

**BRANDON & BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM**  
**ON TUESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2014, AT 7.00 PM**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Akins (in the Chair)  
and Councillors Mrs Akins, Bell, Mrs Chaplow, Jamieson, Jones, Mrs Nelson, Taylor,  
Turnbull and Mrs Wharton

**Fin. 15      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**Fin. 16      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Leckenby and Nelson.

**RESOLVED:** To receive the apologies.

**Fin. 17      ACCOUNT BALANCE AT 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2014**

Approval was requested for the account balance as at 31st July 2014.

**RESOLVED:** To recommend approval of the balances at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014

**Fin. 18      ESTIMATES/ ACTUALS AS AT 31ST JULY 2014**

Approval was requested for estimates/ actuals as at 31st July 2014.

**RESOLVED:** To recommend approval of the estimates/ actuals at 31st July 2014.

**Fin. 19      WARD ESTIMATES/ ACTUALS AS AT 31ST JULY 2014**

Approval was requested for ward estimates/ actuals as at 31st July 2014.

**RESOLVED:** To recommend approval of the ward estimates/ actuals as at 31st July 2014

**Fin. 20**            **REVIEW OF ALLOTMENT RENTS**

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

**RESOLVED:** To recommend that the rents increase to £35 for year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016, notice of increase to be given to tenants in February 2015.

**Fin. 21**            **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL – MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL  
PLANNING & 2015/16 BUDGET SETTING**

Information had been received from Durham County Council informing the Parish Council of the likely impact of the Localisation of Council Tax Support Scheme up to 2017/18. This shows a possible reduction in support grant payments to the Parish Council of a total of £8841 over the next 3 years. The forecast for 2015/16 will result in a net loss of income of £1,786 to the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED:** To take the information into account during the Council’s budget setting process.

**Fin. 22**            **DONATIONS TO COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS**

The meeting discussed the Council’s present policy on the above contained in Standing Orders. Request for donations had increased significantly, particularly from individuals and organisations operating outside the Parish area, and it was agreed that amendments be made to Standing Orders to strengthen the policy.

**RESOLVED:** To make the necessary amendments to Standing Orders to be approved by the Council at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

Signed .....

Date .....