

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 2019, AT 10.00 AM

PRESENT

**Councillor Grantham (in the Chair)
and Councillor Jamieson**

All. 23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

All. 24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bell, Bonner, Mrs Catterson, Mrs Nelson and Turnbull

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

All. 25 HAMILTON ROW – REQUEST TO ERECT INTERNAL FENCE

A tenant on plot 6 had requested permission to erect a dividing fence between plot 5 and plot 6.

RESOLVED: To recommend granting permission to erect the fence on the condition that the fence should be of a type and specification approved by the Council and not barbed wire. The tenant will be responsible for the maintenance of the fence.

All. 26 FOLDS CLOSE

a) Fly tipping on path

The Allotments Officer informed the meeting that there is a vast amount of debris, including a trailer, accumulating on a path at the above mentioned allotment site.

RESOLVED: To recommend that the Allotments Officer arranges a skip and requests that the Community Highways Worker clears all debris from the path. The Allotments Officer should not inform tenants of the skip so that the CHW is able to dispose of all of the debris from the path first.

:To recommend that the Allotments Officer requests a quote to remove the abandoned trailer.

b) Plot 57 – Untidy plot

The Allotments Officer informed the meeting that she had concerns regarding plot 57 at the above mentioned allotment site. The plot is unused and appears to have quite a lot of rubbish collecting near to the entrance.

RESOLVED: To recommend that the Allotments Officer makes enquiries with ward Councillors to see if there may be a reason for this particular plot being unused. To then discuss the plot at the next Allotment Committee meeting.

All. 27 LANGLEY GROVE – GARAGES

The Allotment Officer has now established which garages are unpaid for. The Allotments Officer sought advice on what the next course of action should be, she also requested permission to re-number the plots.

RESOLVED: :To recommend that the Allotments Officer arranges with the Community Highways Worker and a Langley Moor Ward Councillor present, to gain entry into the unpaid garages. Following this, to obtain quotes to empty the contents from all of the vacant garages.

:To recommend that the Allotments Officer contacts the son of a deceased tenant who has left a garage full of belongings, including a car, and inform him that he must remove the contents of the garage within 4 weeks or the Parish Council will be arranging for the removal of the contents and re-charging him the cost.

:To recommend that the Allotments Officer purchases numbers for the garages and re-numbers them, informing tenants by letter, to be sent out with the invoices.

All. 28 PEST CONTROL

The Contract for Pest Control is due for renewal in February 2020 for Hamilton Row, Commercial Street and Empire Field allotment sites and in April 2020 for High Browney.

RESOLVED: To recommend renewing the four Pest Control Contracts for 2020 -2021.

The following was discussed in private.

All. 29 DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF QUOTATIONS FOR WORK AT THE FOLLOWING ALLOTMENT SITES:

a) Langley Grove - Boundary fence plot 22/23

RESOLVED: To recommend awarding the contract to Kevin Wilson Gardening Services.

b) Black Road – Boundary fence plot 17

RESOLVED: To recommend awarding the contract to Wharton Landscapes and replacing the remaining wooden fence with palisade fencing.

The meeting closed at 10.35am

Signed S. Nelson.....

Date 20.12.19.....