

**BRANDON & BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM**  
**ON TUESDAY 5TH MARCH 2013, AT 9.30 AM**

**PRESENT**

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

**All. 26     DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest by Members.

**All. 27     APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Wilkinson.

**RESOLVED:** To receive the apology.

**All. 28     CALENDAR OF MEETINGS JUNE 2013 - MARCH 2014**

**RESOLVED:** To approve the following meetings:

Tuesday	4th June 2013	9.30 am
Tuesday	3rd September 2013	9.30 am
Tuesday	3rd December 2013	9.30 am
Tuesday	4th March 2014	9.30 am

**All. 29     COMMERCIAL STREET**

a) A request had been received from a tenant, for a skip to remove fly tipping on plot number 13.

**RESOLVED:** To recommend that permission be granted for a skip (Small Holdings and Allotment Act 1908 Sec. 26)

b) A tenant reported rats on plot number 22.

The Environment Department contacted the tenant regarding the problem. The Pest Controller also informed the Parish Council that some Parish and Town Councils had a contract with Durham County Council to alleviate the pest problem. Sites are checked every six week and there would be a charge for this service depending on the size of each site and the number of plots.

**RESOLVED:** To monitor the situation.

**All. 30**      **COCKHOUSE LANE**

A letter had been received from a tenant regarding the following:

- Boundary fence needs renewing
- Horse kept on allotment
- Quad bikes accessing site and churning up path
- Misuse of water on site
- Plots neglected used only once a year and sub-letting

**RESOLVED:** To recommend the following:

- Quotes have been received for the boundary fence
- To meet the tenant on site to find out which plot the horse is being kept on.
- To arrange a site visit with the Ward Members to look at the possibility of erecting a metal fence near the entrance
- To send a letter to all tenants regarding the misuse of water and that they could be charged in future for the water if the problem does not cease
- To meet with the tenant on site

**All. 31**      **HIGH BROWNEY**

An e-mail had been received from a tenant asking if the Parish Council could help resolve the matter of plots being broken into on the run up to Christmas. The tenant had spoken to the Police and discussed the following:

- street lighting
- cameras
- add to the farm watch programme

**RESOLVED:** The Parish Council would not provide street lighting as it would be too costly. The Allotments Officer to find out more information about the farm watch programme.

**All. 32**      **FOLDS CLOSE**

a) Ward Members had discussed putting bollards at each entrance of the site to deter vehicles accessing the site and then fly tipping.

**RESOLVED:** As the carriage charge for the bollards would be around £70 it was recommended to ask Durham County Council (Direct Services) where they obtained their bollards from and to erect a field gate on the left hand side entrance.

**All. 33     ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**COMMERCIAL STREET**

The Parish Council had arranged for plot number 30 to be cleared in the past and spent money on a new fence and pedestrian gate. The plot had been offered out and accepted but no cultivation had taken place and flytipping was once again a problem.

**RESOLVED:** To recommend that the plot be given to the person who expressed a great interest in this particular plot.

**All. 34     QUOTATIONS FOR SITES IN USHAW MOOR**

The following items were discussed in private:

**a) COCKHOUSE LANE Plot number 6** - new fence posts required

**RESOLVED:** To recommend awarding the contract to Kevin Wilson

**b) COCKHOUSE LANE Plot numbers 26 and 27** - renew fence and two pedestrian gates.

**RESOLVED:** To recommend awarding the contract to Kevin Wilson

**c) COCKHOUSE LANE Plot number 28** - renew boundary fence

**RESOLVED:** To recommend awarding the contract to Kevin Wilson

**d) EMPIRE FIELD Plot number 48** - renew pedestrian gate, pales and rails

**RESOLVED:** To recommend awarding the contract to Kevin Wilson

**e) EMPIRE FIELD Plot number 3a** - renew fence and pedestrian gate

**RESOLVED:** To recommend awarding the contract to Kevin Wilson

The meeting closed at 11.15am

Signed .....

Date .....