

BRANDON & BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM
ON TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2016, AT 10.00 AM

PRESENT

Councillor D Bell (in the Chair)
and Councillors Mrs Gates, Grantham and Turnbull

All. 20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

All. 21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Akins, Mrs Akins, Mrs Nelson and Sims.

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

All. 22 HAMILTON ROW

- a) The Allotments Officer informed the meeting that the debris on the bottom path had been removed and the path had been restored. The invoice has now been paid.
- b) It had been reported to the Council that one of the stand pipes had developed a burst.

RESOLVED: a) To recommend taking for information.

- b) To recommend contacting the Council's plumber and ask him to repair the burst.

All. 23 STATION AVENUE

A tenant on plot number 5 has requested permission to erect a polytunnel and shed.

RESOLVED: To recommend granting permission with the following conditions:

All. 23 STATION AVENUE (Continued)

- To erect the polytunnel and the shed near the rear of the plot
- To notify the tenant that the polytunnel must be kept in good condition and repaired when necessary
- The tenant is responsible for removing the structures at the end of his tenancy.

All. 24 COMMERCIAL STREET

- a) A tenant who had requested moving one of his garages, demolishing the second garage and to fence an area of land including his garage to make an allotment plot had notified the Council he no longer wishes to go ahead with this request. The tenant had asked if he could be added to the waiting list for this site.
- b) As there are two garage plots at the front of allotment plot number 9, the tenant had asked the Members to review the rent.

RESOLVED a) To recommend adding the tenants name to the waiting list for Commercial Street.

b) The Members discussed this matter and it was:

RESOLVED: To recommend charging £20 for the allotment plot for year commencing 1st February 2017 until 31st January 2018, which would be subject to review as agreed by the Council.

All. 25 LANGLEY GROVE

A tenant on plot number 32 had requested permission to erect a shed on his plot.

RESOLVED: To recommend granting permission to erect the shed providing the building is made of suitable materials and the tenant to remove the structure at the end of their tenancy.

All. 26 PEST CONTROL

The Allotments Officer informed the meeting that all site visits have been carried out for this year by Durham County Council. New regulations have been introduced which meant that poison cannot be left in places for long periods of time, therefore monthly visits have been suggested. The renewal quotes for Commercial Street, Hamilton Row and Empire Field had been received and were discussed by the Members.

RESOLVED: To recommend accepting the renewal quotes from Durham County Council commencing in January 2017

AlI. 27 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) COCKHOUSE LANE

Following the heavy rain a tenant on plot number 25 had reported water damaging his plot and removing top soil.

RESOLVED: To recommend notifying the tenant that the Parish Council would need to investigate further by contacting Northumbrian Water for advice.

b) HAMILTON ROW

A tenant on plot number 23 had requested a land drain along the lower path leading down to the existing ditch, following the recent heavy rain which caused plots to be flooded and topsoil to be removed.

RESOLVED: To recommend contacting Northumbrian Water and Durham County Council for advice on land drains

c) LANGLEY GROVE

A tenant on plot numbers 30 and 30a has requested permission to erect a shed.

RESOLVED: To recommend granting permission provided the building was made of suitable materials and the tenant to remove the structure at the end of their tenancy.

Meeting closed at 11.15am

Signed

Date