

BRANDON & BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM
ON WEDNESDAY 9TH JANUARY 2013, AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT

**Councillor Mrs Bonner (in the Chair)
and Councillors Bell, Mrs Gates, Grantham, Kelley, Mrs Leckenby, Nelson, Mrs
Smith, Stoddart, Taylor and Turnbull**

Fin. 24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

Fin. 25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Akins, Jones and Wilkinson.

Fin. 26 ACCOUNT BALANCE AT 30TH NOVEMBER 2012

Approval was requested for the account balance as at 30th November 2012.

RESOLVED: To approve the balances.

Fin. 27 ESTIMATES/ ACTUALS AS AT 30TH NOVEMBER 2012

Approval was requested for estimates/ actuals as at 30th November 2012.

RESOLVED: To approve the estimates/ actuals.

Fin. 28 WARD ESTIMATES/ ACTUALS AS AT 30TH NOVEMBER 2012

Approval was requested for ward estimates/ actuals as at 30th November 2012.

RESOLVED: To approve the ward estimates/ actuals.

Fin. 29 **BUDGET 2013/ 2014**

The Members considered the draft budget for 2013/ 2014 and the Clerk explained the implications of the new Localised Council Tax Scheme which had been introduced by the Government for 2013/14. The changes to the scheme would have the effect of lowering the Parish Council's tax base resulting in a loss of income to the Parish Council. Durham County Council have agreed to pass on the Parish and Town Council share of the new grant it will receive next year, however there is no certainty that this grant will continue in future years. The Clerk informed the meeting that since the draft budget was prepared an extra £1,000 in grant from Durham County Council had been confirmed. There is also the possibility that council tax for Parish Councils will be capped in future years.

RESOLVED: To recommend approval of the draft budget taking account of the extra grant from Durham County Council.

Fin. 30 **WARD BUDGET 2013/2014**

The Members considered the draft ward budget and

RESOLVED: To recommend approval of the budget.

Fin. 31 **ACCOUNT PROJECTIONS 2013/2014**

Members considered the account projections for 2013/ 2014.

RESOLVED: To recommend approval of account projections.

Fin. 32 **PRECEPT 2013/2014**

Members discussed proposals for the precept with particular consideration given to the implications of the new localised council tax scheme and it was proposed to set a precept of £134.974.

The Chairman requested a vote on the proposal. The result of the vote was as follows:

For	10
Against	0
Abstentions	0

RESOLVED: To recommend that the Council declare a precept of £134,974 for 2013/14.

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm.