

## ESH PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the Esh Parish Council meeting held at The Harry Guildford Centre, Langley Park on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2009 commencing at 7.05pm**

**Present:** Councillors C. Bloor (Chairman) R. Bowyer G. Coulson, H. Guildford, A Harling, A Hiles, P.Mollon, M. Sands, M Tyler,

**Apologies:** Councillors B. Armstrong, S. Rothwell, L.Looby, A.Mollon,

**Also Present:** County Councillors J, Armstrong, M.Campbell, PC J.Laws, G.F.Smith (Clerk)

#### **126/09 Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Bloor Agenda item 4a (1) – Inspection of allotment sites.

#### **127/09 Police Report**

PC Laws presented the report to Members followed by a question and answer session, she also reported that PCSO 7006 Anthony Joyce had replaced PCSO Pearsall.

#### **128/09 Report**

##### **A) Parish**

##### **1) Report of Allotment Committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2009**

Members Agreed:-

i) For the Clerk to write to the following allotment holders asking for the site to be tidied up:-

Earl of Durham – 2, 31, 32, 35 to 40, 53, 59, 68, 70 and 71

Crossfell – 6, 7, 11, 12, 15, and 16,

ii) That the disposal of asbestos from the allotment sites at Earl of Durham be carried out by an approved contractor.

iii) That due to the large amount of rubble/garden waste on Allotment number 74, the Parish Council reimburse Mr Dowson (allotment holder). The cost of two loads of waste (2 x £40) to an approved waste, disposal site as opposed to hiring a skip (approximate cost £120).

iv) For the Clerk to write to each allotment holder regarding sharing of Allotment (to help reduce the waiting list) and to remind them of the tenancy agreement rule about a reasonable number of hen/rabbits on the allotment for the tenant's own domestic consumption.

##### **2) The Harry Guildford Centre, Langley Park**

The present lease arrangement for the office expires in March 2010.

Members agreed for the Clerk to make enquiries regarding other arrangements with neighbourhood office in the Derwentside area (Leadgate) and to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

##### **3) Section 136 payments by Durham County Council**

The Parish received £13,692 from Durham County Council for section 136 payment paid by the previous District Council, negotiations are still continuing and the Clerk suggested that a decision would be made on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2009, it was agreed to place this item on the agenda for the December Parish Council meeting.

**4) Remembrance Sunday – Local Services**

9.00 am – Esh (Councillor Sands to attend and lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council).

9.45 am – Langley Park (Councillor Harling to attend and lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council).

10.45 am – Hamsteels / Quebec (Councillor Paula Mollon to attend and lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council).

**5) Christmas/New Year Celebration Event**

Members agreed:-

i) To not have a pantomime this year.

ii) For Councillor Hiles to obtain further information on a brass band evening (details from Patricia Embleton) and to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

iii) That the Parish Council covers the cost of this proposed event up to £200 (subject to details in (ii) above).

**B) County Council**

**Councillor Armstrong reported:-**

i) Agreement on discretionary rate relief.

ii) Langley Park Library.

iii) Planning Application at the Sports & Social Club, Langley Park.

iv) Works at Esh and Quebec.

v) Bus shelters at Langley Park (week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> November 2009).

vi) CCTV at Sir Bobby Robson Park.

vii) Football coaching session at the Sport & Social club, Langley Park on a Saturday morning (Donation).

viii) Report of the Boundary Committee on the new Electoral arrangements for Durham County 2013.

**Councillor Campbell Reported:-**

i) Report of the Boundary Committee on the new Electoral arrangements for Durham County 2013.

ii) Senior Locality Officer at Consett office (David Watson).

iii) Fire & Rescue Service.

**129/09 Minutes of the ordinary Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

Subject to the following amendment the minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman:-

Page 1 minute 109/09 Police Report

Should read “no report received”

Page 1 minute 110/09 reports – a) EQUaL Partnership meeting

Should read “the Partnership hope to become part of the Parish Council’s Partnership Sub Committee”

**130/09 Matters Arising**

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**088/09 Rams Head over 40s Football Team**

Request for funding.

Awaiting financial information.

Football Pitch at the Recreation ground, Langley Park awaiting quotation from contractors. Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

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Donations Report

The Clerk presented a Donations report to Members

£300 to Langley Park Angling Club

£700 to Simply Sports ltd (£200 awarded from County Councillor Armstrong)

£500 to Rams Head Football Club

£200 to Goodwill Association Langley Park

Total £1700.

**092/09 Reports – B) Parish**

i) Summer holiday activities – report from Simply Sport Ltd,

The Clerk reported that:-

203 young people attended the 5 day course (average 40 per day)

3 Coaches were employed (cost £1500)

£238.80 expenditure on medals and trophies

£65.50 expenditure on T-shirts

£20.00 expenditure on footballs

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**AGM 04/09 Cheque signatories – Standard Life**

Awaiting forms from Standard Life, Clerk to chase this matter up and report to the next Parish Council meeting

**047/09 Reports – B) Parish**

Earl of Durham allotments – security gates

The Clerk had spoken to the contractor (NJC Wrought Iron) and the work should be completed within the next 7/10 days. Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

**068/09 Reports – B) Parish**

1) EDF Energy Wind Farm – 3 Parish Councils meeting

Awaiting response from Burnhope and Lanchester Parish Councils. Clerk to report to the next appropriate Parish Council meeting

**064/09 Resignation of Councillor Tyrre**

The notice for the three Councillors vacancies had been placed on the Council's notice boards; there had been no requests to call for an election.

It was agreed to place this item on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

Members were reminded that they could now co-opt up to three new Councillors, details to the Clerk.

**067/09 Correspondence**

B) DCC – insurance officer – play equipment at Esh

The Clerk reported that the work is scheduled to be completed by the end of October 2009, Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting

**080/09 Planning Matters**

Former Hippodrome building at Langley Park

The Clerk reported that he had not received any further information from the planning officer. It was agreed for the Clerk to report to the next appropriate Parish Council meeting.

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B) CDALC – grant scheme from Northern Gas networks for environmental projects, Clerk to contact Councillor Hiles and report to the next Parish Council meeting

D) Application for funding for Langley Park WMC football club.

The Clerk informed Members that balance (£761) shown in the accounts was cash in hand and balance in bank. Members agreed to donate £100 (under powers section 19 Local Government Miscellaneous provisions Act 1976) to the football team and for the Clerk to inform them of the proposed work to the football pitch at the recreation ground in preparation for the 2010/11 season. Clerk to also inform the football club of other funding that may be available from the Durham County Foundation (windmill sites)

I) DCC ( Asset Management ) – disposal of allotment sites owned by DCC the Clerk informed the Members that the meeting arranged for 9<sup>th</sup> October 2009 had been cancelled. The rearranged meeting date was 15<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 10.00 am in the Harry Guildford Centre. Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

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C) MH/1/2009/0429/DMAD – advertising consent for Co-operative, Langley Park Clerk reported that he was still awaiting detail from the planning officer.

Clerk to report to the next Parish council meeting

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I) DCC – Christmas light

Agenda item no.17

**118/09 Sir Bobby Robson Park - Notices**

The notices had been ordered but have not been received. Clerk to chase them up and report to the next Parish Council meeting

**121/09 Citizens Advice Bureau**

Awaiting response from the Stanley office. Clerk to chase this up and report to the next Parish Council meeting

**Page 7****123/09 Partnership Sub Committee**

EQUaL were to produce financial details up to the end of October 2009 (including outstanding funding issues).

Item to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

**131/09 Minutes of a Special Meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

**132/09 Matters Arising**

The Chairman reminded Members to make every effort to attend special meetings or sub committee meetings of the Parish Council. If they are not able to attend please pass apologies onto the Clerk.

**133/09 Financial statement and Report**

Members agreed the details of the financial statement (voucher Nos 112 to 135) and they should be paid; where appropriate confirm the Chairman / Clerk's action in issuing cheques in advance of the meeting.

Members also agreed the details of the financial report, summary of income April / June 2009 £53,799.11 and July / September 2009 £7781.93 and the budget / expenditure monthly summaries from April to September 2009.

Members noted that the environment expenditure included costs of £1409.69 for the allotment sites.

**134/09 Planning Matters**

A) PS/1/2009/0485/DMFP – W Rooney Builder's Ltd

Alterations to roof pitch at former Deerness Fencing ltd, Esh Winning

**Decision – no objections**

B) SP/1/2009/0337/DMFP – Mr A Cassidy

Demolition of existing building and erection of new social club with living accommodation above at the Sports & Social Club, Langley Park

**Decision – Members requested further information (site plans etc). Clerk to contact the planning officer and inform Council Members of the details.**

C) GB/1/2009/0549/DMFP – Morris & Spottiswood

Installation of condenser unit within the rear yard at the old Co-operative Buildings, Langley Park

**Decision – no objections**

D) MH/1/2005/0103 DMFP – EDF Energy

Remove condition relating to procedure for dealing with complaints regarding interference to TV reception resulting from the operation of the turbines at land South & East Standagainstall Plantation, Burnhope

**Decision – Members agreed to object to the removal of this condition**

E) GB/1/2009/0533/DMFP – Isabella Homes ltd

Erection of 7 bungalows with association landscaping and car park at St Michaels RC Church, Langley Park

**Decision – Members requested further information (site plans etc). Clerk to contact the planning officer and inform Council Members of the details**

F) MS/1/2009/0538/DMFP – Mr & Mrs Frazer

Erection of single storey rear extension at 2 Herrington Close, Langley Park

**Decision – no objections**

**135/09 Correspondence**

A) Keegan Harris

**Decision – Members agreed not to support this application for funding as the Council's grant policy does not allow funding for individuals.**

Clerk to inform him of other funding opportunities from the County Durham Foundation

B) Langley Park Sport & Social Club

**Decision – Members agreed to donate £300 (under powers section 19 Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976)**

C) Boundary Committee

**Decision – Members agree to support the suggestion of three one members wards For Esh, Esh Winning and Tow Law areas and for the Clerk to write to the Boundary Committee informing them of this decision.**

D) DCC Planning Policy Manager

**Decision – Members noted that details were available from the Clerk and representations (if any) were required by 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2009**

E) CD & CC Training Partnership

**Decision – Members to contact the Clerk if they wished to attend any of the training sessions.**

F) CDALC – Mapping

**Decision – Clerk to contact the County Council regarding the use of ordnance survey mapping as this service has been used (free) for previous publications (i.e. Esh Parish Walk leaflets). Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.**

G) CDYOS

**Decision – Members agreed for the Clerk to meet with the officer (Hugh Ward) and discuss possible projects such as: footpaths along Kaysburn Road, footpaths in the Recreation Ground, Langley Park, clearing of weeds etc at the silly steps, Langley Park.**

**Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.**

H) DCC Bid for City of Durham

**Decision – Members agreed to support the bid for Durham in the City of Culture 2013.**

I) Colin Burton

**Decision – Members agreed to support the purchase of the two speed visors for the AAP area subject to an agreed contribution by all Parish Councils involved in the scheme**

J) Grants for Groups

**Decision – copy of document to be placed on the Council’s notice boards.**

K) Durham Biodiversity Partnership

**Decision – Clerk to obtain further information and report to the next appropriate Parish Council meeting.**

L) CDALC – AGM 31<sup>st</sup> October 2009

**Decision – Parish Council to be represented by the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Clerk.**

M) CE Electric UK – Festive Lighting Return

N) Standard Life – changes to Terms & Conditions

O) DCC Overview and Scrutiny – Annual Report 2008/09

P) Campaign to Protect Rural England newsletter; autumn 2009

Q) Commission for Rural communities/NALC Booklet “It takes all sorts – Local Councils: represent your Community, make a difference”.

- R) Durham Association newsletter; September 2009; issue no. 27
- S) CDALC – Annual Report 2008/09; October 2009
- T) NALC – Annual Report & Accounts 2008/09
- U) CDALC – Local Council Charter DCC/Parish and Town Councils
- V) War Memorials Trust bulletin; August 2009; issue no.42
- W) Local Council update; October 2009; issue no.120
- X) Link County Durham; Newsletter; September 2009; issue no.
- Y) The Diocese of Durham

**Decision – no objection to the proposal**

Z) DCC – land at Quebec

**Decision – Members noted that the applicant had requested that the appeal be dealt with by the written representations procedure and the closing date for further comments Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

aa) Langley Park Rams Head FC letter of thanks for £500 donation

**136/09 Recreation Ground, Langley Park**

No further update

**137/09 Sir Bobby Robson Park**

Awaiting signs (Clerk to chase up)

Recent visit to site by Members of Tow Law Town Council, site was clean and tidy at the time of the visit and Members were impressed with the facility.

**138/09 Langley Park Library**

Members were disappointed at the lack of progress with the internal work to the premises and wished to know the present balance on the budget figures. Members also asked that the library staff be better kept informed of the situation. Clerk to e-mail Councillor Armstrong with these concerns.

**139/09 Area Action Partnership**

Next board meeting 14<sup>th</sup> October 2009

Next Parish Councils Committee meeting 17<sup>th</sup> October 2009

Councillor Hiles was a member of the Traffic Committee

**140/09 Christmas Lights at Esh, Langley Park and Quebec**

Members agreed to accept the quotation from DCC for carrying out the electrical work at Esh and Quebec and for the Clerk to query the cost of the lighting at Langley Park due to the failure of two lamp posts (under Health and Safety Regulations ) for the erection of festive motifs. Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

It was also agreed to switch on the lights at Langley Park in the last week in November. Clerk to check the availability of Lady Elsie Robson to carry out the switching on ceremony.

**141/09 All Saints Youth Centre, Langley Park**

Councillor Armstrong informed the meeting that the order for demolition of the premises should be ready for signature in 2010 .The building has been subject to a Bat Survey.

**142/09 Date and time of meeting**

The next meeting of the Esh Parish Council is on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009 in The Harry Guildford Centre, Thomas Street, Langley Park, commencing at 7.00pm.

Meeting in 2010 (before 31<sup>st</sup> March).

The meeting finished at 9.20 pm

Signed by the Chairman.....Page 8