

## ESH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council meeting held at The Miners Institute Building, Church Street, Langley Park on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015** commencing at **7.00pm**

**Present:** Councillors: G. Hawxwell (Chair), B. Armstrong, J. Armstrong, S. Cheal, B. Coult, I. Dowson, L. Finch, K. Heartfield, M. McGaun, A. Mollon, P. Mollon, R. Moralee, M Sands and A. Simpson

**Also**

**Present:** G. F. Smith (Clerk) and Mr J. Cooper (Residents)

**123/15 Apologies**  
**Members agreed the following apologies:-**  
Cllr S. Bell (unwell)  
Cllr R. Bowyer (Work)

**124/15 Declaration of Interest**  
Councillor B. Armstrong declared an Interest in agenda item 14 – Planning Applications

**125/15 Representation by Residents**  
No report

**126/15 Police/Pact Report**  
Councillor Hawxwell updated the meeting on the following:-

- Anti Social behaviour at Sir Bobby Robson Park
- Vehicles speeding through Langley Park
- Possible change of dates of PACT Meetings

**127/15 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015**  
The above minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**128/15 Matters Arising from previous meetings**

- Esh leaves – Deadlines for submission of articles (7<sup>th</sup> September; 2<sup>nd</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016). Meeting of Editorial group to be arranged as a matter of urgency.
- Review Hire container – Put back to October's meeting
- Fencing/work at the Recreation Ground – ongoing (meeting with Natural England to be arranged)
- Electrical works for Christmas Tree – Agenda item 10

**129/15 Minutes of a Special Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015**  
Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

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### **Co-option of Councillors**

The following Councillors were co-opted onto the Parish Council, signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Councillors countersigned by the Clerk and witnessed by all Councillors present at the meeting:-

County Councillor J. Armstrong

Mrs Sandra Cheal

Mrs Beverley Coult

Mr Ian Dowson

Mr Arnold Simpson

The Clerk also presented each Councillor with a welcome pack, including a copy of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Code of Conduct, and other relevant information.

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### **Councillor Training**

The Chair/Clerk had discussed Councillor Training sessions organised by Steve Ragg, County Durham Association of Local Councils to be held in the Miner's Institute Building, Langley Park.

Details to follow

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### **Reports**

#### **(A) Parish**

##### **i) Old Recreation Ground Langley Park**

- Contribution towards Fly Tipping CCTV Camera's, The Parish Councils Committee in the Mid Durham AAP area had provisionally agreed to purchase 4 cameras @ £1600.00 each subject to each Parish Council contributing an amount (Esh PC contribution £512.00) Members agreed to contribute £512.00 and provide the neighbourhood warden (DCC) with current hot spots for Fly Tipping in the Parish.
- Fencing at Quebec Play Area (wooden) – reported to be in a very poor state, Members agreed for the Clerk to obtain quotations to replace the fencing and report to the next appropriate Parish Council meeting.
- Esh Village Play area refurbishment – unsuccessful bid to the Awards for All (Big Lottery Fund). Members agreed to support a re-application and other funding applications for this work.
- Financial Services Compensation Scheme – notification from the Co-operative Bank PLC that as from 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2015 the Parish Council will be covered by the Scheme for up to £75,000
- Request for Dog Fouling bin at Kingsway, Langley Park – County Councillors to check this out and report back to the Parish Council
- Damage to litter bin in the park near to the allotments site – County Councillors to check this out and report back to the Parish Council

#### **(B) County Council**

County Councillors B. Armstrong reported on the following:-  
Parking problems in Brown Court, Langley Park

County Councillors J. Armstrong reported on the following:-

- Loading bay, Front Street, Langley Park – to commence soon
- Verge hardening, Aged Miners Homes, Langley Park – to commence soon
- Speed testing in Esh Village
- Play area Esh, County Councillors contributions
- Cost cuttings in DCC (savings required to be made)

### **(C) Chair's**

The Chair updated members on a recent meeting of the smaller Council's forum held at Bishop Auckland, including:-

- Regional Council
- Two new Parish Councils
- Transparency in Local Councils
- Local Councils Charter
- Pre-Planning Applications – item put forward to next meeting of the CDALC Executive Committee.

### **(D) Members Report**

Councillor Heartfield reported on the following:-

- Hare/Owl retrieved (Wetlands)
- Clay for the ponds (Wetlands) on order with DCC, Transport required
- Recreation Ground – Dog fouling

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

The Clerk updated the meeting on the situation on the Lease of the building. Councillor B. Armstrong updated the meeting on the following:-

- IT course to commence in October or January 2016, details to follow
- New Groups (Toddlers/Yoga)

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#### **Electric works for the Christmas tree, Langley Park**

Quotation received from DCC for £1615.63 + vat for the following work:-

- Provide and install a pillar to house the meter (sited within the fenced area near the tree)
- Metered supply to be organised by the Parish
- Provide and install ducting between the pillar and the tree
- Provide and install transformer
- Does not include lights etc

Clerk to obtaining details from other Parish Councils on qualified electrician, lights etc and to keep Councillors updated as things progress.

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#### **Application for Funding**

- A) EQUaL Partnership – Repairs work at The Miners Institute Building, Langley Park. Details to be circulated to all Councillors. Members agreed that some of the works required urgent attention and will consider the application when the discussion on the new Lease with CISWO has been completed
- B) Robert Daniel Smith Memorial Fund – Screening for Youngsters between the ages of 14 to 35 to have their hearts checked in Langley Park Primary School for free (Fees covered by Funding) Members agreed to support this project by donating £500.00. Members also agreed:-

1. That an amount must be requested on the application form
2. That the application form and details are sent to all Councillors prior to the meeting date.

**136/15 Annual Return for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015**  
Item withdrawn – Details not received from the External Auditor

**137/15 Financial Statement and Report**  
Members agreed to the following: -  
Vouchers report 36 to 65 should be paid

**138/15 Planning Applications**

A) **DM/15/02079/FPA** by Ms L Unsworth for demolition of existing conservatory and construction of new extension with lean-to shallow pitched roof at Coach House Cottage, Esh  
**Decision – No Objections**

B) **DM/15/02173/AD** by Bestway Group for erection of 1no externally illuminated fascia sign at 40 Front Street, Langley Park  
**Decision – Some concerns with this application**

C) **DM/15/02211/LB** by Ms L Unsworth for listed building consent at Coach House Cottage, Esh (see application 02079 (A)).  
**Decision – No Objections**

D) **DM/15/01864/FPA** by Mr D Burnside for retention of Marquee to be used to hold events and associated hard standing at New Board Inn, Hill Top, Esh  
**Decision – No Objections (Note subject to re-submission)**

E) **DM/15/02480/FPA** by Mr & Mrs M Cooper for conversion of part of existing garage into a habitable room at 11 Elemore Close, Langley Park  
**Decision – No Objections**

F) **DM/15/02644/FPA** by Mr L Stott for erection of fencing at 1 Pine Street, Langley Park  
**Decision – No Objections**

G) **DM/15/02617/FPA** by Mrs J Farry resubmission for change of use of land from agriculture to equestrian use at land south east of 1-3 Wilks Hill, Quebec  
**Decision – same Objections as original application**

**139/15 AAP/PCC/SCF**  
Next AAP Board Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at Brandon (6pm)  
Next PCC meeting is the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at Langley Park (10am)  
Next SCF Meeting is the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at Spennymoor (2pm)

**140/15 Date and time of the next meeting**  
Tuesday **13<sup>th</sup> October 2015** at the Miners Institute Building, Church Street, Langley Park commencing at 7.00pm.

**CONFIDENTIAL ITEM (IN PRIVATE)**

The meeting finished at 8.35 pm