

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Room, Langley Park on Tuesday 14th June 2005 commencing at 7.15 pm.

Present Councillors:- A. Mollon (Chairman), R. Bowyer, F. Crow, H. Guildford and A. Harling.

Apologies:- C. Bloor, G. Coulson, A. Christie, A. Hiles, S. Rothwell, M. Sands, H. Tyler, M. Tyler, W. Tyrie and County Councillor J. Armstrong.

Also in Attendance:- G.F. Smith (Clerk Designate) and M. G. Ackroyd (Clerk).

068/05 POLICE REPORT

No report

069/05 MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 10TH MAY 2005

Agreed as a true record signed by the Chairman excepting that under 059/05 Cllr Tyrie report on high hedges add "the fee may be reduced at the discretion of the District Council."

070/05 MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 26TH MAY 2005

Agreed as a true record signed by the Chairman.

071/05 MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 6TH JUNE 2005

Agreed as a true record signed by the Chairman.

072/05 CLERKS REPORT INCLUDING OBSERVATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS TO THE MINUTES

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111/03 Commuted Sum for erection of 25 Dwellings at Woodside Farm, Woodside Terrace, Langley Park
Nothing to report.

082/04 Proposed MUGA at Esh C of E School

Revised Planning Application now submitted, on agenda for consideration.

083/04 Seat opposite the Quebec Play Area

Now installed. Dedication ceremony held on 14th June 2005. Cost of seat and installation subject to an Insurance Claim.

127/04 Seat in memory of Doreen Cummings

Now installed. Dedication ceremony held 14th June 2005.

138/04 Community Enhancement Service, National Probation Service

Clerk Designate reported no further progress due to lack of numbers on the scheme, outstanding items still on proposed works list.

140b/04 Alternative Parish Office Accommodation

Contact awaited from Durham County Council.

143/04 EQUaL – National Playing Fields Association Scheme

Details awaited from EQUaL and Stanhope Parish Council.

006/di/05 Casual Vacancies

Awaiting response from Derwentside District Council.

009/05 Tsunami Earthquake Appeal

The Clerk advised the Council that he had now spoken with the Head Teacher at Langley Park Primary School who was under the impression that the Parish Council was pursuing a village twinning initiative rather than a School twinning. The Head Teacher had suggested that funding for this might be available through the British Council. It was agreed that further enquiries should be made with the British Council.

019/05 Remembrance Sunday 2005 and inscribing the War Memorial

Clerk Designate had contacted 6 Bands on their availability and cost. The War Graves Commission had attended to the maintenance of the Grave of the Unknown Soldier.

Clerk Designate to update progress at the next Parish Meeting.

020/05 Footpath at the Recreation Ground

Awaiting result of CCTV investigation by Northumbrian Water.

D) County Council

(iii) Funding for the IT Officer.

No further progress on funding availability. Clerk Designate to meet with Secretary of Langley Park Community association to discuss further funding options.

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108/04 Work on the Garage roof

Work now complete, invoices paid.

035/05 Hanging Baskets 2005

Baskets to be in place by 16th June 2005 (subject to weather conditions).

036/05 Meeting re Youth Facilities in Esh Ward

Meeting held on 6th June 2005. On agenda for approval.

046/05 Reports

Proposed Langley Park Play Area

The Clerk advised on 2 quotations received to carry out legal work for leases that might be required from the District Council and the LP Sports and Social Club. As the quotes were £1500 + in each case it was agreed to obtain further quotes.

(v) Report on the Quebec Site

The Clerk Designate advised that Living Spaces had now made a conditional award of £25,000 (50% up front, 50% on completion) towards a contract price of £37,000. quoted by Wicksteeds. EQUaL to fund the difference (£10,000) . The vat element to be paid for by the Parish Council and recovered from Customs and Excise.

It was agreed that:-

- a) the the Living Spaces grant conditions should be checked out with the appropriate parties
- b) confirmation obtained from EQUaL that they would meet any initial contract price shortfall (£10,000)

As it was likely that:-

- c) the award would have to be accepted before the next meeting and possibly also
- d) a contract let by the Parish Council to Wicksteeds and that
- e) the Council might have to pay part of the contract price prior to payment of the balance of the grant from Living Spaces

that the Clerk Designate and Clerk be authorised to sign any relevant documentation, in consultation with the Chairman, and also arrange payment of any initial shortfall on the contract price until the final balance of the grant was received from Living Spaces.

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049/05 DAPTC Fees 2005/06

Item raised by the Clerk at the local meeting of the Society of Local Council Clerks. Members agreed to pay the fees already requested for 2004/05 (Voucher No 19 refers) and to await the appointment of the new Executive Officer of the DAPTC and then request a possible review of the fees for 2006/07.

055/05 Correspondence

k) R.F. Quinn – Parking at the junction of Wood View and Pine Street, Langley Park. Parking restriction lines had been painted in the area, no further reports received regarding any parking problems.

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057/05 Request to use the Esh play area – Esh Parish Girls' FC

It was agreed that the Esh Parish Girls' FC could use the Esh play area, subject to appropriate insurance cover undertaken by the Club in accordance with a requirement made by the Council's Insurers. The Clerk Designate to finalise arrangements with the Club.

058/05 Annual Pantomime

Provisionally booked for Saturday 3rd December 2005, Wood View Community Centre. Cost £500 + VAT.

059/05 Reports

b) Parish Council

- (i) Meeting re. Allotments adjacent to the Lanchester Valley Walk.

Clerk Designate had sent a letter to all allotment holders where the site backs onto the railway path.

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Cllr Tyrie (ii) Land at Esh Hillside council estate.

Awaiting a copy of the site plan.

062/05 Future working arrangements Clerk and Clerk Designate

Letter/e-mail sent to all Councillors to advise them of the proposed arrangements.

063/05 Request for donations

- a) Victim Support County Durham
Payment on agenda.
- b) WRVS
Awaiting further details and financial statement.

065/05 Maintenance work required to various trees on the southern boundary of the recreation ground.

Olivers have arranged to carry out the work on the 23/24th June 2005.

074/05 CORRESPONDENCE

Durham County Council

- a) West Durham Rural Transport Partnership Officer.
- b) County Durham Strategic Partnership.
- c) County Durham Minerals and Waste Development Framework.
- d) Service 53 and 54, it is expected that the withdrawn or varied services will be reinstated by no later than September 2005 or earlier once drivers have returned from sick leave or others employed to replace them.

Derwentside District Council

- e) Parish Precept 2005/06 received.
- f) Langley Park Street Map.

Durham Association of Parish Town Councils

- g) Revised car allowances 2005/06 to commence 1st April 2005.

Other

- h) Watson Burton – transfer of off-licence, NE Co-op, Esh Road Langley Park.
- i) LSC County Durham linking up newsletter.
- j) Shaws Products.
- k) CDCCTR- Clerk induction training session Saturday 25th June 2005, County Hall, Durham – employee course.
- l) HLB audit (now BDO Stoy Hayward) annual audit 2004/05 to be carried out 21st October 2005.
- m) NUMERICA- The Gauntlet Newsletter.
- n) Cornsay Colliery Walks and Wildlife Village Fair Saturday 25th June 2005.
- o) Age Partnership Group.
- p) Thank you letter from the Great North Air Ambulance Service.
- q) Thank you letter from the family of the late Norah and Norman Gowland, re. Seat at Quebec.

075/05 PLANNING MATTERS

Cllr Guildford declared an interest in this item and took no further part in the debates other than to clarify any matters of fact.

Planning Applications received for:-

No. SW/1/2005/0382/DMFP
Applicant Mr I Thompson
Proposed Erection of two storey side extension and attached garage
At 15 Phoenix Close, Langley Park

No objections to the above, subject to adjacent owners being consulted and to their comments being taken into consideration before making a decision on this case.

No. CC/1/2005/0379/DMFP
Applicant Mr J Martin
Proposed Erection of single storey rear extension.
At 78 Davis Crescent, Langley Park

No objections to the above, subject to adjacent owners being consulted and to their comments being taken into consideration before making a decision on this case.

No. SW/1/2005/0366/DMAF
Applicant Mr J W Stables
Proposed Agricultural determination for erection of Agricultural building.
At Low Esh Farm, Esh

No objections to the above, subject to adjacent owners being consulted and to their comments being taken into consideration before making a decision on this case.

No CS/1/2005/0451/DMTP
Applicant Mr P Hughes
Proposed Felling of two Poplar and one Alder (TPO 067)
At 25 Willow Park, Langley Park

Agreed to await the Arborist report and that the trees should be retained unless there was significant safety reasons.

076/05 REPORTS

A) EQUaL Partnership Meeting

- i) No report

B) Parish

- i) WWW Domain

The Clerk advised that it might help web site searchers if the Parish Council had an additional domain which incorporated Langley Park in the name. It was likely that this could be achieved at minimum cost. It was agreed to proceed on this basis

C) District Council

Cllr Guildford reported recent discussions re CCTV for Langley Park and that the Police had suggested some different locations to those agreed by the Council. Further meetings were proposed with the relevant parties.

D) County Council

The Clerk Designate read out a report e-mailed by County Councillor Armstrong, which included:-

- i) Update on permanent Library provision at Langley Park
- ii) Temporary Library re. Fire Station. Survey of the premises revealed that £30,000 was required for repairs to bring the building up to standard. Further meeting arranged for Monday 13th June 2005 to try to negotiate a way forward.
- iii) Cycle stand and parking to the west side of Front Street
- iv) Esh School Hall (new). The building will be used for sport and art for both Schools in the Village and for community use at times when both Schools are not using the building. A management committee has been set up to promote community use of the new facility.

077/05 FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND REPORT

After receiving details of the financial statements (V48-73) should be paid and, where appropriate, confirm the Chairman/Clerks action in issuing cheques in advance of the Meeting.

078/05 ANNUAL AUDIT 2004/05

It was agreed to appoint Mr Stuart Harris as internal auditor.

079/05 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

To be held on Tuesday 12th July 2005 in the Parish Room, Langley Park commencing at 7.00 pm.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

That pursuant to Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 the Public be excluded for the remainder of the Meeting during consideration of the items listed below on the grounds that if they are present during the discussion of these items there could be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in section 10.

The Meeting finished at 8.35 pm.