

ESH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council meeting held in The Harry Guildford Centre, Thomas Street, Langley Park on **Tuesday 12th March 2013** commencing at **7.00pm**

Present: Councillors A. Mollon (Chair), B. Armstrong, R. Bowyer, P. Mollon
M. Renneberg and S. Rothwell.

Also Present: County Councillor J. Armstrong, Chris Harrison (NLP), Alexandra Crowe (NLP), Martin Corney (South Lands management), D. Rider (IT Officer), Residents (G. Hawxwell, R D Laird, S. Bell, D. Thomas, R. Moralee and B. Weston) and G.F. Smith (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillors: J. Carr, A. Harling, K. Heartfield, R. Partridge, M. Sands and M L Rowland (Deputy Clerk)

031/13 Declaration of Interest

Councillor B. Armstrong and County Councillor J. Armstrong Declared an interest in Agenda item 4 – presentation by Nathaniel Litchfield + Partners.

032/13 Presentation by Nathaniel Litchfield and partners on “proposed Planning Application for Housing development on land east of Langley Park – updates/amendments”

Details of proposed Road layout leading to/from the proposed site and revised details of works to the recreation ground.

The Chairman suggested that the residents may wish to meet the developers in another room (IT Suite) to further discuss the proposals. He also suggested that the recreation ground would be further discussed at the next Parish Council meeting (9th April).

Following the Presentation there was a question and answer session and the developers and residents left the meeting.

03313 Police Report

The Clerk had circulated the PACT reports for the periods ending 4th March and 1st February 2013.

Councillor Renneberg updated the meeting on items discussed at the last PACT meeting particular concerns on the delay in demolishing the ALL Saints Youth Centre.

034/13 Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held 12th February 2013

Amendments:-

Page 2 Members – No Report remove “No Report”

Page 2 Minute 24/13 (d) item b) should read “balance on funds being put towards solar lightning and tree for 2013”.

Page 2 minute 027/13 – add

“Councillor B. Armstrong questioned when the financial report on cost savings for 2013/14 would be presented to the Parish Council. The Clerk suggested that he would be meeting with the Chair and update Members at the next meeting.”

Page 3 minute 029/13

Should read “next AAP Board meeting 13th March 2013 at Satley Village Hall (6pm)”. Subject to the above amendments the minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

035/13 Parish Council Elections 2nd may 2013

- i) Election timetable – circulated for Councillors information.
- ii) Nomination packs – were distributed to each Councillor to complete and return to the County Councils Returning Officer

036/13 Langley Park Primary School – Application for Funding

A letter dated 12th February 2013 had been received from Mr M Gardner, Headmaster regarding possible shortfall in the budget to create a garden area within the School grounds. Members agreed to discuss this application in May 2013 and for the Clerk to inform the head teacher of this decision.

037/13 Reports**A) Parish**

i) Loss of Broadband service at the Harry Guildford centre, Langley Park. The Clerk updated Members on the Problems that have arisen in the last two weeks and County Councillor Armstrong read out an email received from Mark Reynolds, Business manager, ICT resources at Durham County Council.

Members agreed for the Clerk, IT Officer to meet with Councillor Armstrong and Mr Reynolds to discuss the various options of providing Broadband Services to the Office/IT Centre and report to the next Parish Council Meeting.

ii) Sir Bobby Robson Park

a) Request for a Play Area Sign – Members agreed for the Clerk to obtain prices and report to the next appropriate Parish Council meeting.

b) Cost of repairs – The Clerk reported on the cost of replacing 15 plastic logs on the play equipment from Wickstead Leisure Ltd (481.74).

Members agreed the following:-

For the Clerk to write to the Police regarding the deliberate sabotage of the equipment and for them to visit and park each time they are in the village.

For the Clerk to complete an Insurance Claim form for the repairs from the Council's Insurance Company, Zurich PLC (All Risks Policy).

Include the Play Area in the next village walkabout.

B) County Council

County Councillor J. Armstrong reported on the following:-

i) Wood View Community Centre

ii) All Saints Youth Centre (Clerk to write to DCC Andrew Fairley)

iii) Death of Mr Chris Robinson, Langley Park and District Community Association.

C) Chair's

i) Recreation ground to be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting

ii) Cost Savings Report for 2013/14 to be discussed at the May Meeting of the Parish Council.

D) Members

i) EQUaL Accounts (Councillor Bowyer) – reported that he had transferred the balance from the current account of EQUaL Partnership to the Parish Council's Current Account.

ii) Funding Opportunities (Councillor Rothwell) – applications for funding is available from local windfarms administrated by County Durham Foundation.

iii) Funding Opportunities (Councillor B Armstrong) – Funds available for IT Officer and equipment hub.

Council Web Site (Councillor Renneberg) – The Clerk agreed to present a report on updating the Council's Web Site to a future Parish Council Meeting.

- 038/13** **“The Tute”, Church Street, Langley Park**
The Clerk reported that the legal documents had been signed and sent to the Council’s Solicitor; No date received for final completion.
Councillor B Armstrong to meet with AAP Co-ordinator and funding Officers from the County Council to discuss funding opportunities for the building.
- 039/13** **Printing and delivery of Parish Newsletter**
The Clerk reported on prices and printing and delivery of the Parish Newsletter, Members agreed to:-
a) Clerk to order the printing to be carried out by Linton’s Printers Ltd.
b) Clerk to order the delivery of the Newsletter to be carried out by Top Banana on 1st April.
- 040/13** **Financial Statement and Report**
Deputy Clerk’s Salary to be corrected.
Subject to the above amendment the members agreed the details of the financial statement and for Vouchers 169 to 186 should be paid, copy of the report attached to these minutes.
- 041/13** **Planning Applications**
Planning Applications were received for the following:-
A) **1/2013/0061/DMFP** by Mr Harris to extend the time limit for land to the south of 21IVY Terrace, Langley Park.
Decision – No objections
B) **1/2013/0075/DMFP** by Mr and Mrs Patterson to erect additional garage to the side of 5 Hazelwood Court, Langley Park
Decision – No objections
C) **1/2013/066/DMFP** by Mr S Kemp for the demolition of existing single storey side extension and erection of a two storey side extension at 1 The Ferns, Hall Road, Esh
Decision – No objections
- 042/13** **Area Action Partnership / Parish Councils Committee/Medium and Small Councils Forum**
Next AAP Board meeting **13th March 2013** at Satley Village Hall Langley Park (6pm)
Next PCC meeting: - 16th March 2013 at The Harry Guildford Centre, Langley Park (10am)
Next SCF meeting 17th May 2013 at Barnard Castle (2pm)
- 043/13** **Date and Time of the Next Meeting**
The next meeting of Esh Parish Council is on Tuesday **9th April 2013** at The Harry Guildford Centre, Langley Park commencing at 7.00pm

The meeting finished at 8.30 pm