

ESH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Esh Parish Council meeting held at The Village Hall, Quebec on **Tuesday 10th November 2015** commencing at **7.00pm**

Present: Councillors: G. Hawxwell (Chair), S. Cheal, B. Coult, I. Dowson, L. Finch, K. Heartfield, A. Mollon and A. Simpson.

Also

Present: G. F. Smith (Clerk), D. Rider (IT Officer) Mr J. Cooper (Residents)

162/15 Apologies

Members agreed the following apologies:-

Cllr B. Armstrong (Holiday)
Cllr J. Armstrong (Holiday)
Cllr S. Bell (Unwell)
Cllr R. Bowyer (Work)
Cllr S. Cheal (Holiday)
Cllr P. Mollon (work)
Cllr M. Sands (Family Commitment))

163/15 Declaration of Interest

Councillor Dowson declared an interest in agenda item 7d –Wetlands
Councillor Finch declared an interest in agenda item 14 – Report of Esh leaves Editorial Group

164/15 Representation by Residents

No report

165/15 Presentation of Langley Park Memorial Group

Deferred to next meeting.

166/15 Police/Pact Report

- Quad bike marking (free)
- PCSO/AAP promoting “getting ready for winter”
- Anti-social behaviour in Front Street (Spar)
- Community Speedwatch Scheme (details)
- Next PACT meeting February 2016

167/15 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13th October 2015

Amendments:-

Include Cllr McGaun in apologies

SCF meeting date 20th not 26th November 2015

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

168/15

Matters Arising from previous meetings

Legal costs for The Miners Institute Building:-

- £603 (Parish Council's Solicitor) paid 9th April 2013
- £1035 (Community Association's Solicitor) paid 24th May 2013
- Awaiting details of present costs

169/15

Reports

(A) Parish

- i) Asset of Community value – Cross Keys, Esh Village Members discussed the letter date 30th October 2015 by Mr A. J. Hardwick, 16 Green Court, Esh and supported by 26 local signatures sent to Durham County Council (Mr Peter Howson) requesting that consideration be given to include the Cross Keys in the County Council's list of Assets of Community value.
Members agreed to support this application subject to the Landlords agreement.
- ii) Summer Holiday Family Activities 2015
Application for match funding of £200 towards the scheme that is organised in the Parish area.
- iii) New Councillors Ward Allocations
Members agreed the following:-
Langley Park Ward – Councillors Coult and Cheal
Ushaw Ward – Councillor Simpson
Quebec Ward – Councillor Dawson
Esh Ward – Councillor J Armstrong
- iv) Councillor Training to be held in the Parish Office on Tuesday 24th November 2015 (6.30pm to 8.30pm)

(B) County Council – No report

(C) Chair's

Councillor Hawxwell reported on the following:-

- **North East Combined Authority**
- **The election of a Mayor in 2017**
- **Finance, Employment and skills training**
- **Establishing a partnership with NHS**
- **Housing development**
- **Responsibility of a combined transport system**

(D) Members Report

Councillor Heartfield reported on the following:-

- Finished grass cutting at the Recreation Ground
- Work to pond area at the Wetlands, second pond to start, new path, memory tree. The Chairman wished to record "thank you to all the volunteers that had worked on the lining of the pond".

170/15

Action Plans for Langley Park, Esh and Quebec

Copies of the action plans were handed to all Councillors attending the meeting. Item to be placed on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

171/15

Miners Institute Building, Church Street, Langley Park

The Clerk informed the members of an email received from CISWO "I have now received the valuation report and the market rent for the former Miners

Institute. The rent has been assessed at £12500 per annum. This would be on the basis of a 25 year lease with all other terms similar to the existing lease to the Community Association. I appreciate that these terms are not as favourable as the current lease but to abide by Charity Legislation

CISWO had to obtain market value when letting its properties – a factor British coal did not have to consider as a commercial entity hence the low rent under the current lease”.

Members agreed for the Clerk to make arrangements to meet senior officials from CISWO and report to the next Parish Council meeting.

Members requested the following:-

Membership of the Management Committee (Names)

Copy of the latest accounts (including Income/Expenditure and Bank Balances).

172/15 Electric works for the Christmas tree, Langley Park

- A) Agreement signed for N Power to supply electric meter
- B) Switch on Ceremony 10th December 2015

173/15 Miners Banner for Langley Park

The Chairman reported on the following:-

- Quotation from Durham Banners makers of £8950 (including banner and poles), funding was required – working with AAP staff
- Safe location of banner (cabinet required?)

174/15 Village walkabout

Members agreed to re-introduce this scheme (Joint Agency Working).

175/15 Application for Funding – Langley park Football Club

Members agreed to donate £300 towards the cost of training for Members of the above Club. Members requested information on which football pitch the club uses.

176/15 Report of Esh Leaves Editorial group

Councillor Hawxwell reported on the following:-

- Change the name from Editorial Committee to Newsletter Working Party (Councillor Finch was against this suggestion)
- Councillor Finch had a number of concerns that needed to be address (Supply list to Clerk)
- Production of next edition (check with David) Date??

177/15 Storage Container/Council Garage

- The Clerk reported that a smaller container (secure) was available on Langley Park Industrial estate at a cost of £70 (inc vat) per month (reduction of £55p.m.)
Members agreed to transfer the documents/files to the new container as soon as possible.

178/15 Financial Statement and Report

Members agreed to the following: -

- A) Vouchers report 79 to 98 should be paid
 B) Expenditure costs from 1st April to 30th September

Details	Amount (£.p)
Staff Costs	12608.97
Admin/General	6825.32
IT Costs	2195.82
Environment	1876.00
Donations	1000.00
Newsletter	1300.00
Christmas Lights	
Miscellaneous	5881.36
Vat	<u>366.31</u>
Total	<u><u>32053.78</u></u>

179/15

Planning Applications

A) DM/15/03237/FPA by Mr Ghafoor for the erection of 5 dwellings on land to the North of fast Fit Tyres, Park Drive, Langley Park.

Decision – Objection (parking issues in this area)

B) DM/15/03283/FPA by Mr Oliver for single storey rear extension at 2 Whitfield House, Front Street, Esh.

Decision – No Objections

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AAP/PCC/SCF

Next AAP Board Meeting 11th November 2015 at Brandon (6pm)

Next PCC meeting is the 21st November 2015 at Brandon (10am)

Next SCF Meeting is the 20th November 2015 at Spennymoor (2pm)

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Date and time of the next meeting

Tuesday **8th December 2015** at The Miners Institute Building, Church Street, Langley Park commencing at 7.00pm.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM (IN PRIVATE)

The meeting finished at 9.05 pm