

BRANDON & BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM
ON TUESDAY 6TH JUNE 2017, AT 10.00 AM

PRESENT

Councillor D Bell (in the Chair)
and Councillors Mrs Clough, Mrs Gates and Walter

All. 1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

To nominate the Chairman of the Council.

RESOLVED: To elect Councillor Bell as Chairman.

All. 2 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It wasn't though necessary to elect a Vice Chairman.

All. 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

All. 4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Nelson, Mrs Rodgers and Turnbull.

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

All. 5 REQUEST FOR ALLOTMENT AT EMPIRE FIELD, USHAW MOOR

A request had been made for an allotment at Empire Field by a resident of Ushaw Moor who has mental health issues. The Clerk explained that the resident had been into the office and it was explained that there was a waiting list of around 50 people however he was offered the opportunity to add his name to other sites which had fewer people on the waiting list. At this point the resident had not mentioned any health issues. The resident had since written to the Council and asked to be given priority over the other people on the waiting list due to his difficulties. Following consideration of the request it was:

RESOLVED: To recommend that due to the number of people on the waiting list and the length of time some had been on the list, that unfortunately the Parish Council felt that it couldn't give priority to the resident. However the Council would look into the matter further to ascertain whether he could take on a joint tenancy.



All. 6 WATER COMPARISON CHARGES

Since deregulation of the water industry from 1st April 2017, the Council had made enquiries regarding water charges from other companies. The Clerk informed the meeting that the information had not been received in time for the meeting.

RESOLVED: To recommend to wait for the information and bring back to the next meeting.

All. 7. SITE VISITS

Members discussed options and;

RESOLVED: To recommend site visits with the Allotment Committee Members and the appropriate Ward Members are arranged on Tuesdays as soon as possible.

All. 8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **Cockhouse Lane**

A letter had been received from the tenant of plot 28 requesting new fencing and installation of bollards to prevent vehicles accessing the paths on the site. The letter pointed out that the paths were being damaged and fly tipping on his plot had been an issue.

RESOLVED: To recommend to visit the site to look at the issues raised in the letter and assess possibility of a bollard at the top of the first path.

- **Folds Close**

Councillor Clough had been approached by some of the tenants of the above site regarding sub-letting of plots. The Clerk explained that the only way that the Council could address this issue is if tenants inform the Council which tenants are actually subletting their plots.

RESOLVED: To recommend that Councillor Clough would pass this on to the tenants who had approached her.

- **Hamilton Row**

Councillor Walter raised the issue of the site experiencing excess water problems in wet weather.

RESOLVED: The meeting was informed that this issue was already being addressed.

The following took place in private:

Quotations for drainage work at Cockhouse Lane.

Following consideration of the quotations for the above it was:

RESOLVED: To recommend that Lumsden and Carroll are awarded the contract.

The meeting closed at 11.00 am

Signed 

Date 16 June 2017