

BRANDON & BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN NEW BRANCEPETH VILLAGE HALL, NEW BRANCEPETH, DURHAM
ON WEDNESDAY 6TH JANUARY 2016, AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs C Wharton (in the Chair)
and Councillors Bell, Mrs Bonner, Mrs Chaplow, Mrs Gates, Jamieson, Nelson, Mrs S Nelson, 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 Councillor Mrs Akins.

RESOLVED: To receive the apology.

Fin. 26 ACCOUNT BALANCE AT 30TH NOVEMBER 2015

Approval was requested for the account balance as at 30th November 2015.

RESOLVED: To approve the balances.

Fin. 27 ESTIMATES/ ACTUALS AS AT 30TH NOVEMBER 2015

Approval was requested for estimates/ actuals as at 30th November 2015.

RESOLVED: To approve the estimates/ actuals.

Fin. 28 WARD ESTIMATES/ ACTUALS AS AT 30TH NOVEMBER 2015

Approval was requested for ward estimates/ actuals as at 30th November 2015.

RESOLVED: To approve the ward estimates/ actuals at 30 November 2015.

Fin. 29 **UNPRESENTED CHEQUES**

The Clerk reported that the following cheque was still unpresented:

15.1.2015	208008	Durham County Council Holocaust Day	£100.00
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This same issue with the cheque issued in January 2014 had occurred.

RESOLVED: To cancel the cheque at the bank, but to honour the payment to Durham County Council and to make enquiries about making the payment through BACS.

Fin. 30 **BUDGET 2016/ 2017**

The Members considered the draft budget report and appendices for 2016/ 2017. The Members felt that the Community Project Fund had proved to be very beneficial to the local community with 3 Community Projects receiving pledges or donations over the past 2 years. As a result Members felt it was important to top up the fund.

The following recommendations were made:

- To include £3,000 in 2016/17 budget to add to reserves for future election costs.
- Due to unexpected expenditure on remedial works to the office building and proposed expenditure on the purchase of fly tipping cameras, to approve moving £3,000 from the unspent football cages budget to cover the extra costs.
- As the Community Support from Central Fund budget may be overspent, to approve moving £1,000 from the unspent football cages budget.
- To obtain quotations for a 3 year fixed contract for grasscutting.
- That the Clerk provide revised precept figures to take into account options for the topping up the Community Project Fund by £8,000 or by increasing the precept by 8% which would have the effect of topping up the Fund by £10,160.

RESOLVED: To recommend approval of the budget taking account of the above recommendations.

Fin. 31 **WARD BUDGET 2016/2017**

The Members considered the draft ward budget for 2016/17 and

RESOLVED: To recommend approval of the budget.

Fin. 32 **ACCOUNT PROJECTIONS 2016/2017**

Members considered the account projections for 2016/ 2017, which would be amended to take account of alterations to budget.

RESOLVED: To recommend approval of revised account projections.

Fin. 33 **PRECEPT 2016/2017**

The Clerk would provide updated options for the precept given the above recommendations and

RESOLVED: To recommend that the Council approve the final precept at the full Council meeting on 15th January 2016.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Signed

Date