

## ESH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council meeting held at The Miners Institute Building, Church Street, Langley Park on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015** commencing at **6.30pm**

**Present:** Councillors: M Renneberg (Chair), B. Armstrong, S. Bell, J. Carr, L. Finch, A. Hancock, G. Hawxwell, K. Heartfield, A. Mollon and P. Mollon.

**Also Present:** G F Smith (Parish Clerk) L. Rowland (Deputy Parish Clerk) and residents Jeremy Cassidy, Jason Cooper, Sandra Cheal, Stephen Cheal, Julie Daughtery, John Dixon, Ian Dowson, June Eckersley, Anthony Johnson, Alan Kimpton, Jonathon May and Michael McGaun.

**019/15 Members agreed the following apologies:-**

Cllr R. Bowyer (Family reasons)  
Cllr R. Hughes – (Holiday)  
Cllr R. Moralee – (No reason given)  
Cllr S. Rothwell (Medical)  
Cllr M. Sands (Other Commitments)  
County Councillor J. Armstrong (Other Commitments)

**020/15 Chairman's Statement – The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014**  
The Chair read out the Statement

**021/15 Declaration of Interest**  
Councillors B. Armstrong declared an Interest in agenda item 14 – Planning

**022/15 Councillor Vacancy - Interview of Mr M. McGaun, 4 Phoenix Close, Langley Park.**  
Mr McGaun was interviewed by the Councillors present at the meeting including a question and answer session.  
Mr McGaun was asked to leave the room whilst Members discussed the interview; they agreed to offer him the vacancy of Parish Councillor.  
Mr McGaun returned to the meeting room, The Chair offered him the position and he accepted.  
The Clerk informed Mr McGaun that he would be confirmed as a Councillor at the next Parish Council meeting (10<sup>th</sup> March 2015).  
Mr McGaun stayed for the rest of the meeting.

**023/15 Representation by residents**  
Mr I. Dowson, 31 Front Street, Langley Park had written the letter to the Parish Council which he wished to discuss with Members.  
Copies of the letter were circulated to all Councillors present at the meeting.  
The Chair informed Mr Dowson that he had 10 minutes to raise the concerns on the letter, the items included:-

1. 106 allocation of £30,000 need amended before approved
2. Hanging baskets – to be discussed in May 2015
3. Matters arising from previous minutes
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5. Matters arising from previous minutes
6. IT Classes

- 024/15 Pact Meeting**  
 No Report the next meeting is the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2015. Drop in sessions are held with the PCSO on a fortnightly basis on a Friday morning from 10.00 am in The Miners Institute Building, Langley Park.
- 025/15 Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015**  
 The minutes were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chair
- 026/15 Residents Petition**  
 Members agreed to place this item on the agenda for the next meeting. The report to include items that were the responsibility of the Durham County Council, Esh Parish Council and other organisations.
- 027/15 Reports**
- (A) Parish**  
 The Clerk reported on the following:-  
 An information pack was handed to all Councillors present at the meeting.  
 Letter from Mr I. Copinger, 10 Aged Miners Homes, Langley Park regarding the copyright of the book Esh Leaves by W R Wigger's. Members agreed to note the contents of the letter and that Mr Copinger has applied to the necessary organisations for the relevant copyright procedures.  
 Letter from Durham County Council (Senior Allotments Officers) regarding Parish Councils managed allotment sites. Members noted the contents.  
 Letter from County of Durham School Benevolent Fund for a donation towards the benevolent fund (which provides shoes and winter coats for children who's parent are in receipt of benefits). Members agreed not to support this application.  
 Letter from N-Power regarding the Safety Inspection of the electric meter in the Council garage rear of Garden Avenue. (for information only)
- B) County Council**  
 County Councillor B. Armstrong reported on the following:-
- Repairs to fencing – Langley Park/Esh Village - Work has been completed
  - Work has commenced to the bus stop and kerbing in Quebec Street, Langley Park
- C) Chair**  
 Councillor Renneberg requested that Esh Leaves the newsletter to be placed on the next agenda of the Parish Council meeting. Members were requested to consider setting up a committee to work with the Editor and Production Assistant.
- D) Members**  
 Langley Park Environment group  
 Councillor Heartfield updated the meeting on the following:-
- Grant received from CDCF for the purchase of a lawnmower
  - Clearing up of the wetlands area/ponds
  - Joint working with the Country side Rangers on the Railway Paths
  - Planting daffodil bulbs
  - Tidying up of the Recreation Ground

**028/15 Miners Institute Building, Church Street, Langley Park**

- No update

**029/15 Esh Parish Environment Issues – Action Plan 2014/15**

Councillor Hancock updated the meeting on following:-

- Joint meetings with Martin Briscoe (DCC), Civic Pride Officers (DCC), PCSO, Langley Park Primary School Staff and Andy Coulthard (MDAAP)
- Provision of hanging baskets – members agreed to agenda this item for the meeting in May also for the brackets(to be checked to see if they are still fit for purpose. For the Clerk to obtain further quotations for the supply/watering of the baskets. To approach local businesses for assistance in the cost of either providing hanging baskets or their upkeep/maintenance. To approach Langley Park Allotment Association to see if they would be interest in being involved in this project.

**030/15 Application for funding Langley Park Cricket Club**

A letter was received from the Treasurer from the above organisation including bank statements requesting a donation towards the cost of the pitch fee (£1,000.00) for the coming season so the teams can continue to play cricket in Langley Park. Members agreed to the following:- To donate £400.00 from this financial year and to reconsider any further donation at the May meeting.

**031/15 Application for funding Langley Park Hotspur Football Club**

A letter was received from the Treasurer from the above organisations including bank statements requesting a donation towards the cost of the pitch fee (£1,000.00) for the coming season so the teams can continue to play football in Langley Park. Members agreed to the following:- to donate £400.00 from this financial year and to reconsider any further donation at the May meeting.

**032/15 Financial Statement and Report**

Members agreed to the following: -  
Vouchers report 142 to 158 should be paid

Income report from 1st April to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014

DETAILS	INCOME
PRECEPT	80225.58
GARAGE RENT	1350.00
ALLOTMENT RENT	200.00
WAYLEAVE	31.70
POPPY WREATH	20.00
DOG BAGS	184.50
IT CLASSES	728.50
WATER REBATE	99.43
SALE OF ESH LEAVES THE BOOK	8.99
WORK CARRIED OUT AT THE MIB	405.82
TOTAL	<b>£83,254.52</b>

**033/15**

**Planning Matters**

a) Planning Application DM/15/00225/FPA by Mr & Mrs Gowland for pitch roofs to all existing flat roofs erection of replacement front porch at Little Acres, Wallnook Lane, Langley Park  
Decision – No Objections

**034/15**

**AAP/PCC/SCF**

Next AAP Board Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at Castleside (6pm)  
Next PCC meeting is the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at Langley Park (10am)  
Next SCF Meeting is the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015 Shildon (2pm)

**035/15**

**Date and time of the next meeting**

The next Ordinary Meeting of Esh Parish Council is on Tuesday **10<sup>th</sup> March 2015** at the Miners Institute Building, Church Street, Langley Park commencing at 7.00pm.

Signed by the Chairman.....page 4

The meeting finished at 8.00pm