

ESH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Special Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 24th March 2015 at The Miners Institute Building, Church Street, Langley Park commencing at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors M Renneberg (Chairman), B. Armstrong, R. Bowyer, L. Finch. A. Hancock, G. Hawxwell, K. Heartfield and M. Mcgaun

Also Present: M. L. Rowland (Deputy Clerk)

Apologies: Councillors S. Bell, R. Moralee, S. Rothwell and M. Sands

053/15 Residents Petition

Members of the Council discussed the contents of the petition and raised the following concerns/matters:-

1. Christmas lights and decorations at Langley Park/Esh (EPC)

- DCC charge £2,000 to check lampposts before motifs can be fitted.
- 6 x £300 – supply boxes
- £170 each lamppost to put up and take down
- £6,500 for decorations
- Parish Council have the motifs which will have to be checked by DCC – at a cost ?
- Solar lights cost £60 per string of 300 lights.

2. Dog fouling and bins (EPC)

- Dog Owners are responsible to clean up after their dog
- Cost of new bin £750
- Article on irresponsible dog ownership to go in the next edition of Esh Leaves
- PC would like a contact telephone number for the Neighbourhood warden who deals with our area

3. Parking – Permits, Parking Bays, etc (DCC)

- No permits from DCC
- Parking problems – awaiting price from DCC for the scheme at the Aged Miners Homes at Langley Park. Concerns were raised regarding irresponsible owners of vehicle parking on the grass verges. Funding has now been secured awaiting new drawings/start date.

4. Parks- various area, play areas for Children (EPC)

- EPC is responsible for 3 play areas at
Langley Park – Sir Bobby Robson Park situated at Lambton Street
Quebec – Front Street
Esh - (this play area is being refurbished)
- Parish Council is also responsible for the maintenance of the Recreation Ground near Bridgeway Langley Park (subject to a Natural England Stewardship and the Langley Park Environment group carrying out grass cutting on the football field).

5. Street Lighting (DCC)

- Street lighting not working encourage residents to report to DCC Highways (include the lamppost number) or call into the Parish Council Office. Article is to be placed in the next edition of the Parish Council newsletter.

6. Computers for youth (EPC/MIB)

- Computer facilities are available in The Miners Institute Building

7. Food Bank

- Donations to Methodist chapel is sent to Chester le Street food bank. Cost of training is £1,500.

8. Leisure facilities/Youth Club

- Wellness on Wheels at school.
- New football ground been set up on school field
- Langley Park school gym to be opened in April 2015
- Allocation of £10,000 given to the school from the 106 monies

9. Roads-Yellow lines, Zebra crossing (DCC)

- Regular speed visor checks in the village possible meeting with Durham County Council in May.
- Speeding issues, speed bumps etc

10. Hanging Baskets (EPC)

- To be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting (May)

11. Transparency of Funding (EPC)

- All information is on the Parish Council web site

12. Luncheon Club

- The Miners Institute Building kitchen is not fit for purpose (Industrial ovens are at Woodview)

13. Better Bus Service

- Bus companies run bus routes

14. Public Toilets

- Members of the public can use the toilets at the Miners Institute building.

15. Grit Bins (DCC)

- Contact your local County Councillor

16. Neighborhood Watch – ASBOS (Police)

- Contact Durham Constabulary

17. Old Youth Centre – Demolition (DCC)

- Contract let for the demolition to take place in early May 2015

Members will continue to work through the Residents petition with a number of organisations (Residents Association, The volunteer groups, MDAAP, Police, Schools, DCC and County Councillors and any other relevant agencies).

The meeting finished at 8.50pm