

BRANDON AND BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM
ON TUESDAY 7TH MARCH 2017

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs S Nelson (in the Chair)

And Councillors Akins, Bell, Mrs Bonner, Mrs Chaplow, Mrs Gates, Grantham, Jamieson, Nelson, Sims and Mrs Wharton

All. 28 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Wharton – item number 10 – discussion and approval of quotations for fence work on Durham Road, Esh Winning and High Browney sites.

All. 29 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Akins and Turnbull.

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

All. 30 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS JUNE 2017 – MARCH 2018

RESOLVED: To recommend approval of the following meetings:

Tuesday	6 th June 2017	10.00 am
Tuesday	5 th September 2017	10.00 am
Tuesday	5 th December 2017	10.00 am
Tuesday	6 th March 2018	10.00 am

All. 31 NORTHUMBRIAN WATER – CONSIDERATION OF OPTION TO SELECT NEW PROVIDER FOR WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICES FROM 1ST APRIL 2017

Information had been received from the above regarding changes in the water industry from 1st April 2017 which allows all non-household customers the opportunity to choose who will provide their retail water and sewerage services.

RESOLVED: To recommend obtaining more information on switching to a different retailer.

All. 32 COCKHOUSE LANE AND EMPIRE FIELD – EXCESSIVE WATER RUNNING THROUGH SOME PLOTS ON THESE SITES - FOLLOWING RAIN

a) UPDATE ON THE ABOVE

The Allotments Officer informed the meeting that a site visit with a representative from Durham County Council had recently taken place. Durham County Council reported to the Council that they were hoping to find a land drain that the Parish Council could be connected into but there was no evidence of any connections. They suggested that each tenant diverted or used the water.

b) TWO TENANTS REQUESTED RENT REBATE

Tenant on plot number 25 at Cockhouse Lane and tenant on plot number 46 at Empire Field had requested a rent rebate due to excessive water running through their plots.

RESOLVED: a) To recommend contacting Durham County Council for further advice and costs which would be incurred, if further investigations were carried out.

b) To recommend that the two tenants would not receive a rent rebate for year ending 31st January 2018.

All. 33 HAMILTON ROW

As the weather had not been extremely cold and there had been three burst pipes on the new stand pipes on this site the Allotments Officer informed the meeting that she had contacted the Contractor who had installed these stand pipes for advice. The Contractor replaced two of the plastic pipes with copper pipes and suggested more lagging.

RESOLVED: To recommend contacting the Contractor and asking if they would supply the lagging for the pipes.

All. 34 LOW BROWNEY

Tenant on plot number 31 had requested if the path could be improved and suggested that he knew someone who would lay tarmac, at no cost to the Parish Council. The Clerk informed the meeting that she had contacted the Council's Insurance Company and asked if there was any problem with this work being carried out. The Insurance Company notified the Clerk that as long as this was the person's profession there was no problem. The Allotments Officer notified the meeting that she had been informed by the tenant that this was the profession of the person he knew.

RESOLVED: To recommend that the tenant inform the person he knows to go ahead and lay the tarmac.

All. 35 LANGLEY GROVE

Tenant on plot number 22 reported to the Council that fly tipping had taken place on his plot. Tenant on plot number 4 also reported that a large number of house bricks had been deposited near the garages.

RESOLVED: To recommend that the Clerk contacts the Mid Durham Area Action Partnership and enquire if the fly tipping cameras recently purchased may be used on the Parish Council allotment site.

All. 36 PRESENTATION BY CHILDREN FROM BRANDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Children from Brandon Primary School had been invited to attend the Allotment Committee meeting. Children from the following groups attended; OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) and the Mini Police. Each group gave a short presentation. The Chairman thanked the children for their presentations and attendance.

CONFIDENTIAL

Pursuant to section 100(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be now excluded from the meeting during discussion of the items listed below on the grounds that if members of the public were present during discussion of these items there would be disclosure to the public of exempt information.

AII. 37 DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF QUOTATIONS FOR FENCE WORK AT THE FOLLOWING ALLOTMENT SITES:

- a) Durham Road, Esh Winning – boundary fence**
- b) High Browney plot number 1 – boundary fence**


Councillor Mrs Wharton left the meeting.

Discussion took place regarding the above and it was

RESOLVED: a) To recommend awarding the contract to Kevin Wilson, the height of the fence 1.8m high.

- c) To recommend awarding the contract to Wharton Landscapes.

Meeting closed at 11.20am

Signed 

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