

**BRANDON & BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM**  
**ON WEDNESDAY 1ST JUNE 2011, AT 7.00 PM**

**PRESENT**

Councillors Bell, Mrs Gates, Grantham, Jones, Nelson and Taylor

**Fin. 1**      **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Nelson was proposed and seconded as Chairman.

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Nelson be appointed as Chairman for the ensuing year.

**Fin. 2**      **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLVED:** It was decided that a Vice Chairman was not required.

**Fin. 3**      **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**Fin. 4**      **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Allen, Mrs Bonner, Mrs Smith, Stoddart, Turnbull and Wilkinson..

**RESOLVED:** To receive the apologies.

**Fin. 5**      **CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2011/12**

**RESOLVED:** To approve the calendar of meetings and make any changes if necessary.

**Fin. 6**      **YEAR END ACCOUNTS 31ST MARCH 2011**

Approval was requested for the end of year accounts as at 31st March 2011.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the accounts and in future to charge allotment tenants bank charges for returned cheques.

**Fin. 7**      **ESTIMATES/ ACTUALS AS AT 31ST MARCH 2011**

Approval was requested for estimates/ actuals as at 31st March 2011.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the estimates/ actuals as at 31st March 2011.

**Fin. 8**            **WARD ESTIMATES/ ACTUALS AS AT 31ST MARCH 2011**

Approval was requested for ward estimates/ actuals as at 31st March 2011.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the ward estimates/ actuals as at 31st March 2011

**Fin. 9**            **ANNUAL AUDIT RETURN YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2011**

Approval was requested for Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return year ending 31st March 2011.

**RESOLVED:** To approve Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return year ending 31st March 2011.

**Fin. 10**           **ESTIMATES/ ACTUALS TO 30TH APRIL 2011**

Approval was requested for the estimates/ actuals at 30th April 2011.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the estimates/ actuals at 30th April 2011.

**Fin. 11**           **WARD ESTIMATES/ ACTUALS TO 30TH APRIL 2011**

Approval was requested for the ward estimates/ actuals at 30th April 2011.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the ward estimates/ actuals at 30th April 2011

**Fin. 12**           **ACCOUNT BALANCE 20TH MAY 2011**

Approval was requested for the account balances at 20th May 2011.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the account balances at 20th May 2011.

**Fin. 13**           **UNPRESENTED CHEQUES**

The cheques listed below have not been presented to bank:

29.11.10	New Brancepeth Youth Club	£100.00	Ch No. 206314
	Esh Winning Afternoon Club	£ 75.00	Ch No. 206330
	St. Andrew's Church	£200.00	Ch No. 206341
	St. Andrew's Youth Club	£150.00	Ch No. 206342

**RESOLVED:** To contact the groups, then re-issue cheques if necessary.

**Fin.14**

**CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF LOCAL PUBLIC AUDIT**

The Clerk presented a short report to the Committee on the above and highlighted proposals for small bodies such as Parish Councils.

**RESOLVED:** To respond to the consultation on the basis of the following concerns

- If Unitary Authority is responsible for appointing independent examiner influence could be yielded over the Parish Councils spending. Also costs to the Unitary Authority will inevitably be passed on to the Parish Councils. Will this be regulated.
- Cost to the Parish Councils - document advocates lower costs but there is no indication of how much audit costs would actually be.
- Parish Council believe it would be fairer and more transparent to appoint an examiner nationally and independent from Parish Councils area.
- There are no safeguards specified in document - where would smaller bodies obtain guidance.

**Fin.15**

**PROVISION OF FLAGPOLES**

The Chairman reported that 3 flagpoles and flags had been ordered for Armed Forces week for Brandon Community Hall, Brandon Carrside Youth Project and New Brancepeth Village Hall.

**RESOLVED:** To recommend that the cost be divided between the 2 wards and the Central Fund (50% wards, 50% Central Fund)  
: To obtain price for installation of the poles

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm