

BRANDON & BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM
ON WEDNESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2012, AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT

Councillor Bonner (in the Chair)
and Councillors Allen, Bell, Grantham, Mrs Gates, Jones, Kelley, Mrs Leckenby, Taylor,
Turnbull and Wilkinson

Fin. 15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Fin. 16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Nelson, Mrs Smith and Stoddart.

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

Fin. 17 ACCOUNT BALANCE AT 31ST JULY 2012

Approval was requested for the account balance as at 31st July 2012.

RESOLVED: To recommend approval of the balances at 31st July 2012.

Fin. 18 ESTIMATES/ ACTUALS AS AT 31ST JULY 2012

Approval was requested for estimates/ actuals as at 31st July 2012

RESOLVED: To recommend approval of the estimates/ actuals at 31st July 2012.

Fin. 19 WARD ESTIMATES/ ACTUALS AS AT 31ST JULY 2012

Approval was requested for ward estimates/ actuals as at 31st July 2012.

RESOLVED: To recommend approval of the ward estimates/ actuals at 31st July 2012.

Fin. 20 **REVIEW OF ALLOTMENT RENTS**

The Clerk presented a report to Council on the allotment rent review.

RESOLVED: To recommend that the rents remain at £32 for year commencing 1st April 2014.

Fin. 21 **PROVISION OF DOG BAGS**

The Clerk reported that Great Aycliffe would be bulk ordering dog bags for Parish and Town Councils. Last year's cost per 1,000 was £7.12 excluding VAT.

RESOLVED: To recommend ordering a further 70,000 bags.

Fin. 22 **LOCALISING SUPPORT FOR COUNCIL TAX**

The Clerk made Members aware that following responses sent to Department of Communities and Local Government on their consultation on the above, a further consultation has now been published by Department of Communities and Local Government. The consultation 'Council Tax base and funding for local precepting authorities runs until 9th October 2012. The proposals within the document are intended to provide certainty for the funding of local precepting authorities which would mean the council tax base for Parish and Town Councils would remain the same.

The Clerk reported that a copy of Durham County Council's Cabinet report dealing with the scheme had just been received and would be reported to Cabinet on 12th September 2012.

RESOLVED: To recommend that the Clerk provide a summary of both document for the next Parish Council meeting, when the result of Durham County Council's Cabinet meeting on 12th September 2012 will be known.

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm

