

ESH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council meeting held in The Harry Guildford Centre, Thomas Street, Langley Park on **Tuesday 10th April 2012** commencing at **7.08pm**

Present: Councillors A. Mollon (Chair), M. Berry, C. Bloor, J. Carr, M. Gordon, A. Harling, K. Heartfield, P. Mollon, M. Renneberg, S. Rothwell and M. Sands.

Apologies: Councillors: B. Armstrong, S. Maddison, R. Partridge and M. L. Rowland (Deputy Clerk)

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

056/12 Declaration of Interest

Councillors C. Bloor, M. Gordon and K. Heartfield – agenda item 7 – Allotments.
Councillor Renneberg – agenda item 16 – Environment Committee – Railway Street, Langley Park.

057/12 Police Report

Copy of the PACT report circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting, copy attached to these minutes.

058/12 Minutes of the ordinary meeting held 13h March 2012

Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

059/12 Matters Arising (non agenda items)

None.

Presentation by Lesley Millgate (DRCC) – item withdrawn

60/12 Allotments

Members agreed in principle to the transfer of the allotment sites (excluding small holding sites - ED 35 to 40, ED41 to 45 and ED 79 to 81) based on the transfer document used by Lanchester Parish Council. Clerk to update the Environment Committee.

061/12 Reports

A) Parish

Outstanding items: -

i) Zurich Insurance PLC - Awaiting details from Nalc/CDALC

New Items:-

1) BDO (External Auditors) – Annual Audit for the year ended 31st March 2012

- Audit date 18th June 2012
- Approval of Annual Return by 30th June 2012
- Exercise of Electors Rights – display notice 30th April to 13th May 2012;
- Make records available 14th May to 12th June 2012
- Approve Audited accounts by 30th September

2) Silver Surfers week 2012

Members agreed for the IT Officer to run two free sessions for Silver Surfers week on Tuesday 24th April and Thursday 28th April between 2 and 4pm. The event will be to promote the use of digital technologies for older people and is run by Digital Unite. The events will be advertised on the Council's web site, Notice boards and in local newspapers.

3) Beating the bounds walk 13th May 2012

Councillor Bloor reminded Members of the walking event but cannot lead the walk this year due to personnel arrangements.

Members agreed for the event to be advertised on the Council's web site, notice board and for refreshments to be supplied at Quebec Village Hall.

B) County Council

County Councillor M. Campbell had met the Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk and gave his reasons for non attendance at the Parish Council meetings.

"I will continue to represent the area and support financially but does not intend to attend meetings on a regular basis. Written reports will be sent when necessary".

County Councillor J. Armstrong (Reported on):-

- I. Village walkabout (Langley Park)
- II. Parking restrictions on Front Street, (near Porkies), Langley Park
- III. Ex fire station rear of Church Street, Langley Park (Derwentside College)
- IV. Drainage problems in Langley Park
- V. Railway Street, Langley Park (tidying up scheme)
- VI. The Tute
- VII. Kingsway Home (refurbishment)
- VIII. Community Building Report (Woodview Community Centre)
- IX. Meeting with Highways Staff

C) Members Report

Outstanding Items: -

i) Provision of dog fouling bags

Members agreed to order 15 boxes (2000 per box) from the County Durham Parishes Initiative (arranged through Great Aycliffe Town Council). Members also agreed that when they are issued only one pack (50) to each resident, records to be kept of name and address and a donation collecting bin (voluntary) be placed in the reception of the Parish Offices. Item to be placed in the next edition of the Council's News letter.

New Items:-

ii) Siting of Christmas tree outside "Porkies", Front Street, Langley Park

Councillor Berry to meet with County Council Officer and report any progress to the Environment Committee.

iii) Entrance Feature at Langley Park

Councillor Berry to meet with Diggerland and report any progress to the Environment Committee.

iv) Football Field, Recreation Ground, Langley Park – referred to Environment Committee

v) Old Fire Station (Derwentside College) rear of Church Street, Langley Park - referred to Environment Committee

vi) Land at Railway Street, Langley Park – referred to Environment Committee

vii) Youth Engagement Service – No update, use service for "clean-up campaigns"

062/12 The Tute, Church Street, Langley Park

The Clerk thanked Councillor Harling for looking at the lease of the building from CISWO, he had a number of concerns. The Clerk was arranging a meeting with the Council's Solicitor on her return from holiday.

Councillor Armstrong was hopeful that the revised Architects drawing will be available from 17th April for building contractors to supply quotations for the redevelopments/alterations to the building. The cost of this service from DCC is £500, Members acknowledge the cost. A £200 donation from Langley Park and District Community Association has been pledge towards the costs of legal fees.

063/12 All Saints Youth Centre, Langley Park

(Details from County Councillor Armstrong) The County Council have served a notice on the Church Council, awaiting response before progressing on demolition etc.

064/12 Financial Statement and Report

Members agreed the details of the Financial Statement and for Vouchers 251 to 262 should be paid, copy of the report attached to these minutes.
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065/12 Medium and small Councils Forum

Councillor Sands presented a report on the inaugural meeting held on 17th February 2012. Members agreed to note the contents of the report and to also support Councillor Fitchett (Brancepeth PC) as Chair and Councillor Denise Bennett (Burnhope PC) as Vice Chair of the Forum.

066/12 Parish Councils Three Year Plan

Councillor Sands presented a draft report on the Three Year Plan. The Council's Committees are to meet prior to the 27th April to discuss the plan, agree on objectives and priorities, timescales and named Councillor. This item will be further discussed by the Steering Group and prepare a report for the Annual General Meeting on 8th May 2012.

067/12 Youth Provision in the Parish

(Details from County Councillor Armstrong) The Disc team are having problems with staffing for the project. Councillor B. Armstrong will meet with the AAP Co-ordinator to look at possible alternative provider on a Friday evening and report any progress to the next Parish Council meeting.

049/12 Correspondence**Items for information:-**

Local Council; update; March 2012; issue 149

069/12 Community Partnership (EQUaL)/Environment Committee

Copy of the minutes of the Committee held on 5th April 2012 are attached to the Minutes. Members noted the following:-

1. Transfer of Allotments

Two Councillors to sit on Steering Committee

Small Holdings not to be transferred to the proposed Allotment Association

2. Training area, Sports and Social Club, Langley Park

Councillor Bowyer and Hiles to meet with Alan Cassidy, County Council Planning Officers, Southern Green (Architects) and Marie Moore (DCC Funding Officer) to discuss the car parking issue which is stopping the development.

3. Lighting at the Sir Bobby Robson Park

Members agreed to support the proposal from the Committee not to allow the lighting of the play area (not included in the original planning application).

4. Drainage problems in Langley Park – refer to County Councillor Armstrong

5. Football Pitch top of the recreation ground – Covenant states area for recreational use, Members agreed with the committee recommendation to explore the change of use into allotment sites. Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

6. Funding applications – Deputy Clerk to work an additional 3 hours per week to complete funding application for revenue expenses (ie wages)

7. Railway Street, Langley Park – The area is in a very untidy state and some provisional work has been done by the AAP Co-ordinator. As this area is not owned by the Parish Council there are legal and insurance difficulties. Members agreed to wait for a further detailed report.

8. Village entrance (Diggerland) – Members agreed to await further updates from Councillor Berry.

9. Members noted the following:-

a) Letter sent to Derwentside College regarding state of the Old Fire Station

b) Letter sent to Police regarding speeding vehicles leaving/entering Langley Par to/from Kaysburn Road.

070/12 Finance and General Purposes Committee

No Report

071/12 Planning Committee

Members considered the following applications:-

A) 1/2012/0115/DMFP by Mrs K Tomkins for erection of two storey side extension at 20 Springwell Avenue, Langley Park.

DECISION - No objections subject to neighbours being consulted

B) 1/2012/0120/DMFP by Mr & Mrs Wilson for erection of single storey rear extension at 10 Cedar Court, Langley Park

DECISION – No objections subject to neighbours being consulted

C) 1/2012/0125/DMFP by Mr C Renwick for erection of single storey rear extension at 7 Finings Street, Langley Park

DECISION – No objections subject to neighbours being consulted

D) CMA/1/60 by Mr J Simpson for erection of a portacabin and a steel framed building at unit 10 Langley Park Industrial Estate

DECISION – No objections subject to neighbouring unit occupiers being consulted

E)1/2012/0097/DMFP by Mrs V Quinn for erection of single storey extension at rear of dwelling including pitched roof over existing single storey rear extension at 3 Wilkes Hill, Quebec

DECISION – No objections subject to neighbours being consulted

072/12 Publicity Committee

No Report

073/12 Area Action Partnership / Parish Councils Committee

Next AAP Board meeting 16th May 2012 (AGM) New Brancepeth Village Hall (6pm)

Next PCC meeting: - 21st April 2012 at the Harry Guildford Centre, Langley Park (10am)

074/12 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of Esh Parish Council (AGM) is on Tuesday **8th May** 2012 in the Harry Guildford Centre, Thomas Street, Langley Park commencing at 7.00pm

The meeting finished at 8.50 pm