

ESH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council meeting held at The Miners Institute Building, Langley Park on **Tuesday 8th December 2015** commencing at **7.00pm**

Present: Councillors: G. Hawxwell (Chair), S. Cheal, B. Coult, I. Dowson, L. Finch, M. McGaun, A. Mollon, P. Mollon, R. Moralee and M. Sands

Also

Present: G. F. Smith (Clerk), M. L. Rowland (Deputy Clerk), D. Rider (IT Officer)
Gwen Blakey, Julia Dixon Mr J. Cooper (Residents)

185/15 Apologies

Members agreed the following apologies:-

Cllr B. Armstrong (Holiday)
Cllr J. Armstrong (Holiday)
Cllr S. Bell (Work)
Cllr R. Bowyer (Work)
Cllr K. Heartfield (unwell)

186/15 Declaration of Interest

Councillor Coult, Finch and Moralee declared an interest in agenda item 10 – Langley Park Allotment Association

187/15 Representation by Residents

No report

188/15 Presentation by Langley Park Miners Memorial Group

Mrs J. Dixon informed the meeting of the following:-

- Position of statue in the village – Members to discuss possible sites and defer until the next Parish Council meeting.
- Funding from CDCF – very little progress with completing forms possible planning application (Councillors Armstrong assisting with this matter) also 3 quotations required.
- Funds raised £1000

Members agreed to place this item on the next Parish Council agenda for further discussions on the above three matters.

189/15 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10th November 2015

Amendments:-

Page 1 minute 162/15 Apologies – remove Councillor Cheal

Page 2 minute 169/15 summer holiday family activities 2015 – add (Oases) after line 3 “scheme”

Page 3 minute 171/15 Miners Institute Building, Church Street, Langley Park – add to record the comment by Councillor J Armstrong that the original lease from CISWO was £52 per annum. “Members requested the following”

Page 3 Report of Esh Leaves Editorial Group remove “(Councillor Finch was against this suggestion)”

Page 3 minute 177/15 storage container/council garage
Change £70 to £75 and £55 to £50

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

190/15

Matters Arising from previous meetings

Defer to the next Parish Council meeting (January):-

- Action plans for Langley Park, Esh and Quebec
- Membership of the Management Committee (Miners Institute Building)
- Latest Accounts (Miners Institute Building)
- Village Walkabout

191/15

Reports

(A) Parish

- I. Asset of Community value – Cross Keys, Esh Village
The Clerk read out e-mails from Mr Tony Hardwick (Esh Resident) and Mr Peter Howson (Accommodation Strategy Officer DCC) regarding the rejection by DCC of the application for the above premises.
Members agreed to invite Mr Hardwick to the next Parish Council meeting (January) to further discuss the possible options suggested by the County Council re unincorporated group or the Parish Council
- II. Request for Precept 2016/17 (letter from DCC circulated to all Councillors), tax base increased from 1306.5 to 1335.6 and a reduction in grant (operated by DCC) from £6969.00 to £6004.00.
This matter to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting (January), Precept to be set by 29th January 2016. Deputy Clerk to provide up to date expenditure costs and half year detailed expenditure costs on or before 15th December 2015
- III. Smallholding No's 79 80 81
Members agreed to transfer the Joint Tenancy (Wilfred Sedman) Andrew Turnbull) to a single tenancy (Andrew Turnbull) for a further three months trial period whilst the area is being improved.

(B) County Councillors - No Report

(C) Chair's

Councillor Hawxwell reported on the following:-

1. AAP meeting at Brandon
 - Tim Bird from the Cabinet Office spoke about the Honours system.
 - Michele Gibson "Well being for life" – consortium of 5 different partners Mini Police, Young fire-fighters etc.
 - Road Safety – permanent speed visors, raising speed limits from 30 to 40 mph.
2. Mid Durham PCC
 - Hedleyhope and Haleyfield Parish Council have opted out of the fly- tipping camera scheme.
3. Smaller Council Forum
 - Andy Palmer gave an update on North East Combined Authority (N.E.C.A)
4. Incident at the Miners Institute Building
 - Friday 4th December 2015 I received a telephone call at approximately 10.15 regarding lights on in the M.I.B. I contacted David Rider to go and investigate. An Adult female was trapped in the toilet for 3 hours (handle came of the door). David has made a full report of the incident.

5. Miners Memorabilia – hard drive Members agreed up to £85 so that the well-being group can store the collection which will be held on the Parish Office computer.
6. Tesco Community Fund – (Funding for Esh Play Area) Members agreed to support this application.

(D) Members Report

Councillor Dowson reported on the following:-

- Christmas Lights Quebec – Members agreed to contribute up to £150 for the supply of electric Christmas Lights for the Christmas tree at Quebec
- Standards Training (feedback) – Members agreed to work within the rules and regulations set out in the e-mail from Steve Ragg (CDALC) that related to the following:-
 - i) Declaration of Interests at Parish Council Meetings
 - ii) Code of Conduct (i.e. Respect for other Councillors and Employees)

192/15 Miners Institute Building, Church Street, Langley Park
 The Clerk confirmed that a meeting with Vince Clements (CISWO), Trustees of Langley Park and District Community Association, Chair, Vice-Chair and Clerk of the Parish Council has been arranged for Wednesday 16th December 2015 at 2.00pm.

193/15 Electric works for the Christmas tree, Langley Park
 All works completed

194/15 Miners Banner for Langley Park
 The Chairman reported on the following:-
 Cost of providing a case to store the banner £2455.00
 Funding application forms to be completed

195/15 Langley Park Allotment Association (Community Garden)
Councillor Coult updated the meeting on the following:-

- Site closed for the winter months
- School children had visited the site
- Planted 350 bulbs
- Opens again in Spring
- All schools in the Parish will be invited to visit the site

196/15 Recreation Ground, Langley Park – visit by Natural England
 The Clerk/Councillor Dowson reported on the recent visit by Natural England to the site and a number of issues that required attention, as follows:-

- Quotations for fencing (closing date 11th January 2016)
- Paths to be trimmed to 6 feet wide
- Trees to be planted around the football pitch area
- Damage to Boundary wall (Clerk to check lease)

- 197/15 Esh Leaves Newsletter**
Latest edition to be delivered within the next few days editor not happy with photograph quality, check with printing firm.
- 198/15 Storage Container**
Transfer taken place on 30th November 2015
- 199/15 Financial Statement and Report**
Members agreed to pay vouchers 99 to 108
- 200/15 Planning Applications**
A) DM/15/03725/FPA by Mr A Ghafoor for the erection of 5 dwellings Houses (resubmission) at land to the North of fast Fit Tyres, Park Drive, Langley Park.
Decision
- **Objections on traffic/parking problems**
 - **Request a traffic survey**
- 201/15 AAP/PCC/SCF**
Next AAP Board Meeting 13th January 2016 at Langley Park (6pm)
Next PCC meeting is the 16th January 2016 at Lanchester (10am)
Next SCF Meeting is the 12th February 2016 TBA
- 202/15 Date and time of the next meeting**
Tuesday **12th January 2016** at The Miners Institute Building, Church Street, Langley Park commencing at 7.00pm.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM (IN PRIVATE)

The meeting finished at 8.35 pm