

ESH PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Councillors A. Mollon (Chairman), C. Bloor, G. Coulson, H. Guildford, A. Harling, L. Looby, P. Mollon, S. Rothwell, M. Sands, M. Tyler and W. Tyrie.

Apologies: Councillor B Armstrong.

Also Present: County Councillors J Armstrong and M Campbell, PcsO J. Pearsall (Durham Police), GF Smith (Clerk) and L Rowland (Assistant Clerk).

001/09 Declaration Of Interest

Councillor Coulson and Rothwell declared an interest in item 10- planning matters; they took no part in the discussion other than to clarify any matters of fact.

Councillor Campbell declared an interest in item 5- Clerk report minutes 134/08 Planning Matters, he took no part in the discussion

Councillor Bloor declared an interest in item 5- Clerk report minute 115/08 Reports – b)Parish and item 6b)Parish report 2 and 3 Earl of Durham Allotments, He took no part in the discussion.

002/09 Police Report

PcsO Pearsall presented the report to the meeting (copy attached to the Minutes), followed by a question and answer session.

003/09 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9th December 2008

Page 1 011/08 Reports – b) Parish Esh Village Green

“The Clerk wax to meet”, should read “The Clerk was to meet”.

Page 5 133/08 Correspondence g) Dcc – Consultation document

“Replace the exciting”, should read “Replace the existing”.

Page 6 134/08 Planning Matters item d

“Remove exciting front concrete” should read “remove existing front concrete”

That subject to the above alterations the minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

004/09 Clerk’s Report on Matters Arising from the previous meeting

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011/08 Reports – B) Parish

2) Esh village Green

The Clerk had met with Officers of DCC, Councillor J. Armstrong and Councillor Sands on 11th December 2008 and discussed the suggested guard rail for the Village Green. Estimate of costs were awaited. Clerk to report the costs to the next appropriate Parish Council Meeting.

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1.EDF Energy Wind Farm – 3 Parish Council Meeting (Burnhope, Esh and Lanchester). Clerk has had all nominations for the joint Parish Council meeting and would be sending out the meeting Agenda very soon (January/February).

Litter Bin

Clerk was to contact Miss Brennan at Langley Park Primary School and to report to the next appropriate Parish Council Meeting.

091/08 Correspondence

b) Rachael Davis, 27 Eppleton Close, Langley Park

The Clerk had contacted Mrs Davis regarding an application for funding for her daughter (Rachael) to continue gymnastics training with the G B Team. The costs amount to £2500 (approx). Members agreed to donate £150 towards the costs (power – section 137 Local Government Act 1972).

105/08 Correspondence

b) CDALC – Freedom of Information

Members agreed to accept the report of the Clerk and for the following documents to be published on the Council's Web Site:-

1. Model Publication Scheme
2. Sector special Manual/Guide to proactively published information for the public. The cost of photocopying would be 10 pence per sheet (Black and White) plus any postage costs.

Members also agreed that an article be published in the next edition of Esh Leaves informing the residents of the adopted publication scheme.

d) DCC, environment – National Tree Week

Clerk to discuss this project with the officer at County Council and report to the next appropriate Parish Council meeting.

115/08 Reports – b) Parish

a) Christmas Tree “Switch-On at Langley Park

b) Members agreed to donate £150 towards the cost of supply safety lanterns (£106.81 to Parent Teachers Group of Langley Park Primary School) and paint and materials for the boards (£43.19 to L. Fenwick). Members also agreed to look at alternative protective boards (transparent) for this Year's Event.

c)Page 3120/08 Planning Matters

c)SCA/1/2008/0727/DMFP – Traves, Esh

Awaiting a copy of the Arborist report. Clerk to again contact the Planning Officer for the document and to report to the next Parish Council meeting or circulate the copy if response is required before the date of the next meeting.

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

- a) Members agreed to purchase a Laptop at a cost of £408.19
- b) Agenda Item No. 8
- c) Agenda Item No. 12
- d) The Clerk/Assistant Clerk were working towards reducing the number of Bank Accounts held by the Parish Council. Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.
- e) Agenda Item No. 8

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- i) Sir Bobby Robson Park
Agenda Item No 12.
- ii) Winter Gritting

The contract had not been used since 2004. Members agreed for the Clerk to update the report and discuss operational requirement with the County Council.
Report to the next Parish Council meeting.

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- e) Rural services Community

No response received from CDALC, Clerk to chase this up and report to the next appropriate Parish Council meeting.

134/08 Planning Matters

- b) SCA/1/2008/0806/DMFP – Land to the North of the Aged miners Homes, Quebec
Detailed drawings of the proposed Application were circulated at the meeting.

Members agreed:-

- i) To object to the proposed application and to support the residents who were also objecting.
To make the plans available for inspection by residents of Quebec at the Parish Office. Clerk to place a notice on the Council's Notice Board at Quebec.

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Agenda Item No 11

136/08 Sir Bobby Robson Park

Agenda Item No 12

137/08 Area Action Partnership

Agenda Item No 13

119/08 Correspondence

- d) NEPACS – Application for Funding

A copy of the NEPACS Annual Report – Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2008 was circulated at the meeting. Members agreed not to make a donation to NEPACS at this time.

005/09 Reports

- a) EQUaL Partnership meetings – No report
- b) B) Parish
- i) All Saints Youth Centre – item to be raised in the County Councillor's report

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- ii) Collection of Allotment Rents for 2009 - £1975 collected, The Clerk would be sending out reminders within the next few days.
- iii) Allotment ED74 – Members confirmed the Clerk’s action in issuing a 7 days’ notice to quit to the allotment holder (expired 9th January 2009). The allotment has now be allocated to the next person on the waiting list.

c) District

Councillor Coulson reported:-

- i) Planning decision at Staplefield Road, Esh
- ii) Bus Shelters
- iii) DEFRA Funding (passed to Clerk)
- iv) Linden Mews – unadopted Road

Councillor Rothwell reported:-

- i) District Councillors Initiative Funding was now completed

Councillor Tyrrie reported:-

- i) Membership of Police Authority
 - ii) Dog fouling
 - iii) Littering
- d) County

Councillor Campbell reported:-

- i) Ann Franks Trust – Holucaust Exhibition
- ii) 3 Planning Committees to replace District development Services Committees (Derwentside and Chester-le-street to merge together)
- iii) Future library services
- iv) Proposed Urban Renaissance Scheme for Esh Village (to commence in February)

Councillor Armstrong reported:-

- i) Area Action Partnerships
- ii) All Saints Youth Centre
- iii) Urban Renaissance at Esh Village
- iv) Dog Fouling
- v) Meeting with MP and senior Police Officers at Wood View Community Centre on 31st January 2009 at 11am

006/09 Financial Statement and report

After receiving details of all Financial Statements for 2008/09 (voucher 206 to 210 and 225 to 246) Members agreed they should be paid and where appropriate confirm the Chairman/Clerk’s action in issuing cheques in advance of the Meeting.

007/09 Setting the Budget and Precept 2009/10

Members agreed to accept the report prepared by the Clerk and made the following recommendations:-

- i) That the Precept be increased by 5% for the Financial year 2009/10 (from £36035 to £37837)
- ii) To receive the contribution from Durham County Council of £13692 for the Financial Year 2009/10 (No increase)

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- iii) To agree the Expenditure Budget of £66200 for the Financial Year 2009/10, but to continually monitor the costs with the aim of cost savings within certain budget headings (insurance, Esh Leaves, Grass cutting, Playgrounds (Maint), Hanging Baskets, Christmas Lights and Office Accommodation).
- iv) To agree the Income Budget of £60569 with the aim of monitoring each Budget heading on a regular basis.

An article to be placed in the next edition of Esh Leaves showing the precept for 2009/10 and an explanation regarding the contribution and monitoring of Income/Expenditure budgets.

008/09 Correspondence

Items for discussion

- a) Groundwork West Durham & Darlington – To invite an Officer from this organisation to the Parish Council’s Meeting in February 2009.
- b) EQUaL – NDLC computer course, withdrawal of support, Members accepted the reasons for withdrawal of support.
- c) DCC – Public Consultation Document on admission arrangements for September 2010 and beyond. Clerk to copy the document for all Council Members.
- d) Victim Support – Application for Funding. Clerk to request Financial Information and report to the next appropriate Parish Council meeting.
- e) Gateshead Council – Northumbria in Bloom children’s painting competition. Clerk to copy details to the schools in the Parish area.
- f) Derwentside District Council – Chairman’s Charity Ball – details with the Clerk.
- g) Brandon & Byshottles Parish Council – Fund Raising Event – details with the Clerk.
- h) Derwentside District Council – Parish Liaison Meeting 15th January 2009 – Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk to attend.
- i) DCLG – Consultation Document “Communities in control, Real people, Real Lives” – Clerk to copy the Document for all Council Members.

Items for Information

- j) Jack Drum Arts – Newsletter
- k) Derwentside Partnership – Executive meeting feedback.
- l) Durham City Council – Planning permission for proposed erection of 23 dwellings at Old Station Yard, Langley Park.
- m) Campaign to Protect Rural England Newsletter; Winter 2008.
- n) DCC – Placement of festive decorations on lighting columns (186 – 190).
- o) County Durham Learning Disabilities Partnership Board Newsletter; December 2008; Issue No 24.
- p) Link County Durham Newsletter; November 2008; Volume 1; Issue No 1.

009/09 Planning Matters

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No	PPS/1/2008/0826/DMFP
Applicant	Mr K Stables
Proposed	Erection of Polytunnel for the keeping of livestock
At	Low Esh Farm, Esh

Members agreed to request further information/site drawings. The Clerk to contact the Planning Officer and report to the next Parish Council meeting or circulate the copy if response is required before the date of the next meeting.

010/09 Langley Park Library

No further update, item to be placed on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting

011/09 Sir Bobby Robson Park

It was agreed for Councillors Coulson, Looby and the Clerk to meet with Mr Alan Cassidy (Sports & Social Club) to discuss the opening/closing of the park gates, grasscutting, litter picking and general tidiness of the site/area.

Items still outstanding were temporary site notices, permanent site notice and the placing of site litter/rubbish bins. Members agreed for the Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

012/09 Area Action Partnerships

Awaiting report from the Unitary Authority's cabinet meeting which is scheduled for 22nd January 2009. Item to be placed on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

013/09 Date of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Esh Parish Council is on Tuesday 10th February 2009 in the Harry Guildford Centre, Thomas Street, Langley Park commencing at 7pm.

The meeting finished at 9.30pm

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DURHAM CONSTABULARY



POLICE REPORT

ESH PARISH WARD

This Month In Summary

01/01/09 to 31/01/09

- **January** has been a pleasant month with another drop in the number of actual incidents reported to us from the villages. This month Langley Park had the lowest number of incidents in the area, with 64 actual incidents and 72 calls, compared to 74 actual incidents in Lanchester.
- We have started to receive a number of calls regarding speeding vehicles passing through Langley Park and this is something that we take very seriously. Therefore through this month we will be receiving a number of visits from our Road Policing Unit who will be monitoring the average vehicle speed through the village. Feedback on this will be given in the report at the start of March. Anyone wishing to report any speeding vehicles should be asked to provide a Registration Mark and vehicle make/model if possible.
- We have had a number of incidents on Lambton Street this month involving reports of loud music, some incidents involving street drinking and one of a large fight ongoing in the street. This is an area that we are looking at in conjunction with Derwentside Homes with a view to warning the parties involved.
- Finally, we have had a number of reports made regarding street drinking in the area of the Harry Guildford Centre. This is an area we are paying attention to over the coming months.

Statistics

Total Calls to the area...	068
Compared to... Last Month...	074
Compared to... Lanchester...	051
Community Related Calls...	003
Calls regarding ... Bogus Callers	000
Calls regarding ... Vehicle Nuis	002 (1 Parking 1 Vehicle Speeding)

Other Comments / Actions

- No additional comments or actions this month.