

**Esh Parish Council**

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council Meeting held at Meeting Room No.2, St. Bede's Centre, Ushaw College on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2008 commencing at 7:00pm

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

Apologies: Councillors R. Bowyer, H. Guildford, L. Looby, County Councillor Campbell and PCSO Pearsall

Also in attendance: G.F. Smith (Clerk), County Councillor Armstrong, C. Wayman (Assistant Clerk), Anne Davison (Strategic Manager for Libraries and Dorothy Mason

071/08 Declaration of Interest

Councillors Coulson and Rothwell declared an interest in item 9 Planning Matters, they took no part in the discussion other than to clarify any matters of fact. Councillor Bloor declared an interest in 6 b) Parish report in respect to allotments and 5 Clerks Report, Minute number 046/08 Joint Working with Parent and Teachers Committee of Langley Park Primary School.

72/08 Police Report

No report given

73/08 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2008

Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

74/08 Clerks report on matter arising from the Previous Meeting

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132/07 Reports b) Parish

Langley Park Recreational Ground

Fencing is to arrive and Councillor Hiles is looking into information boards

011/08 Reports - b) Parish

2) Esh Village Green

Planning permission is not required for the erection of the fence, money for the development of the Green is coming from the Urban and Rural Renaissance Initiative with consultation events to be held. Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Councillor Sands and Clerk to meet with Tamsim Harrison of DCC. 022/08 Parish Offices (The Harry Guildford Centre)

The sign is up and in place, Councillor Guildford opened the offices in a low-key ceremony and pictures will appear in the next issue of Esh Leaves. 023/08 Correspondence

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

Signed by the Chairman

  
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The order for the work has gone into Wharton Landscapes, maintenance costs will be included so as to prevent the previous problems. Clerk to report the costs to the next Parish Council Meeting.

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

The Boulders at Lambton Street may become available soon and could possibly be used.

046/08 Reports - b) Parish

Joint working with Langley Park Branch of SAFC

Still awaiting final costs, it was decided to leave this to delegated powers during the August recess.

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046/08 Reports - b) Parish

Joint working with the Parent and Teachers Committee of Langley Park Primary School

The bank details have been received and a donation of £200 to contribute towards the Summer Fayre was agreed under Section 145 of The Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976

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066/08 Planning Matters

Application GB/1/2008/0339/DMFP - Woodbine Cottage Esh

This application was refused.

67/08 Correspondence

a) All Saints Youth Centre - removal of the sign.

Jeremy is waiting to remove it and place it in the garage he is just waiting for some help to move it.

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67/08 Correspondence

f) Durham Police Authority - Councillor Rothwell was unable to become a member due to existing commitments.

i) CDALC - Nominations for Executive Committee members Closing date is the 31/07/08

68/08 Reports a) Parish

1. EPF Energy - Wind Farm

Letters have been sent to Lanchester and Burnhope Parish Councils regarding the wind farms and forming a local group - still awaiting responses. Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting. Page 6

68/08 Reports a) Parish

2. Litter Problem, Thomas Street Langley Park

After having a discussion with the owner of the Spar and seeing little improvement since it was decided to contact Environmental Health about the problem.

4. Notice board at Langley Park

The matter is now in the hands of the insurance company, with the relevant forms having been sent to them.

6. Earl of Durham Allotments - complaint regarding plot ED74

The matter has been reported to the Police who are now dealing with the situation.

7. Inspection of Allotments on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2008

Signed by the chairmar .....



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Cross Fell

A contractor (Wharton Landscapes) is going to be carrying out the works, letters have been sent to the relevant allotments asking for improvements in how they are kept. Two holders have replied and will be tidying up their allotments soon (subject to the weather.)

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8. Litter Bin

No suitable meeting date has been arranged. Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

75/08 Reports

- a) EQUaL - No report
- b) Parish Council-

1. Langlev Park Library

Anne Davison gave an update on the situation. The Library is going to be moving out the old fire station building. Negotiations are very advanced about moving into the Furniture Gallery site. If these progress then the Library could transfer to the new premises in late Autumn.

It was decided to hold a Special Meeting of the Council to address the problems raised with the Libraries move and to formulate the Council's response.

2. Proposed closure of Esh Post Office

There is a 6-week consultation (of which two weeks have already passed). It was agreed to provide funds for a Public Meeting, if money is needed, and to write a letter to the Post Office opposing the closure.

3. Hanging Baskets

Quotation received from Mr. P Snowdon: -

- a) Provision of Hanging Baskets, planted and hung @£14:00 per basket
- b) Watering of Hanging Baskets @£0:85 per basket

The Council agreed to accept the quotation.

4. Request for a donation - Chloe Tindale

Chloe Tindale is 12 years old and is raising funds to represent England at a competition in Portugal, she so far has raised £350 out of the £630 needed. Under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 it was agreed to donate £100, an advert will appear in the next Esh Leaves asking for more sponsorship so she can travel to the competition, it was agreed that if she was unable to reach the target after the advert that the Parish Council would contribute the rest needed.

- c) County Council

Council Armstrong reported on a number of issues including:

The Esh top footpath way

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Access to farms in Esh  
Development on Kingsway  
Parking provision at May Terrace  
Salt bin's at Park Close  
Dropped kerbs at Brown Court

Church Street Centre, raising funds and the newly recovered snooker table.  
County Councillor Joe Armstrong, Anne Davison and Dorothy Mason left the meeting at this point.

d) District Council

Councillor Tyrie reported on the fencing at Langley Park Sports and Recreational Ground

Councillor Rothwell reported on possible improvements to Quebec Village Hall and donations to the Langley Park Goodwill Association and the Football Summer School at Langley Park.

Councillor Coulson reported on Health and Stronger Communities

76/08 Annual Audit 2007/08

a) Statements of Accounts.

Members agreed the figures shown on the statement of accounts for year ending 31 st March 2008 and for the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer to sign the necessary document.

b) Annual Governance Statement.

Members agreed to answer all questions with a yes and for the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer to sign the necessary document.

c) Report of internal auditor

Members agreed to accept the report of the internal auditor.

d) Donations 2007/08

Members agreed to accept the Donations 2007/08 Report as a true record.

77/08 Financial Statement and Report

After receiving details of all Financial Statements for 2008/09 (vouchers V74 to V97) Members agreed they should be paid and where appropriate confirm the Chairman/Clerk's action in issuing cheques in advance of the meeting

78/08 Planning Matters

A  
No.

GB/1/2008/0333/DMLB

APPLICANT

THE TRUSTEES, USHAW COLLEGE

Signed by the Chairman



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PROPOSED LISTED BUILDING CONSENT TO REPLACE LEAD RIDGE  
AND HIP TO CEMETERY CLOISTER

AT USHAW COLLEGE, ESH

The members agreed to raise no objection to this application

B

No. TA/1/2008/0382/DMFP

APPLICANT MR & MRS FLINT

PROPOSED CONSERVATORY TO REAR

AT 16 MAPLEWOOD COURT, 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

C

No. TA/1/2008/0399/DMAD

APPLICANT LONDIS

PROPOSED ADVERTISING CONSENT FOR ILLUMINATED  
SHOP FASCIA

AT GENERAL STORES, 1 EPPLETON CLOSE  
LANGLEY PARK

The members wished to queried the size of the fascia. It was agreed for the Clerk to contact the planning officer for further details. The Clerk to inform members with the information.

D

No. GB/1/2008/0407/DMFP

APPLICANT MR MORALEE & MRS PRESTON

PROPOSED ERECTION OF DETACHED DWELLING WITH  
INTEGRAL GARAGE

AT 2 HOSPITAL ROAD, LANGLEY PARK

Signed by the Chairman



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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

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No. TA/1/2008/0421  
APPLICANT MR R MORTON  
PROPOSED SECOND STORY REAR EXTENSION  
AT WOODBINE COTTAGE, FRONT STREET, ESH

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

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No. SCA/1/2008/0457/DMFP  
APPLICANT MR & MRS TALLENTIRE  
PROPOSED ERECTION OF SINGLE STORY AND TWO STOREY  
EXTENSION TO REAR OF No.3 AND SINGLE STOREY  
EXTENSION TO No. 2  
AT 2 AND 3 CONSETT TERRACE, ESH

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

079/08 Correspondence

- a) Durham County Council - LGR update for Partners
- b) Derwentside District Council - Chairman's Civic Service of Thanksgiving on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2008 at 3:00pm, Christ Church Low Westwood.
- c) Meikles Solicitors - Lease of land at Langley Park, copy of the Title Information document with Official Copy of Register
- d) County Durham Association of Local Councils - invite to Boundary Committee for England Parish & Town Council event Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2008 at County Hall commencing at 12:30pm. Invite for Chairman and Clerk. The clerk is unable to attend, therefore the Assistant Clerk (Mr Ackroyd) will attend in his place.
- e) County Durham Foundation information on survey and Gillian Stacey (Chief Executive) leaving.
- f) NEDL - Unmetered supply certificate

Signed by the chairman



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- g) Application for funding - Langley Park Goodwill Association - annual trip on 4 August 2008 to South Shields. It was agreed to donate £200 to the trip under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 and ask the association to put posters up in Quebec and Esh areas.
- h) MENCAP - Application for funding - have requested financial information, still awaiting reply.
- i) Great North Air Ambulance Service - letter of thanks
- j) County Durham Society for the Blind and Partially Sighted - letter of thanks
- k) Zurich Insurance - Changes to system of handling claims
- l) County Association News; June 2008; Issue 19
- m) Durham Rural Community Council newsletter; Issue 108; Summer 2008
- n) Local Council Review; Volume 60; No.2; July 2008
- o) Clerks & Councils Direct; July 2008; Issue 58
- p) Local Council Update; July 2008; Issue 105
- q) National Association of Local Councils - Revised Quality Council Scheme
- r) CE Electric UK - Building links within the community; Parish Council Liaison officer appointed
- s) Derwentside Partnership - Nomination of representative from Town/Parish Council to the Derwentside Partnership Executive Board. Nominations to be received by 12<sup>th</sup> September. Councillor Rothwell expressed an interest.

080/08 Delegation of Powers to the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Clerk during the August recess

Members agreed to delegate powers to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman to deal with any matters requiring attention and to report to the next ordinary meeting in September.

081/08 Date of the Next Meeting

The Next Meeting of Esh Parish Council is on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2008 in The Harry Guildford Centre, rear of Front Street, Langley Park which commences at 7.00pm

072/08 Confidential Item - Staffing Matters

The meeting finished at 9.00pm

Signed by the Chairman .....



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