

ESH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council meeting held in The Miners Institute Building, Langley Park on **Tuesday 10th June 2014** commencing at **7.00pm**

Present: Councillors M. Renneberg (Chair), B. Armstrong, S. Bell, A. Hancock, G. Hawxwell, K. Heartfield, A. Mollon, P. Mollon, And R. Moralee

Also Present: County Councillor J. Armstrong G F Smith (Clerk), M. L. Rowland (Deputy Clerk) and D. Rider (IT Officer).

Apologies: Councillors: R. Bowyer, S. Rothwell and M. Sands.

067/14 Declaration of Interest

Councillor B. Armstrong, R. Bowyer and M. Renneberg – Agenda Item 9- Miners Institute Building, Langley Park
Councillors Heartfield and Moralee – agenda item 8d(v) allotment inspections

068/14 Representation by residents

a) Mr I. Dowson

Raised concerns about the felling of trees on the site of the All Saints Youth Centre, Langley Park and also the demolition of the building in which he had details of bats flying and foraging over the tarmaced area behind the youth centre. A number of bats were observed (by Ian Dowson, Cllr Keith Heartfield and Shaun Foster) entering the roof space and also one bat leaving the roof space. Nesting birds also observed entering and leaving the roof space between the hours of 9.30pm and 11.30pm on 9th June 2014.

Members agreed for the Clerk to contact Mr Dowson informing him to contact the relevant authority (i.e Planning Officer, Durham County Council).

b) The Clerk read out a letter received form Mrs L. Finch, 16 Lilian Terrace, Langley Park regarding a number of concerns about Woodview Community Centre, Langley Park.

It was agreed:-

- For the Clerk to copy the letter to all Councillors (via email) to collate their comments.
- Comments from County Councillors J. Armstrong to be passed onto Mrs Finch.
- Copy of the letter to be sent to Mr Gordon Elliot (Head of Partnerships and Community Engagement), Durham County Council for his comments.

069/14 Police Report

a) E-mail received from Victoria Ord, PCSO, Safer Neighbourhood Unit (which was circulated to all Councillors via email) regarding Operation Spoke event – Thursday 7th August 2014 4 to 7pm Walnook Car Park, Langley Park “All are welcome, come along with your bike and scooter for security markings”.

b) E-mail received from Debra Robson, PCSO, Consett Neighbourhood Beat Office (which was circulated to all Councillors via email) regarding the issue of riding on certain land at Langley Park; advise has been given around ensuring all riders have permission to ride on land from owners beforehand. Quotes from the Highway codes (50, 51, 52, 53, and 54) aimed at keeping horse riders as safe as possible while being ridden on roads.

070/14 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 13th May 2014

Minute 11/4 Annual Risk Assessment Statement

Minutes 12/14 – Asset Register of Council Property

Copies of both reports available to Councillors at the meeting

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

071/14 Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 13th May 2014

060/14 Litter Problems in the Parish

Bullet point one should read “Community litter pick at Langley Park – Councillor Hancock to meet PCSO Debra Robson on 12th June 2014 (event date to be agreed).

Bullet point two should read “litter bins required between the Co-op and Londis shop”.

062/14 Councillor Vacancies

Should read (add)

Members agreed not to co-opt the following applicant:-

c) Ian Dowson, 31 Front Street, Langley Park

Subject to the above amendments the minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

072/14 Co-option of Councillors

Item withdrawn – successful candidates were unable to attend.

073/14 Reports

a) Parish

i) IT Officer’s Report on Langley Park Job Hub report to be circulated to all Councillors (via email)

ii) Youth Village – Your Voice (AAP event) at Quebec village hall on Saturday 14th June 2014, 10am to 12 noon (details displayed on notice board)

Your Village – Your Voice (AAP event) at Esh Village Parish Hall on Saturday 14th June 2014, 2pm until 4pm

(details displayed on the notice board)

Your Village – Your Voice (AAP event) at the Miners Institute Building, Langley Park on Saturday 28th June 2014 2pm to 4pm (details of this event displayed in various locations around the Village)

iii) Thank you letter received from Langley Park Environment Group for the donation of £580 from the Parish Council towards running costs of the group.

b) County Council

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

- Wilks Hill – path completed
- Hall Road, Esh – repairs to road
- Primary School Esh St. Michaels – New Head (Joanne Buton)
- Trees at the Cemetery, Langley Park
- Consultation – Bowling Green
- Consultation – Surestart
- Consultation – Care Homes
- Consultation – Funding for Parish Councils

Question from Councillor Moralee regarding parking on unadopted road at Ivy Terrace, Langley Park

c) Chairman

Councillor Renneberg updated the meeting on the committee meetings to discuss the Commemoration of the 1st World War and service at the War Memorial, Langley Park which was very poorly attended. The next meeting will be the 17th June at 6.30pm in the Miners Institute Building

d) Members

i) Fencing at the Recreation Ground, Langley Park (Councillor B Armstrong and Bowyer)

The Clerk reported that this work should be completed by February 2015 and had arranged for contractors to supply quotations for the work during the next few weeks and would report details to July 's Parish Council meeting.

ii) Play area, Esh £5000 funding from AAP (Councillor B Armstrong) Clerk reported that the funding was received in March 2014. It was agreed to work with the Residents association to progress this scheme as soon as possible.

iii) IT classes (Councillor Renneberg)

Clerk to circulate the report to all Councillors. Members agreed that further publicity is required to promote this service. Financial reports to the next Parish Council meeting.

iv) CCTV in the Parish Office (Councillor Renneberg)

Clerk to circulate the report to all Councillors. The system is to be switched on Monday to Friday from 9.00pm to 8.30am. The system provides useful extra security and the Council's Insurance Company is aware of this and has made allowances in the premium.

v) Allotment Inspections (Councillor Renneberg)

Date to be arranged after the 6th July regarding a joint meeting with Allotment Association (Councillor B. Armstrong, P. Mollon and M. Renneberg to represent the Parish Council).

- vi) Langley Park Environment Group (Councillor Heartfield)
 - Wooden Hare at the “Wetlands”
 - Strimmed the paths, Recreation Ground
 - Cutting of field, Recreation Ground
- Vii) Improving working relationships with other organisations (Councillor Moralee) agreed to further discuss this item at the next Parish Council meeting.
- viii) Proposed development of land east of Langley Park (Councillor Bowyer)
Item Withdrawn

- 074/14 The Miners Institute Building, Church Street, Langley Park**
- a) The Clerk reported that there had been some progress with Solicitors acting for CISWO and the Parish Council on completion of the Lease for the building.
 - b) Councillor B. Armstrong reported on the following:-
 - Newsletter to be published/delivered soon
 - Blinds, televisions, notice boards, furniture, snooker equipment (purchased – funded)
 - Use of building by Age UK

- 075/14 Litter problems in the Parish**
- Councillor Hancock reported on the following:-
- DCC Neighbourhood Warden to check area around new seat in Front Street, Langley Park (Anti Social Behaviour)
 - Horse tethered on Railway Path (reported to DCC)

- 076/14 Provision of Hanging Baskets**
- Members agreed:-
- a) Not to support this scheme for this season (May to September)
 - b) Plan for later in the year or for next year
 - c) Include the allotment association (for plants etc)
 - d) Agenda for September meeting

- 077/14 Councillor Vacancies**
- Clerk was waiting details from the Returning Officer at Durham County Council regarding a public notice for the vacancy created by the resignation of Councillor Thompson. One other vacancy exists, names etc to the Clerk.

- 078/14 Council Web Site**
- Clerk to circulate the report to all Councillors (via e-mail).
Demonstration to be arranged for the next Parish Council meeting (July).

- 079/14 Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2014**
- Details were awaited from the Council’s Internal Auditor, therefore it was agreed to approve the documents at a Special Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 24th June 2014 in the Miner’s Welfare Building, Langley Park, commencing at 7.00pm

080/14 Financial Statement and Report
Members agreed the details of the Financial Statement and for vouchers 14 to 36 should be paid, a copy of the voucher report will be attached to these minutes.
Members also agreed to work with Officers to look at storage facilities for the Parish (including the use of the hire of the secure container).

081/14 Planning Matters
a) Planning Application DM/14/01017/FPA by Swale Valley Construction for demolition of former youth centre and erection of 18 no. dwellings at All Saints Youth Centre, Front Street, Langley Park.
Decision – no objections
b) Planning Application DM/14/01213/FPA by Mr P. Jones for raising of roof height, installation of 2 dormer windows and 5 roof lights, erection of a single storey rear extension, conversion of existing garage into a habitable room with extension to front at 15 Elemore Close, Langley Park.
Decision – Members agreed to support the recommendations of the Planning Officer.
c) Planning Application DM/14/01276/FPA by P Aydon for the erection of single storey rear and side extension at 5 Springwell Avenue, Langley Park.
Decision – No Objections

082/14 AAP/PCC/SCF
Next AAP Board Meeting 9th July 2014 (VTBA) (6pm)
Next PCC meeting is the 18th June 2014 at Lanchester (10am)
Next SCF Meeting is the 25th July 2014 at Sedgfield (2pm)

083/14 Date and time of the next meeting
The next Ordinary Meeting of Esh Parish Council is on Tuesday **8th July** 2014 in the Miners Institute Building, Church Street, Langley Park commencing at 7pm.

The meeting finished at 9.00pm