

BRANDON & BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM
ON TUESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2012, AT 9.30 AM

PRESENT

Councillor J Grantham (in the Chair)
and Councillors Mrs Gates, Kelley, Mrs Leckenby and Turnbull

All. 11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest by Members.

All. 12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Bell and Mrs Bonner

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

All. 13 ALDER PARK

A request for a skip has been received for the site.

RESOLVED: To recommend the provision of a skip (Small Holdings and Allotment Act 1908 Sec 26) .

All. 14 BROOMPARK

a) A request for a skip has been received from a new tenant.

RESOLVED: To recommend the provision of a skip for the tenant and inform remaining tenants through a notice displayed at the site notice board. (Small Holdings and Allotment Act 1908 Sec 26).

b) Permission has been requested for the erection of a shed on plot number 14.

RESOLVED: To recommend that permission be granted providing shed was of good construction and materials and to inform tenant shed must be removed when the plot is vacated.

All. 15 LOW BROWNEY

A request for a skip has been received from the tenant of plot number 21b.

RESOLVED: To recommend provision of a skip.(Small Holdings and Allotment Act 1908 Sec 26).

All. 16 **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL - SITE VISIT TO ALLOTMENTS ON 21ST JUNE 2012**

A report outlining the condition of the sites owned by Durham County Council was presented to Council (see attached). The site visit had been cut short because of bad weather and sites at High Shaws, Brandon, Onslow Terrace, Black Road and High Street South, Langley Moor had still to be inspected. Following discussion by Members it was:

RESOLVED: To recommend that a meeting with Durham County Council is arranged in order to obtain further information on the sites such as tenant details, cost of rents, details of existing agreements, waiting lists, etc. and to visit sites at High Shaws, Onslow Terrace, Black Road and High Street South.

All. 17 **FRUITFUL DURHAM**

An e-mail had been received from the above which is a new social enterprise based in Brandon which uses surplus fruit to produce a seasonal range of products, garden, tree care and propagation services. The co-operative was requesting the opportunity to approach the Councils allotment holders for any surplus fruit and vegetables.

RESOLVED: To recommend that a notice be displayed on each allotment site requesting allotment holders who are interested in supporting Fruitful Durham to contact them directly. Also to put an item in the next parish newsletter.

All. 18 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

a) EMPIRE FIELD

A request had been received for a skip by the tenant of plot number 48.

RESOLVED: To recommend provision of a skip (Small Holdings and Allotment Act 1908 Sec. 26)

b) OVERGROWN PLOTS

Enquiries were made about the current position regarding overgrown plots which had been identified on recent site visits.

The Allotment Officer informed the meeting that letters had been sent to tenants but replies had not been received from all of these tenants.

RESOLVED: To recommend that the sites with overgrown plots be monitored regularly.

The meeting closed at 10.30 am