

## ESH PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the Esh Parish Council meeting held in Wood View Community Centre, Langley Park on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2010 commencing at 7.00pm**

**Present:** Councillors M. Sands (Chairman), B. Armstrong, M. Berry, C. Bloor, R. Bowyer, G. Coulson, M. Gordon, A. Harling, M. Joyce, P. Mollon, R. Partridge, S. Rothwell.

**Apologies:** Councillors S. Maddison, A. Mollon.

**Also Present:** County Councillors J. Armstrong, M. Campbell, Neighbourhood Wardens S. Liddle, H.Sattar, G.F. Smith (Clerk), and P.J. Graham (Assistant Clerk).

#### **200/10 Declaration of Interest**

Councillors Bloor, Gordon and Joyce declared an interest in Agenda item No 6A Parish Report (Inspection of Allotments).

#### **201/10 Police Report**

No Police presence at the meeting Police report was circulated prior to the meeting.

#### **202/10 Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

#### **203/10 Matters Arising (none agenda items)**

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#### **Clerk's Report (044/10)**

2) Containers at Quebec

Still in the hands of the Planning Officer Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

#### **Parish Paths Partnership Grant**

Meeting is taking place this month Clerk to update at the next Parish Council meeting.

#### **Litter Problems in Langley Park (104/10)**

Meeting is taking place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2010 with Groundwork Trust. Clerk to update at the next Parish Council meeting.

#### **Correspondence (130/10)**

M) CDALC – Titles of Dignitary

Awaiting final details from Steve Ragg (CDALC), Clerk to update at the next Parish Council meeting.

#### **Bus Service to Local Swimming Baths (161/10)**

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

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**Correspondence (184/10)****C) DCC – Remembrance Sunday****Commemoration Services (14<sup>th</sup> November 2010)**

Esh St Michael & All Angels – 9.00 am

Esh Laude St Michael after 8.00am service

Langley Park All Saint Church – 9.45am

War Memorial – 11.00am

Quebec St John the Baptist – 10.45am

Volunteers to lay the Wreaths are: -

Councillor Malcolm Gordon – Esh St Michael & All Angels

Councillor Margaret Sands – Esh Laude St Michael

Councillor Alan Mollon - Langley Park All Saints

Councillor Paula Mollon - Quebec St John the Baptist.

**Q) Langley Park Martial Arts Club – Application for Funding**

No further information from the organisation.

**S) Rams Head Football Club – Application for Funding**

No further information from the organisation.

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Outstanding Items

**Report (181/10)**

Quebec Car Park – litter and dog bin

Members agreed for the Clerk to apply for a small grant from the AAP.

New Items: -

**A) Examination Success**

The Clerk informed the meeting that Lynne Rowland (Deputy Clerk) had passed the Certificate in Local Council Administration on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

Members wished to congratulate Mrs Rowland.

**B) Annual Returns for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010.**

Members accepted the following: -

i) Completion of the Audit for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010.

Copy attached to these minutes and placed on the Council's Web Site.

ii) Overdue Charity Account Submission. Clerk to complete the documents as soon as possible and send them to the Charity Commission.

iii) Notice of Conclusion of Audit. Documents to be placed on the Council's Notice Board for 14 days as from Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

**B) County Council**

County Councillor Joe Armstrong reported on: -

**1) Library**

Official library opening will take place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at 10.00am.

**2) Speeding**

The Police intend to carry out a survey at Stringer Terrace Langley Park.

**3) Verge Hardening**

Clifford Street and Ivy Terrace (Aged Miners Homes) needs to have a tenants survey done, The verge hardening scheme is subject to a capital bid to the highways department.

**4) The Old Tute**

A meeting is to be called for all parties: - Parish Council, AAP, EQUaL, CISWO, Community Association, Ian Pillar (Durham Rural Community Council) and the Police to look at the future of the Tute, following the Needs Survey.

If there is an agreement to move forward, County Councillor Armstrong will fund roof repairs to make the building watertight from his Members Initiative Fund.

**5) Youth Provision**

County Councillor Armstrong has asked Inspector Dave Turner, AAP Coordinator to facilitate a meeting with Groundwork's, YMCA, Consett Churches and DCC Young Peoples Services, Parish Council and County Councillors to explore the possibility of a qualified youth worker in the four villages, Langley Park, Hamsteels, Lanchester and Burnhope.

**6) All Saints Youth Centre**

County Councillor Armstrong is gathering information for the County Council to present to Natural England, to obtain a licence for demolition.

County Councillor Malcolm Campbell reported on: -

**1) Consett Academy**

The new Consett Academy that is replacing the old Consett Council Offices and the relocation off Council Offices.

**2) Funding**

He has Donated £350 towards a laptop for EQUaL from his Members Initiative Fund.

**C) Members Report**

Outstanding Items: -

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

Meeting with Groundwork on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2010, Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

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

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

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

Councillor Berry updated Members on the grassed areas that are getting damaged by vehicles, (Esh Terrace and outside Londis shop). Members agreed for the Clerk to arrange a contractor to submit a quote for a wooden fence or boulders around both areas, and to report to the next appropriate Parish Council meeting.

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

The work is now complete

**Graffiti on the garage door (096/10)**

The work is now complete

**Christmas trees and lights (127/10)**

The switch on date for Langley Park Lights will be Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2010, Clerk to confirm with Langley Park Primary School (Dorothy Brennan) to discuss the time.

**Member Report (181/10)****Speed of traffic/vibration at Stringer Terrace, Langley Park**

Parish Council Officers had a site visit with PCSO Anthony Joyce, Maxine Stubbs (Police) and David Battensby from DCC.

Maxine Stubbs stated that a speed survey would be carried out and dependent on the results speed cameras may be utilised.

David Battensby would carry out a Highways Survey and report back.

**Vibration / Road Surface at Stringer Terrace, Langley Park**

Councillor Coulson reported that the dip in the road was due to a public utility trench, which appears to have been incorrectly surfaced, and when heavy goods vehicles travel over this, it causes vibrations in local houses.

County Councillor Armstrong is going to take this issue forward.

**New Items****A) Old Tute**

Councillor Rothwell requested the removal of the notice board outside of the old Tute, Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

**205/10 Financial Statement and Report**

Members agreed the details of the Financial Statement (vouchers 121 to 140) and that they should be paid;

Where appropriate confirm the Chairman/Clerk's action in issuing cheques in advance of the meeting.

Members agreed to accept the summary of Expenditure 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

Clerk to provide a summary of income for the same period to the next Parish Council meeting. Details are as follows:-

**Summary of Expenditure 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

Service	£
Admin/General	6608.66
Staff Costs	16932.28
I.L.P (IT Officer)	2036.76
Environment	7977.24
Donations	525.00
Esh Leaves	1299.00
Miscellaneous (Inc grants)	13406.76
<b>Total</b>	<b>48785.70</b>

**206/10 Planning Matters**

A) 4/10/00656/FPA - Shepherd Homes Ltd, change of use of Agricultural land to extend Residential development site to provide extended gardens at the Old Station Yard, Langley Park.

**Decision – Members agreed to object to this proposed development and requested that the Clerk contacts the Planning Office to obtain further information.**

**207/10 Correspondence****ITEM FOR DISCUSSION**

A) DCC – County Durham Strategic housing land availability assessment – consultation by 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2010

Members agreed for the Clerk to send details via e-mail.

B) The Church of England; Church Commissioners – Pastoral measures 1983  
 Saint John the Baptist, Hamsteels; St Michael and All Angels, Esh; All Saints, Langley Park and St Paul, Waterhouses; draft pastoral Church building, building scheme representations by 9<sup>th</sup> November 2010

Members agreed for the Clerk to send details via e-mail

C) CDALC – Annual General meeting 30<sup>th</sup> October 2010 commencing at 10.30am  
 At County Hall, Durham (two representatives, only one may vote)

Chairman or vice Chairman would be going with the Parish Clerk.

D) DCC – Registered Trader Scheme; request to display promotional materials on the Council's notice board

Members agreed to display the promotional material on the notice board

E) Broadley & Coulson (client H&D Dixon, 7 The Woodlands – drainage problems from the recreation ground

Members agreed for the Clerk to respond to the letter informing them that the Parish Council had carried out the work as discussed with Northumbrian Water and Derwentside District Council.

#### **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:-**

F) County Durham Link Newsletter; September 2010; Issue No.7

G) Durham Rural Community Council Newsletter; Autumn/Winter

H) Northern Rock Foundation Newsletter; Winter 2010; Issue No. 21

I) Local Councils update; October 2010; Issue No.132

J) DCC – Our Life Magazine; October 2010; Issue No.5

#### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

K) Langley Park Play Group Application for Funding

Members agreed to fund this application and donated £250 towards the cost of new equipment.

L) DCC training session for 106 agreements at Civic Centre, Chester-le-street on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2010 6 to 8pm. Members to contact the Clerk if they wished to attend this event.

#### **207/10 Council Committee Structure**

Members agreed on the Council Committee Structure. Details to be circulated to all Councillors and meetings to be arranged as soon as possible.

#### **208/10 Recreation Ground, Langley Park**

No further update

Clerk to update at the next Parish Council meeting.

#### **209/10 Area Action Partnership / Parish Councils Committee**

The next meeting of the Parish Council Committee is on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 10.00am at Brandon & Byshottle Parish Council office.

#### **210/10 Langley Park Needs Survey**

Meeting to be arranged with Partner Agencies to discuss the proposals in the report.

#### **211/10 Parish Newsletter Esh Leaves**

Members agreed to publish the Monthly Esh Parish Newsletter as circulated at the meeting as soon as possible, and agreed the Editor would be Councillor Gordon.

**212/10 All Saints Youth Centre at 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
- D) Letter to Health and Safety Executive

No further update, Clerk to chase this matter up and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

**213/10 Councillors Vacancy**

The Clerk was given two prospective candidates names, Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

**214/10 Langley Park Library**

Official Library opening will take place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October, commencing at 10.00am,

**215/10 Sir Bobby Robson Park**

Outstanding Items: -

**Sir Bobby Robson Park (112/10)**

**B) Security Bolts**

Clerk to chase this matter up with the contractor and arrange for the work to be completed as a matter of urgency. Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

**C) Missing Equipment**

Clerk to chase this matter up with the contractor and arrange for the work to be completed as a matter of urgency. Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

**D) Horse being "Tethered in and around the Park"**

The Clerk reported that the horse is now gone.

**216/10 Parking on grassed areas in Langley Park**

Outstanding Items: -

Parking on grassed areas in Langley Park (168/10)

Bollards /boulders placed site (suggested by PCSO Joyce)

Members agreed that the Clerk to arrange a contractor to submit a quote for these areas.

**217/10 Bus Shelters in Langley Park**

Outstanding Items: -

Correspondence (099/10)

B) DCC – Ownership of Bus Shelters invitation to Andrew Bruce

Clerk / Councillor Berry had a meeting with an Officer from DCC

Awaiting report, Clerk to update at the next Parish Council meeting.

**218/10 Youth Provision in Langley Park**

Outstanding Items: -

1) Letter to YMCA

2) Letter to Inspector Turner

3) Letter to Chief Executive (DCC)

Clerk to chase up the outstanding correspondence and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

**New Items**

**Youth Provision**

A Volunteer has come forward to assist with the supervision of the youth club two nights per week 6pm to 8pm. Clerk to update at the next parish Council meeting.

**Youth Provision**

Steps Detached worker (Louise Wilson) has asked the Parish Council if she could use the equipment in Wood View Community Centre. Members declined the request and also agreed to invite Louise Wilson to the next Parish Council meeting.

**219/10 Date and Time of the next meeting**

The next meeting of Esh Parish Council is on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at The Village Hall Quebec, 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 9.10 pm

Signed by the Chairman.....Page 7