

ESH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council meeting held in The Miners Institute Building, Langley Park on **Tuesday 11th March 2014** commencing at **7.00pm**

Present: Councillors A. Mollon (Chair), B. Armstrong, R. Bowyer, A. Hancock, G. Hawxwell, K. Heartfield, P. Mollon, R. Moralee, M. Renneberg S. Rothwell, M. Sands and C. Thompson.

Also Present: G.F. Smith (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillor S. Bell, County Councillor J. Armstrong and M. L. Rowland (Deputy Clerk)

025/14 Declaration of Interest

Councillor B. Armstrong, R. Bowyer, A. Hancock and M. Renneberg – Agenda Item 7- Miners Institute Building, Langley Park

026/14 Mr R. Harrison (e-mail to Clerk) regarding litter at Hill Top; requesting a regular litter pick for the area. County Councillor B. Armstrong had referred this matter to the appropriate Officer at DCC, but was unable to accommodate this request. Members suggested that the environment group, Langley Park or Esh Residents Association may be able to assist with this request.

027/14 Police Report

No Report. Clerk to write to the Chief Constable regarding the present method of Pact meetings for Langley Park (Bi Monthly) being not satisfactory.

028/14 Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held 11th February 2014

The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

029/14 Matters Arising

- Louise Vanderhoeven resigned (after one week) from opening/closing the gate at Sir Bobby Robson Park. Councillor Moralee agreed to take on the duties, Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.
- Langley Park Banner –outstanding (Councillor Renneberg/Clerk) to arrange the visit to DMA at Redhills, Durham, as soon as possible.
- Closing of The Harry Guildford Centre – due to roadwork's in the village the move was postponed until this week.
- Councillor Vacancies – Awaiting details from DCC (Returning Officer)
- Cheque signatories – Awaiting details from Co-operative Bank PLC
- Meeting with Mr M. Berry – He agreed to contact the Chief Constable and Police Commissioner and requested representation from the Parish Council at the proposed meetings. Members agreed for the Parish Council to be represented by the Chairman and/or Vice Chairman (both County Councillors to be invited to attend).

030/14

Reports**A) Parish**

i) Commemorating Centenary of 1st World War

Clerk to arrange a meeting with Councillor Thompson and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

B) County Council

County Councillor B. Armstrong reported on the following:-

- All Saints Youth Centre - site clearance

C) Chair's – no report**D) Members**

- 2 seats for Langley Park – Councillor Heartfield reported that approval had been received from DCC Highway section and the two seats should be in place by the end of March
- Seats at the recreation ground (Councillor Heartfield) – now in place, litter pick/site clearup this week also new litter bins to be placed this month. Members agreed to purchase wood chippings (at a cost of £100) for the environment group to complete some internal paths on the site.
- Wetlands, Langley Park (Councillor Heartfield) – site cleared up
- Doctors Surgery Councillor Heartfield) – site cleared up, trees planted
- Award for Wetlands (Councillor Hawxwell) requested sight of the certificate from DCC and for it to be displayed at the Miners Institute Building.
- Christmas Tree lights (Councillor Hauxwell) – item to be placed on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting (April)

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Miners Institute Building, Church Street, Langley Park

Councillor B. Armstrong reported on the following:-

- Facebook facility
- E-mail contact
- Financial Report
- Funding
- Volunteering
- Setting up a Management Committee
- Constitution

Councillor Thompson raised a number of concerns relating to Health and Safety procedures etc that require attention by the Parish Council/Management Committee. Members agreed to place the following items on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting:-
Health & Safety issues for the Miners Institute Building
Provision of the weekly "Job Club" (Funding issues)
Parish Council opening hours

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Financial Statement and Report

A) Members agreed the details of the Financial Statement and for Vouchers 155 to 168 should be paid, copy of the report attached to these minutes.

- 033/14 Citizens Advice Bureau – Application to increase fees**
The Parish Council presently fund a one hour session per moth by the CAB at a cost of £25 per session. A request has been received to increase the cost of the session to £27.50 per hour. Members agreed to support this service and accept the increase in charges for the year 2014/15.
- 034/14 Planning Applications**
A) Planning applications **DM/14/00256/HRN** by Mr A Ferguson to construct a flood alleviation scheme, removal/replacement of hedgerow at land to the west of 10 Maplewood Court, Langley Park,
Decision – No Objections
B) Planning Application **DM/14/00448/FPA** by Mr P Jones for a single storey rear extension at 15 Elemore Close, Langley Park
Decision – No Objection
C) Planning Application **DM/14/00404/FPA** by Mr B. Johnson for erection of replacement office and tyre store at Fast Fit Tyres, Hedley Terrace, Langley Park.
Decision – No Objection
D) Planning Application **1/2014/0037/DMFP** by South Durham Investors Ltd for erection of four three bed Town Houses at Land to the South of 21 Ivy Terrace, Langley Park.
Decision – No objections, subject to the comments of local residents being taken into account when determining this application.
E) Planning Application **1/2014/0034/DMFP** by Mrs E Agar for extension to stable block, create gravelled turning area and hardstanding at Land East of Greenland Lodges, Hamsteels Lane, Esh
Decision – No Objections
- 035/14 Area Action Partnership / Parish Councils Committee/Small Councils Forum**
Next AAP Board meetings **19th March 2014** at Ushaw Moor (6pm) ;
Next PCC meeting **22nd March 2014** at Langley Park (10am)
Next SCF meeting **15th May 2014** at Hordon (2pm)
- 036/14 Date and Time of the Next Meeting**
The next meeting of Esh Parish Council is on Tuesday **8th April 2014** at the Miners Institute Building, Church Street, Langley Park commencing at 7.00pm

`The meeting finished at 8.30pm

Signed by the Chairman.....page 3