

ESH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council meeting held in The Harry Guildford Centre, Thomas Street, Langley Park on Tuesday 12th July 2011 commencing at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors A. Mollon (Chair), M. Berry, C.Bloor, M. Gordon, A. Harling, K. Heartfield, A. Hiles, P. Mollon, R. Partridge, S. Rothwell and J. Spencer.

Apologies: County Councillor M. Campbell, Councillors B. Armstrong, R. Bowyer, S. Maddison, M.Renneberg, M.Sands, Mrs M.L.Rowland (Deputy Clerk) Miss P.J. Graham (Assistant Clerk).

Also Present: County Councillor J. Armstrong, G.F. Smith (Clerk), Inspector Turner (Durham Police) and A. Coulthard (Mid Durham AAP).

114/11 Declaration of Interest

None received

115/11 Police Report

Inspector Turner presented the report (7th June to 5th July) regarding incidents/crimes in the area (copy attached to the minutes), followed by a question and answer session. Inspector Turner also went on to explain the new Policing Structure which will come into force very shortly and mentioned that PC Coulson (Beat Officer) would be leaving in August, replacement would be starting in September. He also encouraged Councillors to get involved in the multi-agency walkabout which has been arranged for Thursday 14th July (10.00am at the Baptist Church, Langley Park). Inspector Turner left the meeting.

116/11 Andy Coulthard- Mid Durham AAP Co-ordinator

Updated the meeting on the ongoing work of the AAP, Youth Provision work in Langley Park (commencing September/October) and the small grants fund for supporting community groups. Mr Coulthard left the meeting.

117/11 Minutes of the ordinary meeting held 14th June 2011

Amendment page 2 minutes 105/11 reports – A) Parish item 4) Langley Park Goodwill Association – application for funding

Should read:-

“The Clerk reported that the Association had received £400 (AAP small grants fund) £200 County Councillor Armstrong (Members Initiative Fund), leaving a short fall of £200 for the hiring of four coaches for the trip on 1st August 2011.”

Subject to the above amendment, Members agreed the minutes as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

118/11 Matters Arising (non agenda items)

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Title of Dignitary – procedure (054/11)

Clerk was awaiting a response from Lady Robson and was still trying to obtain alternative prices for the Freedom Scroll. Clerk to chase both matters up and report to the next Parish Council meeting (September).

Page 2**All Saints Youth Centre, Langley Park (078/11)**

No further update from Terry Coult (DCC), Clerk to chase this matter up and e-mail Councillors with any response.

Page 3**Page 4****Correspondence (108/11)**

Railway Street

Negotiations are still talking place between residents and contractors. Site plan still available in the Parish Office.

119/11 Boundary Commission on the New Electoral arrangement for Durham County Council

Members agreed to support the amended proposal:-

Esh and Witton Gilbert electoral division, to include:-

Witton Gilbert	DMB (DW)	2182	Electorate
Esh	NWDNA (FC)	295	Electorate
Willow Park	NWDNB (FD)	89	Electorate
Langley Park East	NWDNB (FA)	1247	Electorate
Langley Park West	NWDND (FB)	1954	Electorate
Ushaw	NWDNE (FE)	57	Electorate
Quebec	NWDNF (FF)	169	Electorate
Cornsay	NWDOA (CA)	69	Electorate
Cornsay Colliery	NWDOB (CB)	135	Electorate
Total		6197	Electorate

Members further agreed for the Clerk to place this proposal on the Council's web site.

Members noted that two e-mails had been received from residents (Mavis Dixon and Christine Morrow).

Members noted that the figures had been supplied by County Councillor Armstrong and the Electoral Services (DCC).

Page 5**120/11 Reports****A) Parish****Outstanding items:-**

- i) Project specification for youth provision in Langley Park and surrounding area, Tender documents to be sent out to a number of organisations
 - ii) Grass Cutting Contract 2011 – Durham County Council
- Clerk to contact DCC regarding strimming around seats in Esh (missed last cut).

New Items:-

- 1) Wardens Monthly Report – June 2011 (Stewart Liddle)
 - Regular vehicle/ foot patrols of area, with emphasis on Sir Bobby Robson Park & cycle track alongside Railway Street.
 - Spoken to owners of Diggerland re: youths causing a nuisance and drinking on the rocks and wasteland leaving litter etc.
 - 2 x garden clearance fixed penalty notice's issued in Logan Street. A third is being investigated due to tenants being absent.
 - Foot patrols with PCSO along Front Street.
 - Checked for business litter contracts at Cricket Club and Ability Hearing.
 - 2) Quality Parish Council Portfolio
- Clerk to prepare document during the August recess.

3) Planting of barrels at Esh Village Green

Members agreed not to plant the barrels.

4) Community Day (6th September 2011)

Members agreed to review the date (school holiday period) and for the Chairman and Clerk to select another date (end of September/ beginning of October). Clerk to e-mail all Councillors with suggested new date.

B) County Council

County Councillor M. Campbell - no report

County Councillor J. Armstrong reported on:-

i) Boundary Commission Proposal on the New Electoral Arrangements (DCC)

ii) White lining in Langley Park.

iii) The 'Tute,' Church Street, Langley Park

iv) Multi – agency walkabout (14th July)

v) Highway issues

vi) AAP Board meeting (13th July)

C) Members Report

Outstanding Items: -

i) Parking Sign at Quebec Play Area

Signs have been fixed

ii) Damage to play area at Esh (Councillor Gordon)

Order placed with local contractor (Wharton Landscapes), work to be complete before school holidays.

iii) Village Green, Esh (Councillor Gordon)

Parking of Vehicles

iv) Setting up a Parish Council Forum (Councillor Sands)

Report "small is beautiful – but bigger could be better" to be discussed at the Parish Councils Committee meeting on Saturday 16th July 2011.

New Items:-

1) "No parking on the grass "DCC response/update (Councillor Berry)

Councillor Berry updated the meeting he had with Gordon Wingrove, Traffic and Community Engagement Manager, Durham County Council, on the following:-

A) Parking on the grass verge in Clifford Street (van owned by Lumsden & Carroll)

B) Unable to authorise signs "no parking on the grass "(do not conform to the traffic signs regulations).

2) Potentially suitable housing site at Langley Park (Councillor Rothwell)

Map circulated prior to the meeting, after determining the location of the site Members agreed to note the contents (no action).

121/11 Financial Statement and Report

Members agreed the details of the Financial Statement (vouchers 52 to 76) and that they should be paid;

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

Copy of the schedule attached to these minutes.

Clerk to e-mail Councillors with the latest expenditure/income report for the period 1st April to 30th June 2011.

122/11 Planning Matters

A) TO/1/2011/0332/DMFP – Mr E Bennington for detached prefabricated garage at 30 South View, Langley Park.

Decision – Members agreed to raise concerns about the lamp post on the site, highway or electricity. Company may have comments.

123/11 Correspondence

Items for Discussion:-

A) Craggs coaching – application for funding towards a one week coaching football course (15th to 19th August) at the Sports and Social Club, Langley Park.

Members agreed to contribute £100.00 towards the running costs of this event.

B) Langley Park WMC Football Club - application for funding.

Members agreed not to support this application.

C) Willow Burn Derwentside Hospice Care Foundation, Lanchester – application for funding.

Members agreed not to support this application.

D) Langley Park Cricket Club – application for funding (£325.67 for new sightscreen)

Members agreed not to support this application.

E) CDALC – Training events in September/October 2011, cost £27 per delegate.

Clerk to e-mail all Councillors with further information.

Items for Information:-

F) Durham Police authority – Working together to address changes to policing in County Durham & Darlington.

G) Durham Federation Studio School Consultation

H) SLCC/Shaws – form, records and registers for Local Councils

I) Shaws & Son – Freedom Scrolls – an affordable option for Local Councils

J) Mid Durham AAP – E- bulletin

K) Mid Durham AAP – heads up magazine; issue 4

L) Local Councils update newsletter; issue 141; July 2011

M) DCC – Local Government Pension Scheme – Final Valuation Report

N) Clerk's and Councils direct; July 2011; issue 76

O) County Durham & Darlington NHS proposed changes to hyperacute stroke services

124/11 Committee - Constitution / Updates

Members were concerned that there had been no regular committee meetings,

It was agreed for the Chairman to met with the Clerk next week to determine committee membership (up to 5 committee Members per committee) and arrange for meeting to take place within the next three weeks.

125/11 Area Action Partnership / Parish Councils Committee

Date of next AAP Board meeting:-

13th July 2011 - Brandon

Date of the PCC meeting:-

Saturday 16th July at Langley Moor

126/11 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of Esh Parish Council is on Tuesday 13th September 2011 in The Harry Guildford Centre Thomas Street, Langley Park. 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 8.50 pm