

ESH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council meeting held in The Harry Guildford Centre, Thomas Street, Langley Park on Tuesday 13th December 2011 commencing at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors A. Mollon (Chair), B. Armstrong, C. Bloor, R. Bowyer, J.Carr, M. Gordon, A.Harling, K. Heartfield, S. Maddison, P. Mollon, R. Partridge, M. Renneberg, S. Rothwell and M. Sands.

Apologies: County Councillor M. Campbell, Councillor M. Berry and Mrs M.L.Rowland (Deputy Clerk)

Also Present: County Councillor J. Armstrong, G.F. Smith (Clerk).

179/11 Declaration of Interest

Councillors C. Bloor, M. Gordon and K. Heartfield – agenda item 6a(iii) Allotments.

180/11 Police Report

Copy of PACT report circulated at the meeting. Members noted that the next PACT meeting was 7th February 2012.

181/11 Minutes of the ordinary meeting held 8th November 2011

Members agreed the minutes as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

182/11 Matters Arising (non agenda items)

None.

183/11 Reports

A) Parish

Outstanding items: -

i) Zurich Insurance PLC

Details passed to CDALC/NALC for legal opinion

ii) Youth Provision

Councillor B Armstrong updated the meeting, DISC were awaiting CRB checks for newly appointed youth workers, hope to start by the end of January 2012.

i) rat problem at the E of D allotments/Garden Avenue

Awaiting details from DCC (Paul Rutherford)

New Items:-

1) Certificates for Power of Well Being training

The Clerk reported that he had received certificates for Councillors Maddison and Renneberg.

B) County Council

County Councillor M. Campbell - no report

County Councillor J. Armstrong reported on:-

- i) All Saints Youth Centre
- ii) CCTV Consultation
- iii) Olympic Torch 2012
- iv) The Tute, Church Street, Langley Park
- v) Medium Term Financial Planning

C) Members Report

Outstanding Items: -

i) Salt bins

Councillor Renneberg updated the meeting.

ii) Clearing of car park area, Langley Park

Councillor Renneberg updated the meeting.

ii) Esh Residents Association

Councillor Gordon updated the meeting on some of the work being carried out by this new group (Christmas tree for Esh, Salt bins, litter picking and bulb planting).

iv) Olympic Torch

Councillor B Armstrong updated the meeting that the torch will travel through the parish in June 2012, further details from DCC (Nigel Dodds)

New items:-

1) E-Tape Pennine Bike Ride in 2012

Councillor Sands/Gordon updated the meeting on this event which would involve road closures in Esh village, more details to follow.

2) Disabled access (footpath) near WMC at Langley Park

Councillor Sands updated the meeting with a resident's concern, referred to County Councillor Armstrong.

3) meeting with DCC officers

Councillor Renneberg updated the meeting

4) Litter picking team at Langley Park

Councillor Renneberg updated the meeting (two picks had been carried out 8 bags from around the Sports and Social Club area and 9 bags from the entrance to the village along Kaysburn Road. Hi-Vis jackets were supplied by Councillor Maddison.

184/11 The Tute, Church Street, Langley Park

The Clerk suggested that a Working Party should be set up to work on the outstanding items and report to the Parish Council. Members agreed to set up a Working Party of four Parish Councillors (Councillors B. Armstrong, R. Bowyer, M. Berry, M. Renneberg and reserve Councillor Harling) and three residents (Shaun Meek, Langley Park Mining Memorial Group had indicated he wished to sit on this committee), An article to be placed in the next edition of the Parish Newsletter asking for volunteers.

The Clerk reported on the following outstanding matters:-

a) need for a floor plan

b) prices for building works

c) additional roof work to the main entrance (approx £580)

d) letter from Meikles Solicitors (dated 10th November 2011) "received documentation from Langley Park & District Community Association's Solicitors and understand the transaction is for nil consideration, It is their understanding that all costs are to be paid by Esh Parish Council, please confirm that this is correct"

e) Letter from Meikles Solicitors (dated 17th November 2011) "Terms of conditions of business and solicitors charges form. We would advise that you should obtain reports on the following a professional survey of the property, damp proof course, timber infestation, rewiring, plumbing, gas installations, structural matters etc.

Costs:-

Lease £600, VAT £120 Land Registry Search £4 and Bankruptcy Search £4. It may be necessary to implement searches in respect of the property.

The payment of these preliminary searches will allow us to make enquiries if you wish to go ahead and we look forward to hearing from you with regards to this matter".

f) E-mail from Vincent Clements at CISWO dated 22nd November 2011" I wish to advise you that I have now received a reply from my Chief Executive as follows:-

The Community Association are responsible for the building including its repair, maintenance and security under the terms of the lease. As we understand it the Parish Council are to be assigned the lease and this will include them taking on the C A responsibilities under the lease including the aforementioned matters. CISWO are therefore not prepared to contribute to the boarding up".

185/11 All Saints Youth Centre, Langley Park

The Clerk reported on an e-mail from Terry Collins (DCC) dated 14th November 2011.

"The Council have recently commenced a new initiative to look at untidy sites and buildings which Members consider to be addressed as a priority. The All Saints Youth Centre has been put forward by Councillor J Armstrong and the site is due to be inspected in the next few weeks. We will be assessing a large number of sites to establish priorities, We would then look at ways of improving the appearance of those considered a high priority; this may include repairs/restoration or the demolition of the building. I will be in touch again once the inspection has taken place".

186/11 Financial Statement and Report

Members agreed the details of the Financial Statement and for Vouchers 167 to 189 should be paid, copy of the report attached to these minutes.

187/11 Planning Matters

a) Application TO/1/2011/0565/DMFP by Mrs C Lavelle for demolition of conservatory, construction of two storey and single storey rear extension and loft conversion at 44 The Crescent, Langley Park.

DECISION – No objections

b) Application MG/1/2011/0619/DMDN by Homegroup for prior notification for the demolition of 20 No. dwellings at The Haven, Langley Park

DECISION - No objections

c) Application LM/1/2011/0608/DMFP by Dr J Broome for installation of 16 ground mounted PV panels at Biggen House Farm, Esh

DECISION – No objections

d) Application TO/1/2011/0609 & 0618/DMFP & DMLB by Mr C Philips for raised patio/decking area, new French doors and internal alterations and listed building consent for works to the property at Esh Glebe House, Esh

DECISION – No objections

e) Training course on The Localism Bill, Councillor Rothwell reported that further courses to be arranged for Neighbourhood Planning

188/11 Correspondence

Items for Discussion:-

A) CISWO – Improving the lives in Coalfield Communities (details passed onto Councillor B Armstrong)

B) DCC – Electoral Services; restructuring and relocation – contact Lesley Gwilym (03000261212) or e-mail: electoralservices@durham.gov.uk

C) CDALC – Council Tax; Precept requests to DCC by 27th January 2012, Town and Parish Councils will not be restricted in the amount of Precept increase for 2012/13 although they may be in future years.

D) CDALC – Demise of Standards for England; to be abolished by 31st March 2012

Items for Information:-

E) DCC – commencement of Civil Parking Enforcement in North Durham

F) Two responses from residents to the Boundary Commission on Parliamentary Constituency Review

G) Digital UK – switch over September 2012.

H) Local Council Update; November 2011

I) Local Council Update; December 2011

J) DCC Childrens Network Newsletter; December 2011

K) Local Councils Review Magazine; Winter 2011

L) War Memorial Trust Newsletter; November 2011

189/11 Community Forum held 14th November 2011 (feedback)

Copy of report circulated at the meeting, details to be discussed at the various committee meetings

190/11 Community Partnership (EQUaL) Committee

No report.

191/11 Environment Committee

No report.

192/11 Finance and General Purposes Committee

No report

193/11 Planning Committee

No report (virtual meeting comments on latest Planning Applications)

194/11 Publicity Committee

No report.

195/11 Area Action Partnership / Parish Councils Committee

Change of date of next AAP Board meeting to 11th January 2012 in Wood View Community Centre, Langley Park commencing at 6.00pm

Next PCC meeting: - Saturday 21st January 2012 at The Harry Guildford Centre, Langley Park commencing at 10.00am.

196/11 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of Esh Parish Council is on Tuesday 10th January 2012 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 7.55 pm