

Esh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Room, Church Street Community Centre, Langley Park on Tuesday 13th December 2005 at 7.00pm.

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

Apologies: Councillor F Crow, PC Dover and PCSO Brown.

Also in attendance: County Councillor J Armstrong, Mr K Bradshaw (EQUaL Partnership) G F Smith (Clerk) and Mr P Allen (National Playing Fields Association)

134/05 Presentation by Mr Paul Allen, National Playing Fields Association.

Mr Allen gave a talk to members on the N.P.F.A. Protection Scheme "Securing a better future for your open spaces".

Main points of the scheme:-

1. The land is protected in perpetuity and community access guaranteed.
2. Operational control of the land and its budget remain totally in local hands and always will.
3. The land is held charitably, resulting in additional benefits of security and funding.
4. A deed of dedication for the acquiring land was required (draft available from NPFA).

The talk was followed by a question and answer session. The Chairman thanked Mr Allen for his presentation.

Mr Allen and Mr Bradshaw left the meeting.

135/05 Declaration of Interest.

Councillor Coulson and Guildford declared an interest in Item 10 – Planning Matters. They took no part in the debate other than to clarify any matters of fact.

136/05 Police Report.

The police report was circulated at the meeting. (Copy attached to the minutes).

137/05 Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 8th November 2005.

The following required amendment:-

Page 6 Item c) District ii) "Ballet" should read "Ballot".

Following the above amendment the minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

138/05 Clerks report including Observations from Councillors to the Minutes.

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020/05 Footpath at the Recreation Ground.

Following a site meeting on the 10th November 2005 attended by the Chairman, Councillor Christie, the Clerk and Mr Hope of Northumbrian Water. A copy letter from Northumbrian Water was circulated for members' consideration.

It was agreed to accept option B to rectify the land drainage issues and for the work to be carried out at the same time when installing the new footpath. Quotations were being obtained to sever the stone culvert from the present downstream French drain and divert the flows through a new French drain or ditch alongside and uphill of the new footpath. The Clerk to report the quotations to the next appropriate Parish Council meeting.

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- i) Quebec Play Area
Item dealt with on agenda Item 11b - Parish Report.
- ii) Esh Play Area
Item dealt with on agenda Item 11b – Parish Report.

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128/05 Planning Matters.

Number CS/1/2005/0859 – 1 Kingwood, Langley Park.

At the previous Parish Council Meeting members agreed to wait the Arborist Report on the trees at the above site.

The Clerk has circulated the Arborist report to Council members on 28th November 2005. After further consideration members agreed that the Clerk should contact the Planning Officer requesting a plan showing the numbering of the trees that were scheduled for felling and the trees that were to be lopped. The Clerk to circulate the details to members as soon as they were available.

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128/05 Planning Matters

Numbers FC/1/2005/0903/ DMFP – Hamsteels Factory, Quebec.

Members were informed that the existing Hamsteels factory building was to be demolished and replaced by a stonework built building.

Number CS/1/2005/0910/DMFP – Portable building for storage at Woodview Community Centre, Langley Park.

Members were informed that the above proposed application was withdrawn.

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- v) Pantomime – Sleeping Beauty
Item dealt with on agenda 11b – Parish Report.

139/05 Minutes of a Special Meeting held on 15th November 2005.

Agreed as true record.

140/05 Matters Arising

It was agreed to donate £150 towards the cost of hiring the school premises at Langley Park Primary School for two hours each Saturday morning by Simply Soccer for the period December 2005 to March 2006 (Expenditure agreed under section 19 Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976).

141/05 Correspondence

Derwentside District Council

- a) Interim Planning Policy on New Housing – response before 5pm on the 31st December 2005.

Durham County Council

- b) Highways – Local Transport Plan 2 (2006-2011) – the Consultation process
- c) Environment – County Durham Minerals & Waste Development Framework – Submission Statement of Community Involvement.
- d) Environment – County Durham Minerals & Waste Development Framework – Minerals Issues & Options Report.

Durham Association of Parish & Town Councils

- e) DEFRA's Rural Social and Community Programme – Conclusions from consultation and the way forward.

Others

- f) Browell Smith & Co. – Lease of Play Area at Langley Park.
- g) Land Registry – Registration of land through voluntary registration.
- h) Charity Commission – Newsletter
- i) Mr M Smith, 1 Park Drive, Langley Park – Request for transfer of tenancy Earl of Durham allotment No. 53.
Members agreed to the transfer of tenancy. The Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.
- j) Mr NJ Cassidy, 16 Springwell Avenue, Langley Park – enquiry about rent/buy land.
Members agreed to place the request on file and to consider this application when the situation arises.
- k) Durham Rural Community Council – Newsletter, issue 98

142/05 Planning Matters.

A

No. CC/1/2005/0932/DMFP

APPLICANT MR D ROSE

PROPOSED ERECTION OF TWO STOREY REAR
EXTENSION AND FLAT TO FIRST FLOOR
(RE-SUBMISSION)

AT 21 QUEBEC STREET, LANGLEY PARK

That no objection to the above planning application, subject to adjacent owners being consulted and to their comments being taken into consideration before making a decision on this development.

B

No. CC/1/2005/0937/DMFP

APPLICANT MR N DAVIES

PROPOSED ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY REAR
AND SIDE EXTENSION AND RE-POSITIONING
OF BOUNDARY WALL

AT 27 EPPLETON CLOSE, LANGLEY PARK

That no objection to the above planning application, subject to adjacent owners being consulted and to their comments being taken into consideration before making a decision on this development.

C

No. SW/1/2005/0981/DMFP

APPLICANT PHILADELPHIA ESTATES

PROPOSED RESERVED MATTERS APPLICATION FOR
EXTENSION TO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

AT ESH WINNING INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

That no objection to the above planning application, subject to adjacent owners being consulted and to their comments being taken into consideration before making a decision on this development.

D

No. TOC/1/2005/0982/DMFP
APPLICANT JOHN & SHARON LEWIN
PROPOSED ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY
REAR EXTENSION
AT 16 LANGLEY STREET, LANGLEY PARK

That no objection to the above planning application, subject to adjacent owners being consulted and to their comments being taken into consideration before making a decision on this development.

E

No. TOC/1/2005/0968/DMFP
APPLICANT MR J O'CONNOR
PROPOSED ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY REAR
EXTENSIONS, DORMER WINDOW TO
FRONT, ERECTION OF DETACHED GARAGE
AT ROSE COTTAGE, FRONT STREET, ESH

That no objection to the above planning application, subject to adjacent owners being consulted and to their comments being taken into consideration before making a decision on this development.

F

No. SW/1/2005/1006/DMFP
APPLICANT HUTCHINSON 3G LTD
PROPOSED PRIOR APPROVAL TO THE SITING OF
PROPOSED TELECOMMUNICATIONS
DEVELOPMENT CONSISTING OF THREE
15.3 METRE HIGH ANTENNAE ONE 17 METRE
AND ONE 15.8 METRE HIGH TRANSMISSION
DISH ON EXISTING 20 METRE HIGH LATTICE
MAST, ONE NOKIA OPTIMA CABINET
TOGETHER WITH ANCILLARY ELECTRICAL
CABLING WITHIN EXISTING COMPOUND
AT HAUGH FARM, QUEBEC

The Clerk informed the meeting that since the prior approval notice a proposed development for relocating the excising mast by 400mm had been received. All other details remain the same.

After consideration members agreed that the Clerk should contact the Planning Officer asking for clarification on the height of the mast and the positioning of the ancillary equipment. The Clerk to circulate the details to members as soon as they were available.

143/05 Reports

a) EQUaL Partnership Meeting.

Report on Friends of Sir Bobby Robson Park, Langley Park, which met on Thursday 1st December 2005. Agreed to meet on a quarterly basis, use landscape architect drawing to be distributed throughout the village. Need to complete funding application forms, leasing arrangements and complete planning application forms.

b) Parish

The Clerk reported on the following:-

i) Quebec Play Area

Equipment installed, awaiting final inspection by Derwentside District Council, footpath laid. Quotations received for the play area infill for turf £997.50 + VAT and grass matting £5255.40 + VAT. It was agreed for the Clerk to receive further advice from a specialist landscaper and report to the next Parish Meeting.

ii) Esh Play Area

Equipment installed, awaiting final inspection by Derwentside District Council, gradient completed, tarmac path and gates awaiting installation. Members agreed to accept the negotiated quotation from Ludus Leisure Ltd for the installation of the grass matting around the two retained pieces of play equipment at a cost of £2000 + VAT.

iii) Langley Park Play Area.

It was agreed to accept the quotation of Blackett, Hart and Pratt to initially send a letter in principle to Derwentside District Council and also to the solicitor acting for the Sports and Social Club. (Browell, Smith and Co).

iv) Pantomime – 3rd December 2005.

Total income £54.00 Total expenditure £21.03 Profit on the day £32.97. The cost of the pantomime company was £567.50. Members agreed to book a local company for 2007 and to promote the event by better publicity (including the school children). Visits to three schools by members of the pantomime cast and also link the pantomime event with the Christmas tree “switch on” ceremony.

v) Use of Esh Football Pitch.

Esh Girls FC have now confirmed their agreement to the terms of the licence agreement. And also confirm that the pitch will be required from Spring 2006.

c) District

Councillor Coulson Reported:-

a) Installation of CCTV at Langley Park has commenced.

b) Stock Transfer Ballot (61.1% returns).

- c) Beacon Status – Youth Engagement.
- d) Local Area Arrangements (to be lead by County Council).

Councillor Tyrie reported:-

- a) Future residents of 12 Meadowbank – Lack of progress in scheme.
- b) Grass cutting in Derwentside.
- c) Hilltop View.
- d) Workless ness in Derwentside (13.69% of working age population were not in work and claiming benefits).
- e) Mountsett Crematorium and Mercury Abatement – costs.

d) County Council.

Councillor Armstrong reported:-

- a) Urban Renaissance
- b) Temporary and Permanent Library – Update.
- c) MUGA at Esh – completion by March 2006.
- d) Clifford Street lighting.
- e) Use of Speed Visors.
- f) Meeting in January (T.B.A) to discuss the use of community rooms in the new library building.

144/05 Annual Inspection of Allotments.

The Clerk reported on the annual inspection of allotments, which took place on 24th November 2005. Members agreed that the following tenants be advised to tidy up their allotments:-

Earl of Durham Allotment

No's 2,8,13,14,31,46,54,59,61,64,69,74,75,76,79,80,81,82 and 83.

Cross Fell Estate Allotments

No's 11 and 14.

145/05 Review of Allotments rents 2007

The Clerk produced a report on income/expenditure for 2004/5 and for 2005/06 for the allotments.

Members agreed not to increase the present rental (£21 per year) for the year 2007.

146/05 Financial Statement and Reports

After receiving details of financial details (V203 – V238) should be paid and where appropriate confirm the Chairman/Clerk action in issuing cheques in advance of the meeting.

147/05 Request for Donation – Esh Parish Girls FC

The Clerk has reported the receipt of a financial statement for Esh Parish Girls FC. Members agreed to donate £150 to Esh Parish Girls FC (under the powers within the Local Government Act 1972 section 137).

148/05 Complaints Procedure Policy

Members agreed in principle to the complaints procedure policy. The Clerk was requested to make further enquiries (regarding the right to appeal, complaints against the Chairman and the next level after the Parish Council) with Derwentside District Council (Monitoring Officer), Association of Town and Parish Councils and also the Society of Local Council Clerks and to report at the next appropriate Parish Council meeting.

149/05 Unaudited Budget forecast 2005/06

Members agreed to accept the report for information only.

150/05 Preliminary Budget 2006/07

Members agreed to accept the report for information only.

151/05 Date and Time of Next Meeting

To be held on Tuesday 10th January 2006 at 7.00pm in Ushaw Conference Centre.

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 item listed below on the grounds that if they are present during discussion of these items there could be disclosure of them of exempt information as defined in Section 100.

The Meeting finished at 9.20pm