

## ESH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Parish Room, Langley Park on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2005 commencing at 7:00 pm.

Present Councillors:- A.Mollon (Chairman), R.Bowyer, G.Coulson, A.Christie, H..Guildford, S.Rothwell, H.Tyler, M. Tyler and W.Tyrie.

Apologies:- C.Bloor, F.Crow, A.Harling, A.Hiles, M.Sands, and PC.C.Dover.

Also in attendance:- County Councillor J.Armstrong  
M G Ackroyd (Clerk) G.F.Smith (Clerk Designate)

### 081/05 Police Report

Report circulated at the meeting (Attached to the minutes)

### 082/05 Minutes of ordinary meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2005

Agreed as a true record signed by the Chairman excepting that under:-

Page 2 item (v) report on the Quebec site

EQUaL to fund the difference should read (£12,000)

Contract price shortfall should read (£12,000)

Page 2 item 049/05 DAPTC fees 2005/06

Fee already requested should read 2005/06

### 083/05 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

### 083/04 Seat opposite Quebec play area

Awaiting settlement from Insurance Company

### 138/04 Community Enhancement Service, National Probation Service

Due to lack of offenders on the scheme the National Probation Service was unable to carry out any work for the Parish Council.

Clerk Designate to update at the next Parish meeting.

### 140b/04 Alternative Parish office accommodation

Nothing to report

### 143/04 EQUaL- National Playing Fields Association Scheme

No further details from Stanhope Parish Council.

Clerks Designate to update at the next Parish meeting.

006/di/05 Causal Vacancy

Letter received from Derwentside District Council.

It was agreed to review the situation when the Parish Council applies for Quality Parish Status in 2006.

009/05 Tsunami Earthquake Appeal

Awaiting response from the British Council. Clerk Designate to update at the next Parish Council meeting.

019/05 Remembrance Sunday 2005 and inscribing the War Memorial

Clerks Designate to update at the next Parish Council meeting.

020/05 Footpath at the Recreation Ground

A letter has been received from Northumbrian Water confirming that a CCTV survey has been carried out on the surface water sewer, which identified a build up of silt and debris in the system. A cleansing and flushing exercise was carried end June/ beginning of July, which should have cleared the sewer. The system will be subject to a final survey as soon as possible.

It was agreed for the Clerk Designate to arrange a site meeting with the relevant interested parties to determine that the correct system has been checked and also to check the problem of drainage near to Mr Dixons field.

D)County Council

ii) Funding of IT officer

Clerk Designate to arrange a meeting with Alison Spencley (Community Association) to discuss possible funding streams. Clerk Designate to update the next Parish Council meeting.

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046/05 Reports

Quebec play area equipment has been ordered, delivery is scheduled for September 2005. Costs are required for a footpath. Clerk Designate to update the next Parish Council meeting.

057/05 Request to use Esh Play area – Esh Parish Girls FC

It was agreed for the Clerk Designate to prepare a Licence Agreement (similar to the agreement at the Recreation Ground), between Esh Parish Council and Esh Parish Girls FC. Clerk Designate to update the next Parish Council meeting.

(ii) Land at Esh Hillside Council Estate

A site plan had been received from Derwentside District Council, further details are still awaited. Clerk Designate to update the next Parish Council meeting.

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063b/05 Request for donation – WRVS

Clerk Designate to chase up response from the WRVS. Clerk Designate to update the next Parish Council meeting.

065/05 Maintenance work required to various trees on the South boundary of the Recreation Ground

Work completed by Oliver Tree Services Ltd on 23/24th June 2005.

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074/05 Correspondence

d) Service 53 and 54

Councillor M Tyler raised concerns over the very poor service including certain buses not turning up, inconsistent timetable and felt the service was not improving as suggested by Go North East. It was agreed for the Clerk Designate to write to Go North East (and copy to Durham County Council) informing them of the latest lack of service delivery. Clerk Designate to update the next Parish Council meeting.

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076bi/05 www Domain

Nothing to report. Clerk Designate to update the next Parish Council meeting.

084/05 Correspondence

Derwentside District Council

- a) Land at Hilltop View, Langley Park- 2 copies of site plan.
- b) Draft Corporate Plan 2005-06, Clerk Designate to provide Executive Summary and circulate to all members.
- c) Councillor Vacancies

Durham County Council

- d) Customer Survey – Service Direct
- e) Youth Work in Langley Park- to be discussed at the Special Meeting on Youth activities in the Parish on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2005 at 7.00pm in the Church Street Community Centre.
- f) Community Information Database – Review

Durham Association of Parish and Town Councils

- g) NALC at the LGAs Annual Conference 5-6 July, Harrogate.
- h) NALC Publication List
- i) NALC one day conference ‘Charter-Strengthening Local Government’, 9<sup>th</sup> August, Birmingham, cost £115.

Others

- j) Wicksteed Leisure- response to grant conditions for Quebec play area.
- k) Wicksteed Leisure-Order acknowledgement for equipment at Quebec play area, delivery date 19<sup>th</sup> September 2005.
- l) Browell Smith & Co- Request for solicitor details (lease of play area, Langley Park).
- m) DEFRA- Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005-timetable.
- n) Charity Commission Newsletter No 22 – Spring 2005
- o) Victim Support-Thank you letter
- p) County Durham & Darlington Fire & Rescue Service-Strategic Plan 2005/10
- q) Durham City Highways MAP meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2005 minutes.
- r) County Durham Registered Traders Scheme-Item to be included in the next edition of Esh Leaves.
- s) North East England Database Questionnaire
- t) Coalfields Communities Campaign National Conference 20-22 September
- u) Local Government Review July 2005

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085/05 Planning Matters

Cllrs Coulson and 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 CC/1/2005/0527/DMFP  
Applicant Mr K Long  
Proposed Erection of single storey rear extension  
At 20, Clifford Street, 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 TOC/1/2005/0535/DMFP  
Applicant Mr K Parker and L Platt  
Proposed Erection of single storey and two storey extension.  
At 34 Garden Avenue, Langley Park.  
The Clerk Designate informed the meeting that the Planning Officer had concerns over the size of the extension and was meeting with the applicants on site to agree a possible revised/reduced development. It was agreed to raise no objections to the above subject to :-

- a) The applicants agreeing to a revised / reduced extension, and
- b) Adjacent owners being consulted on the revised / reduced extension and their comments being taken into consideration before making a decision on this case.

No CS/1/2005/0537/DMFP  
Applicant Esh Parish Council  
Proposed Installation of play equipment  
At Recreation Ground, 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/1/2005/0556/DMFP  
Applicant Bowey Homes  
Proposed Erection of twenty-two dwellings  
At Bob Smith Travel Ltd, Kingsway Garage,  
Front Street, Langley Park.

It was agreed that subject adjacent owners being consulted and to their views being taken into consideration before making a decision on this case and to the following concerns being raised with Derwentside District Council :-

- a) Increased traffic volume around the entrance road to the Primary School.
- b) Highway access onto the main road from the number of junctions in this area.

Subject to the above receiving satisfactory conclusions the Parish Council have no objections to the above developments.

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### 086/05 Reports

- a) EQUaL Partnership Meeting
  - i) No report
- b) Parish
  - a. Esh Leaves to be delivered around 17<sup>th</sup> July 2005
- c) District

Councillor Coulson reported :-

- a. Shared ownership scheme for Langley Park
- b. Sale of land at Langdale Way, Langley Park – area subject to bat survey.
- c. Three sites for CCTV in Langley Park are under discussion. They are the former Fire Station, Front Street and an area near the Londis shop.

Councillor Guildford reported :-

- i) Recent meeting of the Alcohol and Entertainment Committee.
- ii) Proposed Stanley Town Council

Councillor Tyrie reported :-

- i) Large scale Voluntary Stock Transfer
- ii) Compensation for missed repair and inspection appointments. It is proposed to give compensation of a one off payment of £10 for a missed appointment including multi-trade appointments. Those tenants who have rent arrears will only be offered a £10 credit to their rent account.
- iii) Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Bill.
- iv) Hilltop View Regeneration and Shared Ownership Scheme – when the site is cleared it will be marketed.
- v) Phase 3 of the District Councils CCTV Initiative.
- vi) Gardening Service update-it has been agreed to continue this service for vulnerable tenants.

d) County Council

County Councillor Armstrong reported :-

- a. Permanent Library – talks ongoing.
- b. Temporary Library – it is hoped the move will take place in September 2005.
- c. Donation to Esh Parish Girls' FC
- d. Urban Regeneration at Langley Park – exhibition to take place on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2005 in the Church Street Community Centre.
- e. Bollards / cycle stand – removal. It was agreed to their removal ( and possible relocation ).
- f. Installation of 11 number bollards at Front Street, Langley Park – it was agreed to their installation.

### 087/05 Arrangments during Summer recess

It was agreed that during the August recess any matters requiring urgent attention be delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman.

### 088/05 Copying Street Maps

It was agreed to pay the fee of £125 plus VAT to the Ordnance Survey in order to reproduce maps of Langley Park, Esh and Quebec for use of the Parish Council and to insert into a future copy of Esh Leaves.

089/05 Esh and Quebec Play Areas

The Clerk updated the Council on insurance cover from Zurich Insurance Company for the two play areas at Esh and Quebec. It was agreed to opt for "all risks" cover for both sites at a cost of :-

Quebec £891.11 less 15% = £757.44 + 5% tax

Esh £234.00 less 15% = £198.90 + 5% tax

The Clerk to make the necessary arrangements with Zurich Insurance Company at the appropriate time.

090/05 Financial Statement and Report

After receiving details of the financial statements ( V 74 – 102 ) should be paid and, where appropriate, confirm the Chairman/Clerks action in issuing cheques in advance of the meeting.

091/05 Annual Audit 2004/05- Statement of Assurance

It was agreed to answer yes to all eight questions on the Statement of Assurance Document and for the Chairman and Clerk to sign the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005.

092/05 Request for Donation

- a) Goodwill Association Langley Park – it was agreed to donate £200 ( under the powers within the Local Government Act 1972 section 137 ).
- b) Kraft Klub 4 Kids ( Mrs Pauline Looby ) – it was agreed to donate £250 ( under the powers within the Local Government Act 1972 section 137 ).
- c) County Durham Society for the blind and partially sighted ( talking newspaper ) – it was agreed to donate £200 ( under the powers within the Local Government Act 1972 section 137 ).

093/05 Date and time of next meeting

To be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2005 in the new Parish Hall, Esh, commencing at 7.00pm.

**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 100.**

The Meeting finished at 9.10pm