

Esh Parish Council

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council Meeting held at The Harry Guildford Centre, rear of Front Street, Langley Park on Tuesday 10th June 2008 commencing at 7:00pm

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

Apologies: Councillors C. Bloor, County Councillor Armstrong

Also in attendance: G.F.Smith (Clerk), PC J. Laws, M. Campbell (Durham County Councillor) and C.Wayman (Assistant Clerk)

058/08 Declaration of Interest

Councillors Coulson and Rothwell declared an interest in item 8 Planning Matters, they took no part in the discussion other than to clarify any matters of fact.

Councillors Hiles and Bowyer declared an interest in item 9g Correspondence They took no part in the discussion.

59/08 Police Report

PC Laws presented her report to Council Members, followed by a question and answer session. PC Laws left the meeting after this item

60/08 Sir Bobby Robson Park

It was decided to address this issue under Item 12 a) The EQUaL report

61/08 Minutes of the AGM held 13th May 2008

Amendment Page 1 Present

Councillor Bowyer was added to the list of those present

Subject to the above alteration the minutes were agreed and signed by the chairman

62/08 Clerks report on matter arising from the AGM

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AGM 04/08 Cheque Signatories

a) Co-operative Bank Plc – Current Account

Clerk/Assistant Clerk to arrange with the Co-operative Bank Plc

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AGM 07/08 Standing Orders

The Standing Orders have been amended and a copy of the new Standing Orders are available on the website

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AGM 08/08 Financial Regulations

To be amended and a copy to be available on the website

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AGM 11/08 Assets Register of Council Property

To be amended

063/08 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13th May 2008

Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

064/08 Clerks report on matters arising from the previous meeting

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132/07 Reports b) Parish

Langley Park Recreation Ground

The footpaths have been finished and there is a meeting regarding the fencing on Friday 13th June. Progress has also been made on the information boards.

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009/08 Correspondence

c) DCC, Environment – Parish Paths Partnership Applications 2008

Durham County Council will supply the pamphlet and a sleeve. The £900 from Derwentside District Council’s “Grants for Groups” can be used to pay for this.

011/08 Reports – b) Parish

2) Esh Village Green

Planning permission is not required for the erection of the fence.

022/08 Parish Offices (The Harry Guildford Centre)

We are waiting for the sign. However, PCSO Pearsall has started using the centre as his base of operations within Langley Park.

023/08 Correspondence

a) DCC – Environment – Field Boundary Restoration Grant Scheme 2003/04 at Kaysburn Road, Langley Park.

The cost of replacing the dead trees will be £863 the members decided to go ahead with replacing the trees, as it was part of the conditions of the original scheme.

q) Reported Problems at the Recreation Ground, Langley Park.

There were no problems with travellers however, due to problems with parking it was decided to still obtain a quotation for the boulders.

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045/08 Correspondence

r) DCC – Children and Young Peoples Services – Primary Strategy for Change
Agenda Item No. 10c

046/08 Reports – b) Parish

Inspection of Allotments

Agenda Item No. 11B

Joint working with Langley Park Branch of SAFC

The organiser has been away, Clerk to update at next Council meeting

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046/08 Reports – b) Parish

Joint working with the Parent and Teachers Committee of Langley Park Primary School The Primary School have requested £200 for a Summer fair, no bank account details have been provided so far, if they are received the Council agreed to delegate the decision to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Clerk.

052/08 Financial Statement

The transfer of funds has taken place.

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053/08 Planning Matters

Application GB/1/2008/0255/DMFP – 17 Beech Court, Langley Park
The Parish had approved the original application, therefore this revised application was approved under delegated powers by the Planning Officer from Derwentside District Council.

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065/08 Financial statement and report

The net cost for Voucher 50 was £112.05 (period 1/02/08 to 31/03/08) and £709.90 (period 1/04/08 to 31/03/09)

After receiving details of all Financial Statements for 2008/09 (vouchers V50 to V73) Members agreed they should be paid and where appropriate confirm the Chairman/Clerk’s action in issuing cheques in advance of the meeting.

066/08 Planning Matters

A

No.	GB/1/2008/0356/DMFP
APPLICANT	Fr M GRIFFITHS
PROPOSED	ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING ROOF AND DEMOLITION OF EXISTING SIDE EXTENSION AND ERECTION OF FLAT ROOFED SIDE EXTENSION
AT	AT. JOSEPH’S CHURCH HALL, THOMAS STREET, 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

B

NO. GB/1/2008/0339/DMFP

APPLICANT MR R MORTON

PROPOSED ERECTION OF ONE DWELLING WITH INTEGRAL GARAGE

AT WOODBINE COTTAGE, FRONT STREET, ESH

Members had concerns with this application, which included, the size of the dwellings footprint with regard to the building that had previously been there. Also raised was the fact that this development does not preserve or enhance the character of the village.

C

NO. TA/1/2008/0372/DMFP

APPLICANT MR LECKENBY

PROPOSED CONSERVATORY TO REAR

AT 10 HERRINGTON CLOSE, 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

67/08 Correspondence

- a) Derwentside District Council - Planning Permission at the All Saints Youth Centre, Langley Park.
Members agreed that the entrance sign should be taken down and stored in the garage for possible later use.
- b) County Durham PCT – Joint Strategic Needs Assessment; Consultation period 2nd July to 14th July.
- c) DCC – Children & Young Peoples Services; Primary Strategy for Change (amendment following initial consultation). Deadline for response 12th June 2008
Clerk confirmed that Headmistress Miss Brennan has received a copy of the consultation.
- d) County Durham PCT – Conference for Key Stakeholders 13th June 2008; 10am to 4pm; venue to be confirmed.
- e) Derwentside District Council – Consultation on the next Parish Council Elections
It was decided to respond that the Council prefers elections in 2013 rather than 2009. But that the most ideal time for elections would be in conjunction with the new Unitary Council

- f) Durham Police Authority – Appointment of three independent members; closing date 26th June 2008. Councillor Rothwell expressed an interest.
- g) Meikles Solicitors – Sir Bobby Robson Park; HM Revenue & Customs – Land Transaction Return Form; As there was to be a £100 charge for a late return of this form the Council confirmed the Chairman’s action through delegated powers.
- h) Derwentside District Council – Transition Plan 2008/09
- i) County Durham Association of Local Councils – Nominations for Executive Committee Members – required by 31st August.
- j) County Durham Learning Disabilities Partnership Board Newsletter; May 2008; Issue 21
- k) County Durham Sustainability & Environment Partnership Newsletter; May/June 2008 Issue 37.
- l) Local Councils Update; June 2008; Issue 104
- m) Derwentside District Council – Esh Conservation Area Appraisal
- n) Tees, Esk & Wear Valley NHS Trust – Developing mental health services for older people in County Durham & Darlington; Consultation ends 7th September 2008. There were concerns raised over the wards at Earl’s House hospital being closed and patients being moved to Darlington and the resultant longer distance to be travelled.
- o) DCC – Local Government Pension Scheme
- p) Campaign to Protect Rural England; Newsletter Summer 2008

68/08 Reports

- a) EQUaL
 - i) Derwentside District Council Planning department made a mistake by putting down on the list of consultees regarding the Sir Bobby Robson Park Ebchester and Medomsley Parish Council and not Esh Parish Council. Thus the Parish Council had not received any documentation about the park.
 - ii) Negotiations over the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) Continue
 - iii) The skate park has been rotated to fit wholly onto Derwentside District Council land.
 - iv) Work should be starting on the 16th June 2008.

The Parish Council all agreed that they were happy with the plan and the way that work was progressing.

b) Parish

1. EDF Energy - Wind Farm

The Chairman, Councillors Coulson, Rothwell and the Clerk attended a meeting with EDF. They were reluctant for Parish Council to distribute the money and are going with the County Durham Foundation.

There is a need for a group with representatives from all the area affected. It was agreed to write to all the Parish Councils in the area inviting them to form such a group.

2. Litter Problem, Thomas Street Langley Park

A number of residents have called into the office regarding the amount of litter and general untidiness in the Thomas Street Area. It was agreed to approach the Spar shop and see what could be done about better bin storage.

3. Annual Audit 2007/08

This has been deferred to the next meeting

Mr Stuart Harris has been confirmed as the internal Auditor

4. Notice board at Langley Park

The existing notice board has been knocked down following a car accident. The matter has been reported to the Police and an incident number obtained. The Council will have to claim on the insurance to have the board replaced.

5.. Proposed erection of Mining Memorial at Langley Park

The Council has agreed to support a mining memorial in Langley Park. The suggested site was Front Street Langley Park (outside the garden near Porkies butchers).

6. Earl of Durham Allotments – complaint regarding plot ED74

There have been a number of complaints in relation to noise and Anti-social behaviour at the above allotment site. It has been reported to the Police. A nearby gate has had its padlock cut off and has now been welded shut.

7. Inspection of Allotments on Saturday 31st May 2008

The Chairman, Councillor P. Mollon and the Clerk inspected the two allotment sites and make the following recommendations: -

Cross Fell

The access road is overgrown and should be cut back to allow better access.

The pathway is also overgrown and should be cut back to allow better access to each allotment.

The Clerk should write to the following allotment holders regarding the untidy state of each of the sites: -

CF 4/5; CF 11/12; CF 13 and CF 15/16.

The Council agreed these actions.

Earl of Durham

It is recommended that: -

The pathway is overgrown and should be strimmed back to allow better access to all allotments.

The site road exiting at Northumbrian Water site should be blocked off (use of boulders) to restrict access by unauthorised vehicles. The pathway in this area could also be strimmed back to help tidy up this area.

Also for the Clerk to write to the following allotment holders regarding the untidy state of each site: -

ED 2; ED 31; ED 70; ED 71; ED 74; ED 79/80 and ED 81

The Council agreed these actions.

8. Litter Bin

Langley Park Primary School have approached the Council with regard to a litterbin, the Clerk will update at the next Parish Council meeting.

c) District

Councillor Tyrie – No report

Councillor Rothwell reported that she has become Vice-Chairman

Councillor Coulson reported that he will be attended the Licensing, Crematorium and Development Control Committee meetings.

d) County

No County Council report.

69/08 Date of the Next Meeting

The Next Meeting of Esh Parish Council is on Tuesday 8th July 2008 in the Meeting Room No.2, St. Bede's Centre, Ushaw College, which commences at 7.00pm

070/08 Confidential Item – Staffing Matters

Item withdrawn.

The meeting finished at 9.25pm