

ESH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council meeting held at The Miners Institute Building, Church Street, Langley Park on **Tuesday 9th June 2015** commencing at **7.00pm**

Present: Councillors: G. Hawxwell (Chair), B. Armstrong, S. Bell, L. Finch
K. Heartfield, M. McGaun, A. Mollon and P. Mollon
County Councillor J. Armstrong,
J Cooper and I. Dowson (Residents)

Officers: G. F. Smith (Clerk) and L. Rowland (Deputy Clerk) and D. Rider (IT Officer)

084/15 Apologies

Members agreed the following apologies:-

Cllr R. Bowyer (Work)
Cllr M. Sands (Medical reasons)

085/15 Declaration of Interest

Councillor B. Armstrong declared an Interest in agenda item 15 – Planning Applications
Councillor K. Heartfield declared an interest in agenda item 11- application for funding

086/15 Representation by residents

Letter from Mr I Dowson received too late to be presented to Councillors, Clerk to meet with him after the meeting.

087/15 Police/Pact Report

No report, next Pact meeting 24th June 2015

088/15 Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on 12th May 2015

Amendments:-

1. Acting Chairman's Report "should read" 2014/15

2. Parish Precept "should read" 2015/16

Subject to the above amendments it was agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

089/15 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 12th May 2015

The above minutes were agreed by Members as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Copy of the Standing Orders – additional topics was handed to all Councillors present at the meeting. Copy of the amended document to be placed on the Council's Web site.

090/15 Minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 12th May 2015

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

091/15 Setting the Budget for 2015/16

The Clerk circulated a draft budget for 2015/16, Comparison Statement for 2014/2015 and a detailed expenditure costs from 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015.

Members agreed to accept the report as detailed below:-

Staff Costs	£25,000
IT Centre	£3550
Admin/Gen	£12,000
Environment Works	£4,000
Donations	£2,000
Newsletter	£2,000
Miscellaneous	<u>£5000</u>
Total	£53550
Surplus to allocate/reserves	<u>£29648</u>
Total	<u>£83198</u>

Also agreed to the following:-

- Provision of hanging baskets
- Donations to Esh Residents Association (£3000) towards refurbishment of Play Area
- Review CAB sessions
- Review Hire of Container/Use of Council Garage for storage purposes
- Review Councillor/Staff Training

All Councillors to feedback on suggested Projects

092/15 Reports

(A) Parish – No Report

(B) County Council

County Councillors J. Armstrong reported on the following:-

- Demolition of All Saints Youth Centre
- May Terrace Parking Scheme to commence August/September
- School Gym Official Opening 24th June
- AAP Grants
- Traffic Calming measures (New) in Langley Park
- Contribution towards refurbishment of Esh Play Area.

093/15 (C) Chair

Councillor Hawxwell reported on the following:-

- Organising of Hanging Baskets/Brackets for Front Street/Quebec Street.
Members agreed to the Chairman's Actions
- Esh Leaves advertising; pay for 3 get additional 1 free; cost of advertising Full page £75, Half page £50, quarter page £25 and eighth page £15.
Members agreed to the Chairman's actions.

(D) Members Report

Councillor Heartfield reported on the Wetlands (update) and also requested An update on the fencing quotations for the recreation ground; Clerk responded (discussing with Natural England for extension to completion date)

Councillor B. Armstrong reported on the surplus fencing stored at The Miners Institute Building. Councillor Heartfield/Mr I Dowson would collect them and arrange storage facilities for use around the Christmas Tree

094/15 Miners Institute Building, Church Street, Langley Park

Councillor B. Armstrong reported on the following:-

- New Garden Furniture
- New Storage Unit
- New group using the facilities
- “Ghost Night”

095/15 Application for Funding - Langley Park Environment group

Members agreed to donate £500 towards the running costs of the Langley Park Environment Group. Councillor Heartfield to provide a latest Bank Statement of the Group to the Parish Clerk.

096/15 Councillor Vacancies

The Clerk reported that the Council can now fill the five vacancies by Co-option.

Clerk to provide a report on applicants (8) to the next Parish Council meeting, after checking all details.

097/15 Annual Return for Year Ended 31st March 2015

Item withdrawn (details not received from the Internal Auditor in time for this meeting).

Members agreed to approve the Annual Return at a Special Meeting on Thursday 18th June 2015 in The Miners Institute Building, commencing at 7pm.

098/15 Financial Statement and Report

Members agreed to the following: -
Vouchers report 17 to 22 should be paid

099/15 Planning Matters

A) Planning Application DM/15/00432/FPA by Ms Janice Walls for the erection of 8no 12 metre high lighting columns to provide floodlighting to outdoor football pitch at Langley Park Sports and Social Club.

Decision - Members raised No objections subject to the Planning Officer taking into account any concerns by local residents.

B) Planning Application DM/15/01445/FPA by Mr N Padgett for the erection of a single dwelling (outline) at Stobbilee Farm, Langley Park

Decision – No Objections

C) Planning Application DM/15/01344/RM by Mr & Mrs G Ayre for approval of reserve matters in relation to appearance , landscaping, layout and scale for outline permission DM/14/00286/OUT at North View Farm, Hill Top, Esh.

Decision – No objections

D) Planning Application DM/15/01109/FPA by Mrs E Agar for change of use from Private Stables to Commercial Livery at Land to the East of Greenland Lodge, Hamsteels Estate, Esh

Decision – No objection

100/15

AAP/PCC/SCF

Next AAP Board Meeting 8th July 2015 at Lanchester (6pm)

Next PCC meeting is the 18th July 2015 at Lanchester (10am)

Next SCF Meeting is the 24th July 2015 at Bishop Auckland (2pm)

101/15

Date and time of the next meeting

Tuesday **14th July 2015** at the Miners Institute Building, Church Street, Langley Park commencing at 7.00pm.

The meeting finished at 8 pm