

BRANDON AND BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS
6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM
ON FRIDAY 15TH MAY 2015 AT 6.30 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor Akins (in the Chair)

and Councillors Mrs Akins, Clegg, Grantham, Jamieson, Jones, Nelson, Mrs Nelson, Rippin, Rodgers, Sims, Stoddart, Taylor, Turnbull and Mrs Wharton

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2015/2016

Nominations were requested by the Chairman.
Councillor Mrs Wharton was moved and seconded.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs Wharton be elected as Chairman for the ensuing year. Councillor Mrs Wharton read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, Councillor Mrs Wharton was invested with the Chain of Office and addressed the meeting.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN 2015/ 2016

Nominations were requested for Vice Chairman. Councillor Mrs Nelson was moved and seconded.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs Nelson be elected as Vice Chairman for the ensuing year. Councillor Mrs Nelson read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3. REPLY BY COUNCILLOR AKINS

Councillor Akins replied to Councillor Mrs Wharton's address.

4. PRESENTATION OF PAST CHAIRMAN'S BADGE

Councillor Mrs Wharton presented the Past Chairman's Badge to Councillor Akins.

5. PRESENTATION OF CHAIN OF OFFICE TO CHAIRMAN'S CONSORT

Councillor Mrs Wharton presented the Chain of Office to her husband George Wharton, who would be the Chairman's consort.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to receive the Police Report.

6. POLICE REPORT

Sgt. Norris gave a report of crime throughout the Parish.

RESOLVED: To receive the report.

Standing Orders re-imposed.

7. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

a) Larger Local Councils' Forum

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillors Stoddart, Turnbull and the Clerk.

b) County Durham Association of Local Councils

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor Bell.

c) National Association of Councillors

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillors Bell and Nelson.

d) Mid Durham Parish Councils Committee

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillors Bell, Turnbull and the Clerk.

e) Brandon Partnership

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor Turnbull.

f) Mid Durham Area Action Partnership

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor Bell.

g) Brandon & Byshottles Table Tennis Club

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor Grantham

8. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

RESOLVED: To appoint the following Members to Committees:-

Finance

Chairman

Nelson

Turnbull

Leckenby

S Nelson

Taylor

Rodgers

S Akins

Bell

Bonner

Gates/ Clegg

Jamieson

Chaplow

Sims

Allotment Committee

Chairman
T Akins
Bell
S Akins
Grantham
Turnbull
Sims
Gates/ Jamieson

Community Highways Worker

Chairman
S Akins
Bell/ Jones
Stoddart
T Akins
Nelson
Sims
Turnbull

Disabled Access Working Group

Chairman
Grantham
Bonner
S Akins
Gates/ Jamieson
S Nelson
Turnbull

Newsletter Working Group

Chairman
S Akins
Grantham
Gates/ Jamieson
Jones/ Bonner
Turnbull
Chaplow
S Nelson

Complaints Committee

Chairman
Vice-Chairman
Jamieson
Turnbull
Jones
Grantham

Complaints under Members Code of Conduct Committee

Chairman
Taylor
Turnbull

Personell Committee

Chairman
Turnbull
Bonner

9. CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE 2015/ 2016

It was proposed and seconded that the Chairman and Vice Chairman's allowance be increased by the rate of inflation.

RESOLVED: To implement the above proposal. (Chairman's Allowance L.G. Act 1972 Sec. 15 (5). (Vice-Chairman's Allowance LG Act 1972 Sec. 111).

10. APPOINTMENT OF SIGNATORIES 2015/ 2016

RESOLVED: That the signatories remain as follows:

Cllr D Bell
Cllr J Turnbull
Cllr T Akins
Cllr P Stoddart
Mrs S M Carmedy

11. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were no declarations of Members' Interests.

12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Chaplow, Graham and Mrs Leckenby.

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

13. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no questions from the public in the specified time.

14. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17TH APRIL 2015

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 17th April 2015, be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

15. REPORT FROM UNITARY MEMBERS

The report included the following:

- Durham County Council required to reduce spending by over £250m by 2019 as a result of Government's austerity programme.
With government grants expected to be 60 per cent less than in 2011 when spending reductions began, it will be increasingly difficult to protect front line services.
- Operation Aries – Durham County Council joined forces with Police, community alcohol partnerships and local alcohol retailers to reduce alcohol sales to under 18's and anti-social behaviour and raise awareness of health and risk issues associated with underage drinking.
- New traffic management measures for Durham City.
- Fire Authority is experiencing the same problems as Durham County Council with regard to making cuts to spending.
- Operation Stop It – 24 cameras now installed to monitor fly tipping. 17 further prosecutions made.

RESOLVED: To receive the report.

16. TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING –APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Extracts from planning application lists had been forwarded to the appropriate Ward Councillors.

List of planning permissions and refusals had been received.

16. **TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING –APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**
(Continued)

DM/15/01164/PNT	Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Ltd	Prior notification of proposed development by telecommunications code systems operators for a replacement 12.5m slim-line streetworks column supporting 3 no. antennas, 2 no additional equipment cabinets and ancillary development A690 Brandon Durham DH7 8NH
DM/15/01202/FPA	Mr C Deas	Rear Extension 12 Stanhope Close, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 8XE
DM/15/01273/PNC	Mr & Mrs G & L Blenkinsopp	Agricultural unit Brancepeth Manor Farm, Brandon Lane, West Brandon, Crook, DL15 9AS

RESOLVED: To take for information.

17. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF STANDING ORDERS**

Standing orders were presented to Council for review and approval.

RESOLVED: To approve the Standing Orders.

18. **APPROVAL OF DELEGATES FOR THE FOLLOWING TRAINING EVENTS:**

- a) **National Association of Councillors- Summer Conference ‘Devolution of Powers to the regions from Central Government’ 26th-28th June 2015 at Lytham St Anne’s**

RESOLVED: To approve Councillors Mrs Bonner, Grantham and Sims.

- b) **County Durham & Cleveland Training Partnership ‘Worklife Balance 18th June 2015 County Hall - £30 per delegate**

RESOLVED: To approve Councillor Mrs Nelson and the Allotment Officer.

- c) **‘Council Tax Base & Localisation of Council tax Support Grant’ 24th June 2015 at County Hall – free of charge**

RESOLVED: To approve Councillor Mrs Nelson, the Clerk and the Allotment Officer.

19. **DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- a) **Citizens Advice Bureau**

A request for a donation had been received from the above.

RESOLVED: To approve a donation of £3,600 but to reduce the provision at Esh Winning to one session.

19. DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION (Continued)

b) Open Spaces Society

A request for a donation had been received from the above.

RESOLVED: To receive the letter.

c) Bearpark & Esh Colliery Band

A request for a donation had been received from the above

RESOLVED: To donate £200 in this instance (Esh Winning ward)

20. 2014/15 ANNUAL REPORT FOR APPROVAL

The draft annual report was presented to Council for approval.

RESOLVED: To approve the report for distribution.

21. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2015 FOR APPROVAL

A financial statement at year ending 31st March 2015 was presented to Council for approval.

RESOLVED: To approve the financial statement for year ending 31st March 2015.

22. APPROVAL OF CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR FORTHCOMING YEAR

A calendar of meetings for 2015/16 was presented to Council for approval.

RESOLVED: To approve the calendar of meetings.

23. BRANDON & BROWNEY MINERS BANNER GROUP

A request for permission to take Brandon Banner to the Miners Gala and Brandon & Browney Banners to the Durham Miners Banner Exhibition in London 18th June – 4th July 2015 had been received.

RESOLVED: To grant permission provided banners were returned in time for the Miners Gala.

24. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO PURCHASE PARISH COUNCIL LAND AT ESH WINNING

A letter had been received from a resident requesting to purchase land at Brandon Road, Esh Winning.

RESOLVED: To explain to the resident that part of the land requested is not registered and does not form part of Council owned land, therefore advise the resident to approach Land Registry regarding the unregistered piece of land.

25. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL – CONSIDERATION OF INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR THEIR DELIVERING DIFFERENTLY INITIATIVE

Information had been received on the above. In light of the further information it was

RESOLVED: a) That Addison Park would not be a suitable project to progress as the Parish Council would be required to take on responsibility for the park.

b) To apply for the grant towards further refurbishment of the play area at Broompark.

26. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts amounting to £31,832.57.

RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the accounts.

27. CIVIC FUNCTIONS FOR APPROVAL

Mayor of Durham

Champagne tea

26.4.2015

RESOLVED: To approve attendance at the function.

28. APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE AT R & B CONVENIENCE STORE, USHAW MOOR – INVITATION TO COMMENT

The variation of licence for the above is to extend the sale of alcohol times by one hour to 23.00 hours Monday to Sunday.

RESOLVED: To object to the proposal provided the Council had the support of the Police.

29. CONSIDERATION OF GRANT OF EASEMENT OVER EXISTING ACCESS AT BRANDON VILLAGE GREEN TO RESIDENT'S PROPERTY

Further to the Council's letter to the applicant's solicitor whereby the Council stated it would be prepared to consider a grant of easement, a draft deed of easement has been received from the applicant's solicitor.

RESOLVED: To wait for advice from the Parish Council's solicitor before proceeding further.

30. REPORT OF CLERK

The Clerk presented a report to Council for information. The following issues arose:

- **Local Council Award Scheme Accreditation Panel**

RESOLVED: To nominate Councillor Bell to apply for Membership of the Panel.

30. **REPORT OF CLERK (Continued)**

- **Mobile Football Cages**

Following further correspondence from Durham County Council it was:

RESOLVED: To look for suitable areas of land to locate the cages.

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm

Signature

Date