

BRANDON & BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM
ON TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2013 AT 9.30 AM

PRESENT

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

All. 16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest by Members.

All. 17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Akins, Bell, Mrs Leckenby and Turnbull.

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

All. 18 EMPIRE FIELD

A request for a skip had been received.

RESOLVED: To recommend provision of a skip and to inform all tenants.

It was reported that a new fence and gate were required which had been vandalised.

RESOLVED: To recommend replacement of fence and gate.

All. 19 LOW MEADOWFIELD

The tenant of plots on the above site had requested that an access path be created to his allotments as at present he was accessing his plots over private land belonging to his son.

RESOLVED: That a site meeting be arranged in order to assess the options for creating an appropriate footpath.

All. 20 RATS ON ALLOTMENTS AT COMMERCIALS STREET, EMPIRE FIELD
AND HAMILTON ROW

Rats had been reported on the above allotment sites.

All. 20 **RATS ON ALLOTMENTS AT COMMERCIALS STREET, EMPIRE FIELD AND HAMILTON ROW (Continued)**

The Allotment Officer reported that cost had been obtained from Durham County Council based on 6 visits to each site throughout a year. Total cost would be £1,370.

RESOLVED: To recommend that the contract be taken out with Durham County Council.

All. 21 **BROOMPARK**

An issue had been raised by the owner of the land lying adjacent to the Broompark Allotment site with regard to the possible encroachment of the boundary fence on to the owner's land. No further communication had been received by the owner.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

All. 22 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

COMMERCIAL STREET

The Allotments Officer reported that Commercial Street Allotments had been subject to a number of break-ins. Tenants had reported that the street lights had been affected by trees touching the cables running along the boundary of the allotments. NEDL had been contacted and had agreed to cut back the trees.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

The meeting closed at 11.00 am

Signed

Date