

BRANDON & BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM
ON TUESDAY 11TH JUNE 2012, AT 9.30 AM

PRESENT

Councillors Mrs Leckenby and Turnbull

All. 1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

To nominate the Chairman of the Council, unless she is unable to attend, then a Chairman will be chosen from those present at the Committee on the day.

RESOLVED: To elect Councillor Mrs Bonner.
Councillor Mrs Leckenby would Chair the meeting today.

All. 2 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It was decided a Vice-Chairman was not required.

All. 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

All. 4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bell and Kelley.

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

All. 5 REVIEW OF ALLOTMENT AGREEMENT

Discussion took place on whether to include clauses in the agreement with regard to cockerels and lighting of fires, as there was no specific reference to these.

RESOLVED: a) To recommend dealing with each case of complaint regarding cockerels on an individual basis and to follow the Council's adopted procedure.
b) To recommend adding the following to clause 2.5 ' Under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 it is an offence to emit smoke, fumes and gases from fires which can be prejudicial to health and cause a nuisance to neighbouring residents. Fires should be limited to one per year and tenants are requested to be considerate to nearby tenants and residents when choosing a time to light a fire'. Please refer to guidance on Allotment Notice Board.

All. 6 FOLDS CLOSE

a) A request had been received for the provision of 2 field gates on the site in order to deter access to the site for fly tipping.

RESOLVED: To recommend providing two field gates (Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908 Sec. 26).

b) A request had been received for a skip.

RESOLVED: To recommend providing a skip (Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908 Sec. 26)

All. 7 COMMERCIAL STREET

A request has been received for a skip to dispose of contents of a garage on site.

RESOLVED: To recommend contacting the former tenant of the garage plot requesting that she disposes of the contents of the garage. To inform the tenant who requested the skip.

All. 8 DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL - ALLOTMENT SITES - SITE VISITS

Discussion took place on the locations of Durham County Council sites.

RESOLVED: To recommend organising site visits on 21st June 2012 at 9.30 am at Esh Winning sites, 10.15 am at New Brancepeth sites, 11.00 am at Brandon sites and 11.45 am at Langley Moor sites. Also to invite the Ward members to the site visits.

All. 9 PARISH COUNCIL ALLOTMENTS - SITE VISITS

RESOLVED: To recommend arranging site visits to all sites in July.

All. 10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

• **BLACK ROAD**

a) Councillor Mrs Leckenby asked for an update on the provision of an allotment for Langley Moor Primary School.

It was reported that there were 3 plots on the site which may be available if tenants have not proceeded to tidy up the plots as requested by the Parish Council.

b) Councillor Turnbull reported that some palings were broken off the boundary fence.

RESOLVED: To recommend asking the Community Highways Worker to repair the fence.

The meeting closed at 11.15 am