

BRANDON & BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM
ON TUESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2013, AT 10.00 AM

PRESENT

Councillor J Grantham (in the Chair)
and Councillors Akins, Mrs Akins, Bell, Mrs Gates. Graham and Turnbull

All. 8 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest by Members.

All. 9 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Leckenby

RESOLVED: To receive the apology.

All. 10 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. 11 HAMILTON ROW

A request for a skip has been received from a tenant on plot number 49.

RESOLVED: To recommend the provision of a skip and to notify the other tenants on this site (Small Holdings and Allotment Act 1908 Sec 26).

All. 12 COMMERCIAL STREET

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

RESOLVED: To recommend provision of a skip and to notify the other tenants on this site (Small Holdings and Allotment Act 1908 Sec 26).

All. 13 **EMPIRE FIELD**

A letter had been received from a resident of Ushaw Villas, whose property borders part of the allotments requesting that the Parish Council consider allowing him to extend his garden onto part of the allotments which at present is unused. The resident had previously sent a letter to the Parish Council in June 2009 with the same request.

RESOLVED: To recommend that investigations are made into the legalities of allowing the resident to extend his garden and to contact Durham City Homes to find out if the house is owned by them and if so, notify them of their tenant's request. To send a letter to the resident informing them that the Parish Council would be in touch as soon as a decision had been made.

All. 14 **ALLOTMENT AGREEMENTS**

The Allotment Officer informed the meeting that the Allotment Agreements, grazing and garage agreements would be amended to read 1st February in each year for payment of rent.

RESOLVED: To recommend that all Agreements would be amended. A letter would be sent out with rent invoices in January 2014 notifying tenants regarding the amendment of agreement number **3.2** 'This tenancy may otherwise be determined by either party giving to the other 12 months' previous notice in writing expiring on or before **6 February** or on or after **29 July** in any year'.

All. 15 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

HIGH BROWNEY

A Member enquired if any correspondence had been received from a tenant on the above site for permission to erect a pigeon crec. The Allotment Officer informed the meeting that, at the present time, none had been received

FOLDS CLOSE

A Member enquired if the vehicle which had been parked on the above allotment site had been removed. The Allotment Officer informed the meeting that the Police had been informed and that the Ward Councillor was going to speak to the owner of the vehicle about removing it.

The meeting closed at 10.50 am

Signed

Date