 400 houses (Councillor Bowyer)- item withdrawn – Councillor Bowyer not present

- 096/13 “The Tute”, Church Street, Langley Park**
Councillor B Armstrong updated the meeting on the following:-
A) State of funding applications
B) Setting up a Management Committee
C) Use of volunteers
D) Proposed start date (September/October)

- 097/13 Financial Statement and Report**
Members agreed the details of the Financial Statement and for Vouchers 37 to 54 should be paid, copy of the report attached to these minutes.
Members also agreed the details of the Expenditure Report from 1st April to 30th June 2013, as detailed below:-

Details	£.p
Staff Costs	6641.72
Admin/Gen	5829.08
IT Centre	796.38
Environment	2654.76
Donations	500.00
Newsletter	450.00
Christmas Lights	84.00
Miscellaneous	2359.68
Vat	535.66
Total	19851.28

- 098/13 Planning Applications**
Planning Applications were received for the following:-
A) 1/2013/0185/DMOP by Mr I. Cowen for outlined planning for the erection of one dwelling at 10 Church View, Quebec
Decision – No objections
B) 1/2013/0210/DMFP by Mr R. Foreman for erection of a single storey front extension and erection of a two storey side extension at 3 Hall Road, Esh
Members raised the following Concerns

- This is in the Conservation Area – does this affect planning?
- Trees will be affected in adjacent grave yard
- Possible Right of Way
- Plans deceptive

Decision – Members to request that the Planning Officer be aware of the above concerns and arrange a site visit by the Planning Committee prior to making a decision of the proposed development.

- 099/13 Area Action Partnership / Parish Councils Committee/Small Councils Forum**
Next AAP Board meeting **18th September 2013** (venue to be arranged)
Next PCC meeting **20th July 2013** at Langley Moor (10am)
Next SCF meeting **16th August 2013** at Spennymoor (2pm)

- 100/13 Date and Time of the Next Meeting**
The next meeting of Esh Parish Council is on Tuesday **10th September 2013** at The Harry Guildford Centre, Thomas Street, Langley Park commencing at 7.00pm

The meeting finished at 8.15pm