

## ESH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council meeting held at Church Street Community Centre, Langley Park on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2007 commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors A. Mollon(Chairman), B. Armstrong, C. Bloor, G. Coulson, A. Harling, A. Hiles, P. Mollon, S. Rothwell, M. Tyler and W. Tyrie.

Apologies: Councillors R. Bowyer, H. Guildford, L. Looby and M. Sands.

Also in Attendance: County Councillor J. Armstrong, G.F.Smith(Clerk) and M. Ackroyd(Ass. Clerk).

235/07 Declaration of Interest

Councillors Coulson and Rothwell declared an interest in Item 9- Planning Matters, they took no part in the debate other than to clarify any matters of fact. Councillor Bloor declared an interest in Item 11- Allotment Rents 2009, he took no part in the debate.

236/07 Police report

No report

237/07 Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2007

Amendment:-

Page 2 minute 202/07 Pantomime 2008. The cost of the pantomime should read £600. Subject to the above amendment the minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

238/07 Clerk's report including observations from Councillors to the Minutes

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132/07 Reports – b) Parish

Langley Park Recreation Ground

Members agreed for the works(Fencing and Footpaths) to be subject to competitive tendering, at least four firms to be asked to submit prices. Clerk to report to the next appropriate meeting of the Trustees and confirm the tender prices to the next appropriate Parish Council meeting.

169/07 Correspondence

a) Parish Paths Partnership 2007 – erection of new notice board at Langley Park. The Clerk reported that a new lock and key have now been received. The Clerk to arrange for the lock to be fitted as soon as possible.

170/07 Parish Garage

Following the advert in the recent edition of Esh Leaves only one telephone enquiry had been received but no firm offer. Members agreed for the Clerk to place a notice on the Council's notice boards and also in local shops. Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

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200/07 Correspondence

## 1) Meikles Solicitors – Lease of land at Langley Park

The Clerk reported that he had recently met with the Council's solicitor (Mrs McManus) and that the legal work had commenced to finalise the two leases, it was expected to complete the work in early 2008. Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

202/07 Reports – c) District

## Neighbourhood Office, Langley Park

The Clerk reported that a letter of interest had been sent to Derwentside Homes, the Board is due to meet on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2007. The Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

222/07 Financial Risk Assessment – Transfer of Funds

The Assistant Clerk reported that he had made enquiries with Standard Life and they had offered a fixed rate bond of 6.5%. Members agreed to transfer £7,500 from the Co-operative Bank PLC to Standard Life and for the Assistant Clerk to complete the necessary paperwork.

224/07 NLDC Grant and additional hours

Item deferred until the next Parish Council meeting (awaiting a decision on the funding application).

225/07 Draft Budget 2008/09

Agenda Item 6.

230/07 Correspondence

## e) National Tree Week

Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

239/07 Draft Budget 2008/09

The Assistant Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer circulated a report prior to the meeting. Members thanked the officer for his comprehensive report and agreed to defer any decisions until the next Parish Council meeting (8<sup>th</sup> January 2008).

240/07 Financial Statement

After receiving details of all financial statements for 2007/08 (vouchers V241 to V279) should be paid and where appropriate confirm the Chairman/Clerk's action in issuing cheques in advance of the meeting.

241/07 CorrespondenceDerwentside District Council

- a) Revised Code of Conduct and Registration of Financial and other Interests. Members noted that the advert for the Adoption of the Code of Conduct had been placed in the Northern Echo on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2007. The Clerk to issue the Registration of Financial and other Interests form to all Council Members and for them to complete and return it to the Clerk who will then send them onto the Monitoring Officer.

Durham County Council

- b) Property Services Division – Disposal of garage and allotment sites owned by the County Council at Hamsteels Estate and Quebec. Members agreed for the Clerk to make further enquiries with the County Council and to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

- c) Democratic & Corporate Services Division – Overview and Scrutiny Member Network, Transport investigation; closing date for comments extended to the end of December 2007.
- d) Environment – Local Transport Plan 2 (2006 – 2011).

Others

- e) Derwentside Homes – Langley Park Neighbourhood Office; Board meeting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2007. Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.
- f) Society of Local Council Clerks – Membership renewal 2008 (£145). Members agreed to pay a proportion of the fee £80.73(balance to be met by Tow Law Town Council).
- g) Durham Association Newsletter; Issue 16; December 2007.
- h) Campaign to Protect Rural England Newsletter; Winter 2007.
- i) DCC Building Schools for the Future Newsletter; Issue 4; November 2007.
- j) County Durham Learning Disabilities Partnership Board Newsletter; Issue 18; November 2007.
- k) Durham Rural Community Council Newsletter; Issue 106; December 2007.
- l) Langley Park Methodist Church – Community Carol Service on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2007 at 7.00pm St Andrew’s Methodist Church, Langley Park. Councillor Bloor to represent the Parish Council and to give one of the readings.

242/07 Planning matters

<u>A</u>	
No	LO/1/2007/0978/DMFP
APPLICANT	MR P SCOTT
PROPOSED	ERECTION OF ONE DWELLING
AT	WILLOW COTTAGE, ESH WINNING

Members agreed to raise no objections subject to adjacent occupants being consulted and for their views to be taken into account when making a decision on this development.

<u>B</u>	
No	CC/1/2007/0950/DMFP
APPLICANT	MR & MRS BRADLEY
PROPOSED	CHANGE OF USE OF LAND TO DOMESTIC GARDEN AND ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION
AT	ANNFIELD HOUSE, LANGLEY PARK

Members agreed to raise no objections subject to adjacent occupants being consulted and for their views to be taken into account when making a decision on this development.

243/07 Reports

A) EQUaL

- 1) £80,000 Big Lottery Fund
- 2) Awaiting decision from Derwentside District Council regarding match funding.

B) Parish

- 1) Pantomime 2008  
Members agreed the ticket price of £3.50 adult and £2.50 child, and for the Assistant Clerk to purchase raffle prizes.
- 2) Parish Walk 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2008 commencing at 12.45pm at Langley Park, refreshments to follow.

C) District

Councillor Coulson – no report

Councillor Rothwell reported:-

- 1) Review of Local Councillors Community Fund (amount to be agreed), to be spent on capital costs.

Councillor Tyrie reported:-

- 1) Street cleaning in Esh Parish
- 2) Extended area of land at the Sir Bobby Robson Park site.
- 3) Consett and Stanley market stalls.

D) County

Councillor Armstrong reported:-

- 1) Library – due to lack of finance from the Big Lottery Fund it is proposed to extend the existing library building at Langley Park. Further update at a future Parish Council meeting.
- 2) Footpath at Kaysburn – Officers from the County Council are to look at the state of the footpath and report back to Councillor Armstrong. Further update at a future Parish Council meeting.
- 3) Bus Contract(Scarlet Band) is going out to Tender, possible change to route to incorporate pick up at the Haven, Langley Park.
- 4) Finings Street – on going problems with anti-social behaviour. It was agreed for the Parish Council to host a meeting with a number of agencies to form a plan of action(Police, District Council, County Council, Member of Parliament and the Parish Council).

244/07 Allotment Rents 2009

Members agreed for no increase in allotments rents as from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009, rent to remain at £25 per year.

245/07 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2008 in Church Street Community Centre, Langley Park commencing at 7.00pm.

The meeting finished at 8.45pm.

**Signed by the Chairman.....Page 4**

