

Esh Parish Council

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council Meeting held at The Harry Guildford Centre, rear of Front Street, Langley Park on Tuesday 9th September 2008 commencing at 7:00pm

Present: Councillors A. Mollon (Chairman), G. Coulson, H. Guildford, A. Hiles, P. Mollon, S. Rothwell, M. Sands, M Tyler

Apologies: Councillors B. Armstrong, C. Bloor, R. Bowyer, A. Harling, L. Looby, W. Tyrie, County Councillor Armstrong and PCSO Pearsall.

Also in attendance: G.F.Smith (Clerk), County Councillor Campbell, C.Wayman (Assistant Clerk) and Derek Snaith (Durham County Council)

083/08 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 Hiles declared an interest in item 9 Planning Matters, application I.

084/08 Police Report

No report given (report received after the meeting, attached to the minutes).

085/08 Presentation by Derek Snaith. Durham County Council. "Parish Plan 2008/09"

Derek Snaith gave a talk about Parish Plans and variations of Parish Plans. After which he left the meeting

086/08 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10th June 2008

An amendment was made on Page 2 67/08 Correspondence f) to read Councillor Rothwell was not able to pursue becoming a member due to existing commitments. The minutes were then agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

087/08 Clerks report on matter arising from the Previous Meeting

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132/07 Reports b) Parish

Langley Park Recreational Ground

There has been a site meeting and the fencing is to be repositioned Councillor Hiles informed the Council that the information boards were nearly complete and on October 15th volunteers will be meeting to help tidy up the old footpath to create a circular walk.

011/08 Reports - b) Parish

2) Esh Village Green

The Clerk is to arrange a meeting with Tamsin Harrison, DCC.

023/08 Correspondence

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

The cost for the maintenance of the whole of the hedging will be £360 p.a. The Council agreed the cost.

Signed by the Chairman



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

The boulders at Lambton Street may still be needed there.

046/08 Reports - b) Parish

Joint working with Langley Park Branch of SAFC

Awaiting report from John Turnock, however 51 young people attended.

68/08 Reports a) Parish

1. EPF Energy - Wind Farm

Letters have been received from Lanchester - who have nominated their representatives Burnhope Parish Council - are discussing it at this months Parish Council meeting.

2. Litter Problem, Thomas Street Langley Park The

problem has improved since the last meeting.

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7. Inspection of Allotments on Saturday 31st May 2008

Cross Fell

The contractor is yet to complete works

Earl of Durham

The contractor is yet to complete works

8. Litter Bin

A meeting is to be arranged with the headmistress of Langley Park Primary School.

075/08 Reports b) Parish

1. Langlev Park Library

The planning permission is being dealt with under Item 9

2. Proposed Closure of Esh Post Office

The announcement has been made that the post office is to close. The owner will be closing on the 7th of October 2008. There may be a post office van in the village once a week.

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078/08Planning Matters

c) General Stores, 1 Eppleton Close, Langley Park

The sign height stays the same but the length will extend to 14 metres, going around the corner of the building.

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079/08 Correspondence

d) CDALC meeting re Boundary Committee

A response is required by the 15th of September regarding the number of councillors. A cross party committee believes that the minimum number should be 126 councillors.

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079/08 Correspondence

h) MENCAP - Application for funding, financial information required. As of the meeting no reply had been received.

Signed by the chairman



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088/08 Reports

a) EQUaL-

EQUaL are currently looking to carry out a community appraisal since the last one was done ten years ago the vast majority of it has been carried out.

b) Parish Council -

1. Langley Park Library

It was decided to hold a special meeting about the library and to invite associated members involved the original project. A provisional date of the 23rd of September at The Harry Guildford Centre at 7pm was set however, this is subject to change due to outside agencies commitments.

2. Front Shutter

Due to Health and Safety concerns the Clerk received a quotation to replace the current shutter over the front door with a key operated electric shutter. The quote was for £470 plus VAT.

The Council agreed to carry out the work.

c) District Council -

Councillor Coulson reported on the possible moving of an infrared camera from the fire station to look out over Sir Bobby Robson Park.

Councillor Rothwell - no report

d) County Council -

Councillor Campbell reported that there would be another meeting of the Esh regeneration scheme taking place at the end of this month or early in September.

089/08 Financial Statement and Report

Voucher 111 was amended to the Net cost being £24 and the VAT was £4.20

Voucher 135 the cheque number was amended to 304282

Voucher 144 was amended, the Net cost being £486 and the VAT was £85.05

Voucher 146 the cheque number was amended to 304283

Voucher 147 the cheque number was amended to 304284

After receiving details of all Financial Statements for 2008/09 (vouchers V90 to V94 and V98 to VI47) Members agreed they should be paid and where appropriate confirm the Chairman/Clerk's action in issuing cheques in advance of the meeting

090/08 Planning Matters

APPLICATIONS ALREADY DEALT WITH UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

A
No.

SCA/1/228/0520/DMFP

APPLICANT

MR M URWIN

Signed by the Chairman



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PROPOSED ERECTION OF SINGLE STORY BUILDING TO
PROVIDE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

AT ESH C OF E AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL

There was no objection to this application subject to adjacent occupants being consulted and for their views to be taken into account when making a decision on this development

B

No. SCA/1/2008/0540/CCC3

APPLICANT DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE OF BUILDING FROM SHOP TO
BRANCH LIBRARY

AT 2 OLD CO-OPERATIVE BUILDING, FRONT STREET,
LANGLEYPARK

There was no objection to this application subject to adjacent occupants being consulted and for their views to be taken into account when making a decision on this development

C

No. 4/08/00677/FPA/PGH

APPLICANT SHEPHERD HOMES LTD

PROPOSED ERECTION OF 23 DWELLING WITH ASSOCIATED
GARAGES, PARKING AND LANDSCAPING

AT STATION HOUSE, OLD STATION YARD, LANGLEY
PARK

There was an objection on this development due to safety of residents and visitors in using the footpath. Also it was felt that traffic calming measures should be introduced.

D

No. KF/TPO 203

APPLICANT DERWENTSTDE DISTRICT COUNCIL

PROPOSED VARIATION TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 203,
FTNNINGS FARM

Signed by the Chairman  Page 4

AT FINNTNGS FARM, LANGLEY PARK

There was no objection to this application 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. GB/1/2008/0515/DMFP

APPLICANT MR A ASHWORTH

PROPOSED ERECTION OF SINGLE STORY REAR EXTENSION

AT 23 BEECH COURT, LANGLEY PARK

There was no objection to this application subject to adjacent occupants being consulted and for their views to be taken into account when making a decision on this development

F

No. SCA/1/2008/0526/DMFP

APPLICANT MR A CASSIDY

PROPOSED REPLACE CONCRETE PANEL FENCING TO SIDE AND REAR WITH 2.4 METRE HIGH STEEL PALISADE FENCING

AT SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB, LOW MOOR ROAD, LANGLEY PARK

There was no objection to this application subject to adjacent occupants being consulted and for their views to be taken into account when making a decision on this development. However the Clerk will seek clarification on the fencing to the front of the club.

G

No. TA/1/2008/0496/DMTP

APPLICANT MR C SCOTT

PROPOSED CROWN REDUCTION OF 1 OAK TREE (TP017)

AT LAND TO THE REAR OF 7 RAMSHAW CLOSE, LANGLEY PARK

Signed by the Chairmar.......... Page 5

Members requested the Clerk to contact the Planning Officer to obtain further detailed information (i.e. Arborist Report) in order to make an informed decision on the development.

APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL

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No. TA/1/2008/0604/DMTP
APPLICANT DR J CONGLETON
PROPOSED PRUNING OF 1 OAK TREE TO REAR (TPO 203)
AT 24 EPPLETON CLOSE, LANGLEY PARK

Members requested the Clerk to contact the Planning Officer to obtain further detailed information (i.e. Arborist Report) in order to make an informed decision on the development.

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No. SCA/1/2008/0615/DMFP
APPLICANT EQUaL PARTNERSHIP
PROPOSED ERECTION OF 2.4M HIGH PALISADE FENCE AND GATES
AT SIR BOBBY ROBSON PARK, 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.

091/08 Correspondence

- a) Mr G Fletcher - Provision of an internal audit service.
- b) Caroline Davis 27 Eppleton Close Langley Park - Application for funding. Under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 it was agreed to donate £100, it was agreed that if she was unable to reach the target for competing in the gymnastics competition in Portugal that the Parish Council would contribute the rest needed.
- c) Vitalise Chigwell Essex - Application for funding, the Clerk has requested more information including financial details.
- d) WRVS - Application for funding, the Clerk has requested financial details.
- e) Chloe Tindale 6 Midhill Close Langley Park - Thank you letter



- f) Durham County Council (Alan Morton) - E-mail re attachments of Durham County Council Street Lighting Columns, the Clerk will fill in the attached application form and return it.
- g) CDALC - e-mail re access points within Parish Council Offices. It was agreed to put the Council forward for consideration
- h) CDALC - e-mail re consultation on Parish elections in 2009 in County Durham. The response from the CDALC is that they do not wish to see elections in 2009.
- i) CDALC - e-mail re Power of well-being latest update - more information is coming out in October
- j) NALC - Financial services compensation scheme (policy briefing) dated 31st March 2008 - The Clerk is to write back expressing the Council's disappointment that the Council is not covered by this scheme
- k) NALC - Update on Quality Parish Council Scheme
- l) Durham County Council (Nicola Battensby Northern Area Office) - Road sign replacement at East Clere Langley Park - The 30mph signs will be repositioned, it is hoped that this will reduce accidents in the area.
- m) County Durham Link - Local involvement network membership details. It was agreed that the Parish Council become a member.
- n) County Durham Primary Care Trust - World class commissioning assurance programme
- o) The Derwentside Partnership - Wider stakeholder forum 9th October 2008 at 4pm St. Patrick's Church Hall, Consett.
- p) County Durham Learning Disabilities Partnership board newsletter - Dated July 2008 Issue No. 22
- q) Clerks & Councils Direct - September 2008; Issue 59
- r) Durham County Council - Local Development Framework public participation database. It was decided that the Council wishes to be included o the database.
- s) Local Council Review; September 2008
- t) The Boundary Commission for England /CDALC - Response by the 15th September 2008 regarding the number of Unitary Councillors - preferred option is 126 Councillors

092/08 Area Action Partnerships

The Council has received an e-mail from Mavis Dixon regarding the Council's response to the consultation on the Area Action Partnerships.

It was agreed to write a letter to Simon Henig the leader of Durham County Council stating that Esh Parish Council would like to form part of an Area Action Partnership based on the old Lanchester Rural District Council.

It was agreed to contact Mavis Dixon explaining that the consultation period took place during the summers recess and to explain the councils view and action as stated above.

093/08 Sir Bobby Robson Park

Signed by the Chairman



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A brief update on the park was given by Councillor Hiles, explaining the work taken place and the problems experienced due to people playing in the park before it is completed and the problem of amount of rubbish being left on the site.

The Council has received two letters of complaint about the noise and the rubbish around the area. It was agreed to contact the people complaining and state the position with the park.

094/08 Date of the next meeting

The Next Meeting of Esh Parish Council is on Tuesday 14th October 2008 in The Harry Guildford Centre, rear of Front Street, Langley Park which commences at 7.00pm

095/08 Confidential Item - Staffing Matters

The meeting finished at 9:40pm

Signed by the Chairman

