

ESH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council meeting held in meeting room No. 2 St Bede's, Ushaw College, on Tuesday 13th July 2010 commencing at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors A. Mollon (Chairman), M. Berry, C. Bloor, R. Bowyer, M. Gordon, A. Harling, S. Maddison, P. Mollon, M. Sands.

Apologies: Councillors B. Armstrong, G. Coulson, R. Partridge, S. Rothwell, M. Tyler, County Councillor M. Campbell.

Also Present: County Councillors J. Armstrong, Anne Bonner, Michelle Scott (Red), PCSO A. Joyce, G.F Smith (Clerk), M.L Rowland (Assistant Clerk), P.J Graham (Assistant Clerk)

147/10 Co-option of Mr Michael Joyce, 13 Hill Crest, Esh.

Mr Joyce signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Councillor, signed by the Proper Officer (the Clerk), and accepted by all councillors present.

148/10 Declaration of Interest

Councillors Bloor and Gordon declared an interest in Agenda item No. 10A (Inspection of Allotments). Councillor Harling declared an interest in agenda item 13E (Finchale Training College).

149/10 Presentation from Anne Bonner (Red) Langley Park Needs Survey

Anne Bonner and Michelle Scott made a presentation on the Langley Park Needs Survey, with question and answer session.

Members agreed to wait for final report.

PCSO Anthony Joyce was on duty and was called away.

150/10 Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 8th June 2010

Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

151/10 Matters arising (non agenda items)

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Community Garden at Railway Street, Langley Park (119/10)

Clerk was arranging meeting with Councillor Tyler.

Clerk's Report (044/10)

2) Containers at Quebec

No further information from DCC

Clerk's Report (046/10)

Replacement of IT Equipment

Funding successful from UK on line to refurbish the IT Suite (£4771).

Parish Paths Partnership Grant

Meeting has taking place with Elaine Field (DCC) and has been proposed to complete two application forms (public footpath at the old recreation ground and public footpath leading from rear of Cross Keys, Esh to Low Moor Road, Langley Park).

Members agreed for the Clerk to complete application forms.

Earl of Durham Allotments - Security Gates (047/09)

Awaiting for keys for the gates

Play Equipment at Esh (repairs) (067/09)

Contractor will be starting work this week

Citizens Advice Bureau – use of the Parish office (121/09)

Two Members of the public came to the first session; second session is Wednesday 14th July 2010.

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Correspondence (099/10)

C) Civil Parking Enforcement – Officer to attend Parish Council meeting

Officer will be asked to attend September / October meeting.

Litter Problems in Langley Park (104/10)

Youth Engagement Service/Probation Service

Clerk to chase this matter up.

Litter Bin at Quebec (068/10)

On order deliverer the end of the week

Luncheon Club at Langley Park (068/10)

Temporary provider is delivering the meals on a Tuesday and Wednesday.

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Correspondence (130/10)

A) Parish & Town Councils conference 19th July 2010 at County Hall (3to6pm)

Clerk confirmed that they are some places left to attend conference.

F) Summer Programme of Soccer Coaching in Langley Park (16th – 20th August)

Members agreed to pay for one coach and County Councillor Armstrong would give £150 towards event costs “(County Councillors Members Initiative Fund)”.

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Correspondence (130/10)

M) CDALC – Titles of Dignitary

Awaiting details from Steve Ragg

152/10 Minutes of the special meeting held on 22nd June 2010

Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

153/10 Matters arising (non agenda items)

Approve the Annual Returns for the year ending 31st March 2010

The Clerk reported that the Annual Return had been sent to the External Auditor.

154/10 Police Report

Outstanding items

Traffic Calming Measures (066/10)

Clerk to chase this matter up and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

Police Report (095/10)

Letter to Inspector Turner

Clerk to chase this matter up and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

New Items

Police Report for June/July 2010

PCSO Joyce was on duty and had to leave the meeting, the report was circulated at the meeting.

155/10 Parish Report

A) Parish Report

Outstanding Items:-

2. Inspection of Allotments (068/10)

Clerk to send out letters to some allotment holders to clean up site.

Report – Parish (096/10)

IT Equipment

The Clerk reported that the funding was successful from NLDC and posters and flyers will be delivered throughout the Parish this week, for the 10 week course to start immediately.

New Item

Resignation of Councillor

Clerk read out a letter from Councillor M. Tyler to resign from office as Councillor. Members agreed for the Clerk to inform the Returning Officer for the necessary procedure to be put into place.

B) County Council

County Councillor Campbell – no report

County Councillor Armstrong reported:-

- 1) Flower beds at Quebec Street, Langley Park
- 2) Litter bin and dog bin at car park, Quebec
- 3) All Saint Youth Centre
- 4) Library
- 5) Needs Survey
- 6) AAP
- 7) Neighbourhood Wardens

C) Members Report

Outstanding Items:-

1a) Roadside litter at Esh (068/10)

Clerk to chase this matter up with the Probation Service/Youth Engagement Service and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

1b) Parking Sign at Quebec Play Area (068/10)

Clerk to chase this matter up and report to the next meeting.

Improvement/Appearance of Langley Park (Councillor Berry) (096/10)

Councillors M. Berry and P.Mollon had a walk about the village concerns were raised.

The Clerk was asked to arrange meetings with Street Clean and DCC.

The second walk about to be arranged with Councillor S. Maddison.

Rubbish at the rear of the Parish Council Office (096/10)

Clerk to chase this matter up with the Youth Engagement Service/Probation Service and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

Graffiti on the garage door (096/10)

Members agreed for the Clerk to ask the Contractor to paint the garage door.

Christmas trees and lights (127/10)

The Clerk had received details of “Living Trees” and was arranging a meeting with a Specialist Contractor (Vice Chairman to attend the meeting).

Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

Committee meeting (127/10)

Members agreed to form Committees to discuss certain specific topics.

Clerk to produce a report for the September Parish Council meeting.

156/10 Financial Statement and Report

Members agreed the details of the Financial Statement (vouchers 45 to 66) and that they should be paid; where appropriate confirm the Chairman/Clerk's action in issuing cheques in advance of the meeting.

157/10 Planning Matters

A) GB/1//2010/0287/DMFP- change of use from workshop to rehearsal/recordings studio (B to D Clarification) Unit 2A, Riverside Industrial Estate, Langley Park.

Decision - Members agreed to make no objections to this proposed development.

B) MS/1/2010/0299/DMFP – bedroom and bathroom above existing garage, 16 Peshaw Close, Langley Park.

Decision – Members agreed to make no objections to this proposed development.

C) MS/1/2010/0309/DMFP – Erection of two storey extension, 18 Willow Park, Langley Park.

Decision – Members agreed to make no objections to this proposed development.

D) MS/1/2010/0310/DMFP – Erection of garage, 21 Netherton Close, Langley Park.

Decision – Members agreed to make no objections to this proposed development.

E) MS/1/2010/0322/DMVP – Amendment to planning application (1/2009/0533) to increase footprint of bungalows, St Michaels RC Church, Front Street, Langley Park.

Decision – Members agreed to make no objection to this proposed development.

F) MH/1/2010/0293/DMFP – Erection of one dwelling, land to the North of 1 Rose Terrace, Langley Park.

Decision – Members agreed to request that the Clerk contacts the Planning Officer to obtain further information (i.e. plans, drawing)and forward them to all councillors.

G) MS/1/2010/0321/DMFP – Erection to first floor over the kitchen area, 15 Wilkes Hill, Quebec.

Decision – Members agreed to make no objections to this proposed development.

158/10 Correspondence**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:-**

A) Hamsteels Inn FC – Application for funding – fix and repair goal posts costing £300
Members agreed for the Clerk to contact the contractor to have a look at the goal posts to see if their can be repaired.

B) Oases (Esh Winning Primary School) – Application for funding – summer sun activities during school holidays; contribution towards costs
Members agreed not to fund this application due to the financial climate.

C) Langley Park Rams Head over 40s Football Club – contribution towards the cost of hiring football pitch at Ushaw Moor

Members agreed not to fund this application due to the financial climate.

D) County Durham Society for the Blind and Partially Sighted – contribution towards talking newspaper appeal 2010/11

Members agreed for the Clerk to check the records for the last donation that was made to this organisation and report back to the next meeting.

E) Finchale Training College – Application for funding fitness room renovation project
Members agreed not to fund this application due to financial climate.

F) CDALC – County Durham compact (revised); comments by 17th August 2010
Members noted.

G) PCSO Joyce – Pact Priority; speeding along Finnings Avenue and next meeting 7th September at 6.30pm

Members noted.

Councillor Malcolm Berry left the meeting at 9.10

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:-

- H) Link County Durham – update No. 11 dated 2nd July 2010
- I) Durham Association Newsletter; June 2010; Issue No. 30
- J) Campaign to Protect Rural England Newsletter; summer 2010
- K) Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine; July 2010; Issue No.70
- L) Local Council Review Magazine; summer 2010
- M) DCC – Parish and Town Councils Conference, 19th July 2010 at County Hall, Durham commencing at 3.30pm
- N) Link County Durham – news update
- O) Local Councils update; July 2010; Issue No.12

159/10 Recreation Ground, Langley Park

No further update on the improvements to the old football pitch.
Clerk to update at the next Parish Council meeting.

160/10 Area Action Partnership / Parish Councils Committee

AAP board meeting is 14th July 2010 Quebec Hall, 6-8pm and PCC is on 17th July 10.00am at Park House Lanchester, for any Members wishing to attend.

161/10 Bus Service to Local Swimming Baths

Members agreed for EQUaL to look for some funding and also to look at rules and regulations for this service for young people.
Report to the next Parish Council meeting.

162/10 Esh Leaves

Members agreed for the Editorial Committee to meet as soon as possible and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

163/10 All Saints Youth Centre, Langley Park

Outstanding Items:-

Reports (068/10)

- 2 A) Letter to Chief Executive, DCC
- B) Letter to Inspector Turner, Durham Police
- C) Letter to Natural England

Clerk to chase up replies and report to the next Parish Council meeting

New Items

Item discussed in the County Councillors report (letters to be sent to DCC and HSE).

164/10 Langley Park Library

County Councillor Armstrong confirmed that the library will close on Tuesday 20th July 7pm and will re-open on Friday 23rd July at 9.30am at the new address, old Co-operative building, Front Street, Langley Park.

165/10 Partnership Sub-Committee

Clerk to prepare a report for the next Parish Council meeting on:-

- A) Financial information
- B) Funding arrangements
- C) Committee structure (including the EQUaL Partnership).

166/10 Sir Bobby Robson Park

Outstanding Items:-

CCTV

The Clerk confirmed that a meeting with PCSO Anthony Joyce reported that the camera had been operational for the last 3 months.

Security Bolts

Waiting for supplies, Clerk will update at the next Parish Council meeting.

Missing Equipment

Waiting for parts from Wickstead and then the Contractor will repair them,
Clerk will update at the next Parish Council meeting.

New item

The key holder for Sir Bobby Robson Park hander the key back to the office today,
Members agreed to send a letter to thank her.

Members also agreed for the Clerk to discuss with Mr Alan Cassidy (Sports & Social club) the arrangements for locking/unlocking the gate.

167/10 Lanchester Railway Walk

Outstanding Items:-

The Clerk confirmed that the Countryside Ranger is working with Cameron Gordon on the project.

168/10 parking on grassed areas in Langley Park

Outstanding Items:-

Minute (103/10)

Meeting with PCSO Anthony Joyce.

Clerk to discuss with DCC/Contractor

The Clerk reported that PCSO Anthony Joyce is doing the necessary procedures and suggest that some form of bollards or boulders to be placed on site.

Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

169/10 Bus Shelters in Langley Park

Outstanding Items:-

Correspondence (099/10)

B) DCC – ownership of bus shelters

Invitation to Andrew Bruce.

Members agreed for the Clerk to arrange a meeting with DCC as soon as possible.

170/10 Youth Provision in Langley Park

Outstanding Items:-

Youth Provision in Langley Park (107/10)

1) Letter to YMCA

2) Letter to Inspector Turner

3) Letter to Chief Executive (DCC)

Clerk to chase up responses from the above organisations and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

Clerk to arrange a meeting of all interested parties as soon as possible.

171/10 Date and Time of the next meeting

The next meeting of Esh Parish Council is on Tuesday 14th September 2010 at Wood View Community Centre commencing at 7.00pm.

**THAT PURSUANT TO SECTION 100A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972
THE PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING DURING
CONSIDERATION OF THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW ON THE GROUNDS THAT IF
THEY ARE PRESENT DURING DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS THERE COULD BE
DISCLOSURE OF THEM OF EXEMPT INFORMATION AS DEFINED IN SECTION 100.**

The meeting finished at 9.45 pm

Signed by the Chairman.....Page 7