

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 December 2008 commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors A. Mollon (Chairman), B. Armstrong, G. Coulson, H. Guildford, A. Harling, A. Hiles, L. Looby, P. Mollon and M. Tyler.

Apologies: Councillors C. Bloor, R. Bowyer, S. Rothwell, M. Sands and W. Tyrie
Also: County Councillor Campbell.

Also: In Attendance: County Councillor Armstrong, G. F. Smith (Clerk) and L. Rowland (Assistant Clerk).

126/08 Declaration of interest

Councillor Coulson Declared an interest in item 11- Planning matters, He took no part in the discussion other than to clarify any matters of fact. Councillors A Mollon and P. Mollon declared an interest in item 10 – 1A correspondence they took no part in the discussion. Councillor Tyler declared an interest in item 11-A Planning matters she took no part in the discussion

127/08 Police Report

No Report

It was agreed for the Clerk to write to the local Inspector asking for Police/ PCSO attendance at the next Parish Council Meeting.

128/08 Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 11th November 2008

That Councillor Guildford's name be removed from the list of attendees. That subject to the alterations the minutes were agreed to a true record and signed by the Chairman.

129/08 Clerk's Report on matters arising from the previous meeting

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132/07 Reports – B) Parish

Langley Park Recreation ground.

Fencing and footpaths complete, information boards and hedge packs (delivery March 2009) have been ordered (and cheque raised). All grant work has now been completed.

011/08 Reports – B) Parish

2) Esh Village Green

The Clerk was to meet with officers of Durham County Council and Councillor Armstrong on 11th of December 2008t. Clerk to report to the next Parish Council Meeting.

Signed by the ChairmanPage 1

068/08 Reports – B) Parish

1.EDF Energy – Wind Farm

Clerk reported that Councillor Rothwell had been selected to sit on the panel to determine funding applications and could therefore not be a member of the three Parish Councils Committee (Burnhope, Lanchester and Esh Parrish Council). It was agreed for councillor Coulson to replace Councillor Rothwell on the three Parish Council Committee.

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068/08 Reports – B) Parish

Litter Bin

Clerk to discuss with Miss Brennan, Langley Park Primary School and report to the next Parish Council Meeting.

091/08 Correspondence

b) Rachael Davis, 27 Eppleton Close, Langley Park

Clerk to continue trying to contact Mrs Davis and report to the next Parish Council Meeting.

c) Vitalise, Chigwell, Essex

No further details received, Clerk to report to the next appropriate Parish Council Meeting once all requested details have been received.

d) WRVS

No further details received (County Area Finances), Clerk to report to the next appropriate Parish Council Meeting once all requested details have been received.

g) CDALC – access point within the Parish Council’s Office

No further information has been received. Clerk to report to the next appropriate Parish Council Meeting.

105/08 Correspondence

b) CDALC - Freedom of Information

Clerk to report to the next Parish Council Meeting

d) DCC, Environment – National Tree week

No further information received

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106/08 Area Action Partnerships

Agenda item no. 14

107/08 Sir Bobby Robson Park

Agenda item no 13

115/08 Reports – B) Parish

a)Christmas Tree “switch on “ Langley Park

The Clerk reported that the event was a great success and approximately 100 attendd the “switch on” ceremony on Saturday 29th November 2008. Members agreed to donate £50 to the Langley Park Baptist Church for the provision of the music/microphone system and refreshments.

d) Council Garage

The Clerk reported that the account was now fully paid up to date.

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119/08 Correspondence

c) Derwentside District Council – Tree preservation order 203

Copies of the document had been circulated to all Council Members.

d) NEPACS – application for funding

No further details received, Clerk to report to the next appropriate Parish Council Meeting once all requested details have been received.

e) DCLG – consultation document

copies of the document had been circulated to all Council Members.

f) NHS County Durham – consultation document

copies of the document had been circulated to all Council Members.

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120/08 Planning Matters

c) sca/1/2008/0727 DMFP – Tarves, Esh

The Clerk had requested a copy of the arborist Report. When the report is received the Clerk is to send copies to all Council Members for their comments on the proposed application.

d) sca/1/2008/0691/DMFP – 39 Front Street, Langley Park

The Clerk had sent a letter to the Planning Officer at Derwentside District Council informing them of the Council's concerns on this proposed application.

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121/08 Langley Park library

Agenda item no. 12

122/08 Parking at Quebec Play Area

Item to be deferred until the Parish Council meeting in February 2009.

130/08 Minutes of a Special meeting held on 2nd December 2008

Agreed as a true record. Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting on the following:-

a) costs of new Lap top computer

b) cost savings on the Esh Leaves budget

c) outstanding items at the Sir Robson Park

d) the reduction in the number of Bank Accounts being used by the Parish Council

e) review the amounts of estimated Income for 2009/2010

131/08 Reports

A) EQUaL

i) hours of work for the development worker (Karen Gibson)

ii) Sir Bobby Robson Park

iii) work to be carried out by volunteers at the Recreation Ground, Langley Park on Sunday 14th December 2008 at 11.00am

b) Parish

i) Sir Bobby Robson Park – Service Level Agreement for litter picking Members agreed to accept the quotation from Derwentside District Council to carry out litter picking every Monday at the park at a cost of £1057 + vat per year (invoiced in March the following year).

ii) Winter gritting

A number of residents had called into the office raising concerns at the lack of winter gritting to footpaths (Kingsway Bungalows). The Clerk to contact Councillor Armstrong with the concerns and for the Clerk to investigate the present arrangements (County, District and Wharton Landscapes) and report to the next Parish Meeting.

iii) use of office accommodation by detached youth workers

The members agreed to look at the cost of providing office accommodation for the detached youth workers but were unable to offer the garage premises as a drop in centre due to the conditions of letting from Derwentside Homes. Clerk to report to the next appropriate Parish Council meeting.

c) District

Councillor Coulson reported on:-

- i) cctv for the Sir Bobby Robson Park
- ii) Fencing to the front of the Sports & Social Club, Langley Park

d) County Council

Councillor Armstrong reported on:-

- i) Area Action Partnerships
- ii) Library at Front Street, Langley Park scheduled to be open March 2009
- iii) Derwentside Homes – Board Membership
- iv) Use of Parish Office for Council Surgery sessions

132/08 Financial Statement and Report

After receiving details of all Financial Statement for 2008/09 (vouchers 199 to 205 and 211 to 224) Members agreed they should be paid and where appropriate confirm the Chairman/Clerk's action in issuing cheques in advance of the meeting.

133/08 Correspondence

Items for discussion

Councillor Mollon vacated the Chair whilst the following item was discussed

Councillor Harling took the Chair.

a) Samaritans of central Durham – application for Funding

Members agreed to donate £250 towards the running costs of this organisation (under power section 137 Local Government Act 1972) Councillor Mollon returned to chair the rest of the meeting.

b) Durham City Council – Planning application by Shepherd Homes Ltd for the Old Station yard, Langley Park.

Members noted that the Council's concerns for the proposed development would be heard at a committee meeting on 10th December 2008.

- c) National Association of Local Councils’ on Saturday 21st February 2009 at York at a cost of £64 + vat per delegate. Clerk to attend
- d)CE – Electric UK – Information and Posters “preparing for mother nature”
Members agreed for the Clerk to order a supply of information booklets and posters.
- e) Rural Services Community – linking to their network
members agreed for the Clerk to consult with the Executive Officer of the County Durham Association of Local Councils and to report to the next Parish Council Meeting.
- f) groundwork West Durham & Darlington – project through the Big Lottery to work with Children and their carers teaching them how to grow their own garden and explore nature.
Members agreed for the Clerk to send a letter of support for this project to Groundwork West Durham & Darlington.
- g) Durham County Council – consultation on replacing the existing Esh Winning Primary School with a new build Primary School for the 21st century learning.
The Clerk to copy the consultation document for all Council Members.

Items for Information

- h)DCC – The Chairman – Congratulations on the Parish achieving Quality Status.
- i)County Durham Local Government Review update for Partners; issue 4.
- j)County Durham Association Newsletter; November 2008; Issue 22.
- k)NHS County Durham Annual Operational Plan 2009/10; Feedback questionnaire.
- l)Natural England – expiry of Countryside Stewardship (CSS) agreement and transition to the Environment Stewardship Scheme.

134/08 Planning Matters

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No.	PPS/1/2008/0768/DMFP
APPLICANT	DR T COOK
PROPOSED	ERECTION OF REPLACEMENT GARAGE
AT	25 RAILWAY ST, 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.

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No.	SCA/1/2008/0806/DMFP
APPLICANT	MR G GRAHAM

PROPOSED ERECTION OF AGRICULTURAL STORE AND
SHELTER

AT LAND TO THE NORTH OF AGED MINERS
HOMES, QUEBEC

Members wished to strongly object to the proposed application and requested the Clerk to obtain drawings/plans of the site before making any further comments. Clerk to contact Councillors when the drawings have been received from the Planning Officer.

C

No. GB/1/2008/08011/DMFP

APPLICANT MR F LALLY

PROPOSED NEW SHOP WINDOW AND ERECTION OF
SINGLE STORY REAR EXTENSION

AT 9 QUEBEC 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.

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No SCA/1/2008/0813/DMFP

APPLICANT MR A CASSIDY

PROPOSED REMOVE EXISTING FRONT CONCRETE
PANELLED FENCE AND REPLACE WITH
MTR HIGH BRICK AND WROUGHT
IRON FEATURE WALL TO FRONT

AT SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB, 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.

135/08 Langley Park Library

The County Council were arranging to meet with representatives of Derwentside College. Members agreed for this item to be placed on the Agenda for the next Parish Council Meeting.

136/08 Sir Bobby Robson Park

The Park was almost complete, subject to arrangements for locking/opening of entrance gates, site notices and placing of litter bins. The Clerk was to meet with Karen Gibson, Development Worker, EQUaL on 10th December to discuss outstanding items.

Members agreed for the Clerk to report to the next Parish Council Meeting.

137/08 Area Action Partnership

All Council Members had received the consultation document from the Durham County Council dated 19th November 2008. The closing date for comments was Monday 5th January 2009.

Members agreed to contact the Clerk within the next 7 days with any comments on the document and for the Clerk to respond to the County Council before the closing date for comments.

138/08 Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Esh Parish Council is on Tuesday 13th January 2009 in The Harry Guildford Centre, Thomas Street, Langley Park commencing at 7pm.

The Meeting finished at 8.35pm

Signed by the Chairman.....Page 7



DURHAM CONSTABULARY
POLICE REPORT



ESH PARISH WARD

This Month In Summary

01/12/08 to 31/12/08

- **December** has been a particularly quiet month for the ward with a decrease in the number of calls taken for the area. This month there were 74 total calls received relating to the area of which only 8 were community related being calls concerning snowballs, one incident of street drinking and a couple of calls about noise. This month there were no alcohol seizures made, however a formal warning was issued on the use of Off-Road Motorcycles in the grassed area to the rear of Park Drive. The offender resides in the Ushaw Moor area and has been warned regarding returning to the area with his bike.
- Looking back, we usually receive a high number of calls in the January period relating to snowballs (with the cold weather we've had this month it's not surprising!). Could anyone wishing to contact us regarding snowballs being thrown at their property please try to provide a description of the thrower to assist us in locating and speaking to them.

Statistics

Total Calls to the area...	074
Compared to... Last Month...	084
Compared to... Lanchester...	064
Community Related Calls...	008
Calls regarding... Bogus Callers	000
Calls regarding... Vehicle Nuis	001 (1 Parking 0 Vehicle Nuisance)

Other Comments / Actions

1. The Haven / Davis Crescent Dispute

We wish to make the Parish Council aware of an ongoing neighbour dispute in the Davis Crescent area involving three separate parties. This dispute was brought to our attention a number of months ago and we have been working towards a solution which is about to be actioned. The addresses in question are numbers 1 The Haven, 2 The Haven and 65 Davis Crescent. Could the Parish Council please forward any correspondence or complaints received involving the above locations to the Police to assist in resolving this ongoing problem.