

BRANDON & BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM
ON TUESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2015, AT 10.00 AM

PRESENT

**Councillor Mrs C Wharton (in the Chair)
and Councillors Bell, Mrs Gates, Grantham. Sims and Turnbull**

All. 12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from Councillor Mrs Cecilia Wharton
Item number 9 Folds Close and Langley Grove – discussion of quotations.

RESOLVED: To approve the declaration of interest.

All. 13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Akins and Mrs Akins.

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

All. 14 ALDER PARK

Approval was requested to provide a skip on site and remove when it is full.

RESOLVED: To recommend provision of skip to be left on site until full.

All. 15 EMPIRE FIELD

Discussion took place regarding the clearance of fly tipping on plot number 3a.
The Allotments Officer informed the meeting that the fly tipping had again
been removed, the plot had been fenced off, a lock put onto the gate and a new
tenant had taken the plot.

RESOLVED: To recommend monitoring plot number 3a.

All. 16 COMMERCIAL STREET

A complaint had been received from a resident regarding noise from cockerels and also the smell and noise from quail on this site.

The Allotments Officer informed the meeting that letters had been sent to tenants asking them to remove the cockerels from their plots and they had complied with this request.

RESOLVED: To recommend sending a letter to the tenant regarding the smell from the quail.

All. 17 HAMILTON ROW

The Allotment Officer informed the meeting a letter had been sent to the Contractor for fencework on plot numbers 16 – 19, from grazing land back to allotment plots. Discussion took place regarding the next steps to be taken.

RESOLVED: To recommend offering out the four allotment plots to new tenants and working with the tenants to get the four plots ready for cultivation.

All. 18 BROOMPARK AND HIGH BROWNEY

It had been reported to the Parish Council that asbestos had been deposited at Broompark and High Browney allotments sites. The Allotment Officer informed the meeting that the Parish Council were waiting for a report from Joe Peat from Durham County Council regarding the identification of asbestos at both sites.

RESOLVED: a) To recommend obtaining a quote for the removal of asbestos at High Browney
b) To recommend investigating where the asbestos has come from at Broompark, as asbestos has been removed from this site in the past.

All. 19 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) **LANGLEY MOOR**

A gentleman who lives in Langley Moor would like to be put on the Allotment tender list.

RESOLVED: To recommend sending a letter to the gentleman and obtaining documentation regarding his business.

b) **EMPIRE FIELD**

A tenant on plot number 3a has requested keeping bees on their plot.

RESOLVED: To recommend that the Parish Council has no objections to the keeping of bees on their plot providing the tenant abides by the rules and regulations.

All. 20 The following was discussed in private.

Councillor Mrs Wharton left the meeting.

Quotations for fencing had been received for the following sites.

Folds Close

RESOLVED: To recommend award of contract to Kevin Wilson.

Langley Grove

To obtain access to plot number 28 and 29

RESOLVED: To recommend award of contract to Kevin Wilson.

Councillor Mrs Wharton returned to the meeting.

Meeting closed at 10.50 am

Signed

Date