

ESH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council meeting held in The Harry Guildford Centre, Thomas Street, Langley Park on **Tuesday 8th October 2013** commencing at **7.00pm**

Present: Councillors S. Rothwell (Chair), B. Armstrong, R. Bowyer, A. Hancock, G. Hawxwell, S. Maddison, M. Renneberg and C. Thompson

Also Present: Inspector Keith Wardle, PC Scott Crowhurst (Durham Police)
County Councillor J. Armstrong and G.F. Smith (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillors R. Allaker, S. Bell, A. Harling, K. Heartfield, A. Mollon, P. Mollon, M. Sands and M. L. Rowland (Deputy Clerk)

114/13 Declaration of Interest
Councillor B. Armstrong – agenda item 12 Planning Matters

115/13 Representation by Residents
None

116/13 Police Report
Inspector Wardle introduced himself to the meeting and elaborated on his e-mail (dated 27th September 2013) responding to the concerns of a newspaper article regarding anti social behaviour in Langley Park. Members accepted his explanation and hoped for future joint working between the Police and Parish Council.
PC Crowhurst introduced himself to the meeting, reported on the last PACT meeting held on 1st October (copy circulated at the meeting), his role in the Neighbourhood Police Team (Consett) and he would try to attend future Parish Council meetings (as and when shifts/workload allows). The Chair thanked both officers for attending the meeting and looked forward to some joint working and offered the office facilities for any future Police meetings with residents etc.

117/13 Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held 10th September 2013
Amend minute 105/13a
Subject to the above amendment the minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

118/13 Minutes of a Special Meeting held 26th September 2013
Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair

119/13 Reports
A) Parish
i) Highway repairs (pot holes)
The Clerk read out part of an e-mail from Steve Ragg, CDALC “Parish Councils and Councillors can play their part in keeping our roads pot hole free by reporting any defects directly to the Highways action line (HAL) on telephone 0191 370 6000 or e-mail hal@durham.gov.uk
Please also raise your electors awareness of the scheme by including details in your newsletter or on your notice boards. Once a pot hole has been brought to the attention of DCC and the defect is covered by the Highway Safety Inspection Manual then a liability arises and hence the need for repair”.
Members agreed to place this item in the next edition of the Council’s newsletter.

ii) Esh Village Residents Association (For information only)

A request from the above Association to clarify who has responsibility for the grass cutting in different areas of the village, Clerk to respond to e-mail dated 29th September 2013.

iii) Langley Park Allotment Association

The Clerk read out a letter from the above Association (dated 26th September 2013) requesting permission to make improvements to the trees which are situated at both sites (Crossfell and Earl of Durham).

Members agreed to this request and for the Clerk to notify the Allotment Association.

B) County Council

County Councillor J. Armstrong reported on the following:-

- I. Parking in Esh Village (near schools)
- II. Hall Road, Esh
- III. Highway works at Davis Crescent, Langley Park
- IV. Road improvements Esh to Langley Park
- V. Ramp access to Langley Park Post Office
- VI. Safer road crossing near Primary School, Langley Park
- VII. Funding for Allotment Association
- VIII. SHED scheme for Langley Park (Derwentside Homes)
- IX. Princes Trust work in Langley Park (Wood View Community Centre)
- X. Ongoing works to prevent flooding at Herrington Close, Langley Park
- XI. Heating problems (boiler broken) at Wood View Community Centre, Langley Park

C) Chair's – No report

D) Members

i) Public seat for Langley Park (Councillor Heartfield)

The Clerk read out a report from Councillor Heartfield that approval had been received from DCC for a seat to be erected near the Council's notice board in Front Street, Langley Park, which should be in place within six weeks.

ii) Langley Park Environment Group – update (Councillor Heartfield)

The Clerk read out a report from Councillor Heartfield informing the Council that the group have received an award from Durham County Council for their work on the Wetlands Project, Langley Park

Members agreed for the Clerk to write to the group congratulating them on the work carried out on this project and receiving the above environment award.

iii) Land to the South of Wallnook Lane, Langley Park (Councillor Bowyer).

Councillor Bowyer updated the Members on a meeting he had with Stuart Timmis (DCC, Planning) and would report to the Parish Council any future progress on this application.

120/13

The Institute Building, Church Street, Langley Park

Councillor B. Armstrong informed the meeting:-

- a) The building work commenced on Monday 7th October 2013
- b) Insurance (Public Liability) was provided by the Contractor
- c) Copy of the H & S Policy had been handed to the Clerk along with a schedule of works.
- d) All funding was now in place

- e) A Management Committee had been set up initially for one year to work on the Business Plan etc (consisting of Gavin Richards, Stuart Wright, Bill Quigley, Neil Atkinson, Michael Gardner and Councillors B. Armstrong and R. Bowyer)
- f) Funding for equipment/furniture (Derwentside Homes Group Scheme), using either Youth Partnership or EQUaL Partnership bank details etc. Members wished to record their thanks to Councillor B Armstrong for all the work she has put into this scheme.

121/13

Letter from Mr M. Berry, 4 Hazelwood Court, Langley Park

The Clerk updated the Members on a meeting he had with Mr Berry regarding the two matters he had requested some actions by the Parish Council:-

a) Parking/speeding problems in Langley Park, need for a Quality Audit.

Members agreed for the Clerk to set-up a meeting with interested parties (ie Police, DCC Highways, AAP (road safety group), Parish Council, public and other appropriate bodies).

b) Traders Association

The Parish Council staff are working with AAP staff to produce a local business directory (work to recommence in November) by the end of this year.

Members agreed for the Clerk/Deputy Clerk to contact local traders who had expressed an interest in forming a Traders Association and offer to facilitate this process in the hope of setting up some form of Initiative.

122/13

“Live” Christmas tree for Langley Park

The Clerk read out a report from Councillor Heartfield (Langley Park Environment Group) regarding the costings for A “Live” Christmas tree in Langley Park. Cost of a four metre Christmas tree including transportation and anchorage in the flower bed outside of Porky’s Butchers, Front Street is £1000. The group have raised £500 towards the cost plus £300 towards the cost of solar lighting, Public Liability Insurance and assistance to help clear the site. Permission has been received from DCC.

Both County Councillors pledged £170 each from their Members Initiative Fund. Members agreed to donate £170 towards the cost of this scheme.

123/13

Financial Statement and Report

Members agreed the details of the Financial Statement and for Vouchers 80 to 90 should be paid, copy of the report attached to these minutes.

124/13

Planning Applications**A**

NO

1/2013/0442/DMFP

APPLICANT

LANGLEY PARK SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

LOCATION

LOW MOOR ROAD, LANGLEY PARK

PROPOSAL

ERECTION OF MANAGER’S BUNGALOW

DECISION**OBJECTION**

REFER THIS MATTER TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE (RETROSPECTIVE/ACCESS/DRAINAGE/OBJECTIONS BY LOCAL RESIDENTS)

B
 NO 1/2013/0510/DMFP
 APPLICANT MR B HERBERT
 LOCATION 8 HYLTON CLOSE, LANGLEY PARK
 PROPOSAL ERECTION OF PART SINGLE STOREY AND PART
 TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION AND PORCH TO
 FRONT
DECISION NO OBJECTIONS

C
 NO 1/2013/0495/DMOP
 APPLICANT MR I COWAN
 LOCATION 10 CHURCH VIEW, QUEBEC
 PROPOSAL OUTLINE APPLICATION FOR THE ERECTION OF A
 DWELLING (RESUBMISSION)
**DECISION REFER THIS MATTER TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
 (THE PARISH COUNCIL SUPPORTS THIS APPLICATION
 ON A VILLAGE SUSTAINABILITY ISSUE)**

D
 NO 1/2013/0225/DMFP
 APPLICANT SOURCE, DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT
 LOCATION THE OLD HOUSE, CLIFFORD HOUSE FARM, QUEBEC
 PROPOSAL CONVERSION AND EXTENSION OF EXISTING BRICK
 BARN TO PROVIDE 5 BED, TWO STOREY DWELLING
 WITH ANCILLARY BUSINESS USE
**DECISION REFER THIS MATTER TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
 (THE PARISH COUNCIL SUPPORTS THIS APPLICATION
 ON A VILLAGE SUSTAINABILITY ISSUE)**

**125/13 Area Action Partnership / Parish Councils Committee/Small
 Councils Forum**
 AAP (Your Money, Your Village, Your View) event on Saturday 19th October
 2013; 10 – 12 at Wood View Community Centre, Langley Park and 2 to 4 at the
 Village Hall, Quebec
 Next AAP Board meeting **20th November 2013**
 Next PCC meeting **16th November 2013** at Langley Moor (10am)
 Next SCF meeting **15th November 2013** at Peterlee (2pm)
 CDALC AGM Saturday **26th October 2013** at County Hall (10am)

126/13 Date and Time of the Next Meeting
 The next meeting of Esh Parish Council is on Tuesday **12th November 2013** at
 The Village Hall, Quebec commencing at 7.00pm

**IN PRIVATE
 STAFFING MATTERS**

`The meeting finished at 8.55pm

Signed by the Chairman.....page 4