

## ESH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council meeting held in The Miners Institute Building, Langley Park on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 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 and M. Sands.

**Also Present:** G.F. Smith (Clerk) and M. L. Rowland (Deputy Clerk)

**Apologies:** Councillors S. Rothwell and C Thompson

**037/14 Declaration of Interest**

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

**038/14 Representation by residents**

Mr Harrison addressed the Council with his concerns regarding litter problems at Esh Hill Top, Langley Park and also the lack of a regular litter pick collection by Durham County Council. The County Council both agreed to take up this matter with the relevant Officer at DCC and report back to a future Parish Council meeting. They would also discuss the possibility of no litter signs on the Highway. County Councillor B. Armstrong would contact the Youth Justice Team regarding litter picking this area on a regular basis.

**039/14 Police Report**

No report. Concerns raised regarding the lack of Police presence in the village. The County Councillor had met with a Senior Police officer regarding a number of Issues (including new pact meeting dates and times not being satisfactory and lack of Police presence)

**040/14 Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

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

**041/14 Matters Arising**

Outstanding:-

- Opening/closing of SBRP
- Langley Park Banner

**042/14 Reports**

**a) Parish**

- i) Newsletter to printer by 20<sup>th</sup> May, Deadline for articles is the 6<sup>th</sup> May.
- ii) Request from St Michael's R C Primary School, Esh to use the Village Green for a Summer Fayre on the 28<sup>th</sup> June, this would include a donkey ride.

Members agreed to this request subject to the school insuring that the green is cleaned up after the event and returned back to its original state.

- iii) Request from Esh Residents Association to use the village green for a village fete on the 28<sup>th</sup> June.  
Members agreed to this request subject to the school insuring that the green is cleaned up after the event and returned back to its original state.
- iv) Request for funding from the Goodwill Association of Langley Park – item to be placed on the agenda for the next Parish Council Meeting (13<sup>th</sup> May).

**b) County Council**

**County Councillor J. Armstrong reported on the following:-**

- Road Works in Langley Park (completed)
- All Saints Youth Centre – Derwentside Homes
- Wallnook Lane
- Parking Problems at Esh
- Path at Wilks Hill
- Roads Langley Park/Esh – outstanding repairs
- Parking on grass verge, Miners Homes, Langley Park under review)

**c) Chairman**

Reported on a meeting with Mr. Berry, street maps of the Parish to be distributed to all Councillors to mark up any problem areas and return to the Clerk

**d) Members**

Litter problems in Langley Park (Councillor Hancock)

Following a discussion it was agreed to do the following:-

- For the Parish Council to work with Partner organisations (i.e. PCSO, Neighbourhood Wardens, Derwentside Homes etc) to resume the village walkabouts.
- Map out current litter bins in the village and to discuss with DCC the allocation of any identified additional bins.
- Produce an article for the next edition of the Parish Newsletter (Councillor Hancock)
- Competition for street/area s to show that they keep the place tidy (work with Civic Pride Officers)
- Arrange Community litter picks (in conjunction with PCSO)
- The subject of litter to be a regular agenda item at the parish Council meetings.
- “Keep our village tidy” competition, working with retail and Public Houses.

**043/14**

**The Miners Institute Building, Church Street, Langley Park**

Councillor B. Armstrong informed Members of the following:-

- Health & Safety Issues raised have now been put in place
- 106 allocation
- AAP Funding (small pots for snooker club)
- Operational costs

- Increase bookings
- Funding
- Request for more volunteers.

**044/14 Financial Statement and Report**

Members agreed the details of the Financial Statement and for vouchers 169 to 183 should be paid, copy of the voucher report is attached to these minutes.

**045/14 Christmas Lights**

Following a discussion it was agreed to continue with the present types of lights for the tree and for the Clerk to make further enquiries regarding the use of the cctv columns for the illuminations (motifs)

**046/14 Councillor Vacancies**

Notice of vacancy have been displayed at Langley Park Post Office, Esh notice board and Quebec notice board. Closing date is the 9<sup>th</sup> April is 9<sup>th</sup> April 2014 to request for an election to fill said vacancies. If no request received the vacancies can be filled by co-option. Clerk to report to the next Parish Council meeting.

**047/14 Parish Council – Office Opening Hours**

Members agreed that the Office will be open to the Public from 9.30 to 12.30 on Monday to Friday. Staff hours for the Clerk will not change (12 hours per week) but the Deputy Clerk hours will increase from 20 to 23 per week (cost within the agreed budget)

**048/14 Job Hub at Langley Park**

Members agreed to support this scheme (not financially) and to encourage the team to apply for funding to help continue this important service to the Community.

**049/14 Langley Park Environment Group**

The group had requested funding from the Parish Council to help with Insurance and ongoing costs £780 per annum less £200 sponsorship; total cost of \$580 (shortfall).

Members agreed to further consider this report and a report on the cost of providing hanging baskets at the next Parish Council meeting (13<sup>th</sup> May).

**050/14 Planning Matters**

a) Planning Application DM/14/00286/ OUT by Mr & Mrs Ayre for outline application for construction of 1 no dwelling with access at land at North View Farm, Hill Top, Langley Park

**DECISION – NO OBJECTIONS**

b) Planning Application DM14/00595/FPA by Mrs E. Agar for extension to stable block, turning area and hardstand at Land to the East of Greenland Lodge, Hamsteels Lane, Esh

**DECISION – NO OBJECTION**

C) Planning Application DM/14/00422/TPO by Mr A. Thompson for various tree works at Esh Glebe Lodge, Esh

**DECISION – NO OBJECTION**

**051/14**

**AAP/PCC/SCF**

Next AAP Board Meeting 14th May 2014 at Burnhope

Next PCC meeting is the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at Langley Moor (10am)

Next SCF Meeting is the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at Horden (2pm)

**052/14**

**Date and time of the next meeting**

The next Ordinary Meeting of Esh Parish Council is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2014 in the Miners Institute Building, Church Street, Langley Park after the Annual Assembly (which commences at 6.30pm) and the Annual General Meeting (which follows the Annual Assembly)

The meeting finished at 9.05pm

Signed by the Chairman.....page 4