

Esh Parish Council

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council Meeting held in the Parish Room, Church Street, Community Centre, Langley Park, on Tuesday 9th May 2006 (following the Annual General Meeting) at 7.35pm.

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

Apologies: Councillors C Bloor, F Crow H Tyler and M Tyler.

Also in attendance: County Councillor J Armstrong, P.C.S.O. Brown and G.F. Smith (Clerk).

058/06 Declaration of Interest

Councillors Coulson and Guildford declared an interest in Item 7 – Planning Matters, they took no part in the debate other than to clarify any matters of fact.

Councillor Harling declared an interest in Item 12f Request for Donation, Finchale Training College, he took no part in the debate.

059/06 Police Report

P.C.S.O. Brown gave a comprehensive report on incidents within the Parish (copy attached to the minutes), followed by a question and answer session.

060/06 Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 11th April 2006

Agreed as a true record, signed by the Chairman

061/06 Clerks Report including Observations from Councillors to the Minutes.

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148/05 Complaints Procedure Policy

It was agreed to:-

- a) Accept the advice from the Society of Local Council Clerks for Local Councils in the handling of complaints (copy attached to the minutes).
- b) To progress the matter of no independent body to which the complainant can turn for an independent formal assessment of the position, with the National Association of Local Councils.

005/06 Correspondence

e) Erection of a memorial (Mining Industry)

Agreed to accept the report (copy attached to the minutes), members noted the date of the next meeting, which is scheduled for 6th June 2006 at 7.00pm in the Parish Room.

035/06 Matters arising from the meeting dated 7th March 2006

Funding transfer from Durham County Council to EQUaL.

Members were informed that the funds for Youth facilities in Langley Park for 2005/06 (£5950) had been “ring fenced” and transferred to the Area Committee. Arrangements were in hand to transfer the amount to the EQUaL Partnerships bank account. Clerk to update at the next Parish Council Meeting.

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036/06 Correspondence

b) Parish Paths Partnership (P3) Applications 2006
Agenda Item 6(a).

038/06 Reports b) Parish

Esh, Langley Park and Quebec Play Areas

Agenda Item No 8 b

National Probation Service – Community Pay-Back Scheme.

Cross Fell allotments - work complete.

Earl of Durham allotments and paths by football and cricket ground – litter pick complete.

All Saints Youth Centre – work commenced.

Removal of graffiti from the garage at the Earl of Durham allotments – work outstanding.

Footpath, Low Moor Road – work outstanding.

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050/06 Correspondence

f) Garage tenancy

Agenda Item No. 11

g) Street lighting Esh/Irene Terraces

Letter sent to Durham County Council, letter acknowledged, further reply by 26th May 2006. Clerk to update at the next Parish Council Meeting.

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052/06 Reports – Parish

Earl of Durham Allotments

A letter has been sent to all allotment holders informing them of the Councils decision on the installation of gates and cost of keys.

The Clerk has met with the contractors on the site to measure the opening, awaiting confirmation of costs and date of delivery. Clerk to update at the next Parish Council Meeting.

Recreation Ground, Langley Park

Councillor Christie and the Clerk had met with the contractor on site, to agree the position of the gate (near to the original opening), the gate had been ordered, awaiting delivery. The contractor estimated £30 to carry out additional work in clearing the area around the gate area, members agreed the additional cost. The fly tipping had been removed by Durham City Council.

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054/06 Annual Audit 2005/06

Copy letter circulated at the meeting from BDO Chartered Accountants, members noted the comments and the audit fee of £550 plus VAT for the Annual Audit 2005/06.

055/06 Request for donation

Agenda Item No's 12 a, b & c.

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062/06 Correspondence

Durham County Council

- a) Environment – Parish Paths Partnership 2006 – Availability of Grant
- b) County Durham LA21 Roundtable meetings in May/June 2006

County Durham Association of Local Councils

- c) OFCOM Report re: Public Call Boxes.
- d) Legal briefing “Licensing Act 2003” (prepared by the National Association of Local Councils).

Clerk to send a copy of the reports to all Council members.

County Durham and Cleveland County Training Partnership

- e) “What’s on the Agenda” training video and workshop for Members and Officers.

Clerk to send a copy of the reports to all Council members.

Others

- f) Interplan Sign System Ltd – Quotation for signs for Esh and Quebec Play Areas (copy attached to report).

Members agreed to accept a quotation of £275.00 for each sign, plus installation cost of £50.00 per sign. Plus VAT.

g) Durham City Council – Granting of Planning Permission subject to conditions for the erection of 12 dwellings with associated garages at Anderson & Young Coachworks, Old Station Yard, Langley Park.

h) Durham County Council, Environment – Temporary road closure, Hill Top, Langley Park.

- i) Groundwork UK – Change of office address
 - j) Mrs E Jones, 43 Garden Avenue, Langley Park – Request for transfer of tenancy of allotment number ED83 following her husband’s death.
- Members agreed to the request.

063/06 Planning Matters

A

No. LF/1/2006/0251/DMLP

APPLICANT MR DAVID JOHN ROSE

PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF
LAWFULNESS FOR FISH & CHIP SHOP

AT 21 QUEBEC STREET, LANGLEY PARK

Agreed 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. LF/1/2006/0280/DMFP

APPLICANT MR & MRS OPENSHAW

PROPOSED CONSERVATORY TO REAR

AT 56 EAST CLERE, LANGLEY PARK

Agreed 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. LF/1/2006/0285/DMFP

APPLICANT MR & MRS ROBEY

PROPOSED ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY EXTENSIONS
TO FRONT REAR AND SIDE

AT 38 DAVIS CRESCENT, LANGLEY PARK

Agreed 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.

LF/1/2006/0321/DMFP

APPLICANT

MRS ROSBOROUGH

PROPOSED

TWO STOREY AND SINGLE STOREY SIDE
EXTENSIONS

AT

4 ELEMORE CLOSE, LANGLEY PARK

Agreed 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.

064/06 Reports

a) EQUal Partnership.

Started to apply for grants for work within the recreation ground, Durham Wildlife Services to draw up plans for use in the tendering process. Further funding opportunities may be available if the charitable trust had a bank account. It was agreed for the Clerk to work with Karen Gibson (capacity worker) to see if this was possible.

Applied for £50,000 from the Peoples Millions Fund, unsuccessful with bid to the Young Peoples Fund (to extend hours of capacity worker).

AGM scheduled for 17th May 2006.

40 people attended the opening of the Quebec Play area on Monday 1st May 2006.

b) Parish

Quebec

Turfing completed (Total cost 220 m2@£3.45=£759.00 +vat), 190 m2 to play area and 30 m2 around fencing . Members agreed to the extra cost.

External Play area requires re-seeding at a cost of 0.45 per m2. Work to be carried out at the end of August.

Play Area open

Awaiting sign

Esh

Gate installed

Footpath to arrange with Derwentside District Council

Grass Matting to be installed this week

Awaiting sign

Langley Park

Clerk has a meeting with the Council's solicitors on Wednesday 10th May. Clerk to update at the next Parish Council Meeting.

National Probation Service – Community Pay-Back Scheme

Cross Fell site – Two allotments cleared and rubbish removed from site (now let)

- Litter pick complete

Earl of Durham site – Litter pick complete

- Graffiti removal outstanding

All Saints Youth Centre – Initial site visit, work commenced on 7th May

Low Moor Road/Eppleton Close – Initial site visit, work scheduled for 10/11th May

Sports & Social Ground – Initial site visit, work part complete

Clerk to report at the next Parish Council Meeting.

Earl of Durham allotments, Langley Park

Problem with rabbits, Clerk to consult with district E.H.O., refer to Durham County Council, Association of Local Councils and Defra Web Sites for advice. Clerk to report at the next Parish Council Meeting.

Recreation Ground, Langley Park

Complaints received from local residents about vans and motorbikes accessing the recreation ground via the football field area, which is not fenced off. A quotation has been received for the supply and installation of 14 metres of 1 metre high bow top steel fencing including kissing gate for £1180.

It was agreed for the Clerk to contact Derwentside District Council to obtain the cost of supplying and installing a number of stone boulders to block off the entrance. Clerk to report at the next Parish Council Meeting.

Work to be carried out by the National Probation Service is still outstanding (tidy footpath and cut back overhanging shrubs), Clerk to discuss with Probation Service staff and report at the next Parish Council Meeting.

c) District

Councillor Tyrie reported:-

- a) Provision of services for older people
- b) Health in Derwentside
- c) Licensing of houses in multiple occupancy
- d) Stanley bus station

Councillor Guildford reported:-

- a) Recent meeting of the Licensing committee

Councillor Coulson no report.

d) County

Councillor Armstrong reported:-

- a) Temporary library facilities – work ongoing
- b) Traffic calming measures – complete (ongoing monitoring of situation)
- c) Meeting re bus services/routes
- d) Stanley bus station – possible environment award
- e) MUGA at Esh – almost complete
- f) Damage/mess to footpaths at Esh (e-mail details)

065/06 Financial Statements and Reports

The following amendments were agreed:-

- a) Voucher 30 Cheque number 303463 should read 303474
- b) Voucher 35 Cheque number 303466 should read 303475
- c) That the cost of supplying/fitting a new gate at Esh play area (£403.36) should be paid out of the commuted sum account.

Subject to the above amendments members agreed the financial details.

(V4 – correction, V10 – correction and V19 to V46) should be paid and where appropriate the Chairman/Clerk action in issuing cheques in advance of the meeting.

066/06 Summary of Statement of Accounts 2005/06

Members agreed the report.

067/06 Garage Tenancy

It was agreed that the two applicants be interviewed by a panel of Council members (Chairman, Vice Chairman and one other) to ascertain the suitability of the applicant, their proposed use of the building and any other relevant information (i.e. references). The panel to report back with their findings/recommendations to the next Parish Council meeting.

068/06 Requests for Donations

- a) Langley Park Angling Association (Juniors)

Following receipt of further information members agreed to donate £200 to the organisation (under the powers within the Local Government (miscellaneous provisions) Act 1976 section 19).

- b) Kraft Klub 4 Kids

Following receipt of a bank statement, members agreed to donate £200 to the organisation (under the powers within the Local Government Act 1972 section 145).

- c) Talking Newspapers Appeal

Members were informed of the number of subscriptions in the Parish was 16 (2 in Quebec and 14 in Langley Park). Application to be reviewed later in the financial year.

- d) Langley Park Branch Sunderland AFC Supporters Association

Following receipt of further information members agreed to donate £450 to the organisation (under the powers within the Local Government (miscellaneous provisions) Act 1976 section 19).

- e) WRVS

Awaiting further details from the Local County Durham Group

- f) Finchale Training College

Awaiting further details and a copy of income/expenditure accounts/bank statement.

069/06 Date and Time of the next meeting

The next ordinary meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th June 2006 in the Parish Room, Church Street Community Centre, Langley Park commencing at 7.00pm.

No confidential items.

The meeting finished at 9.25pm.