

**BRANDON & BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM**  
**ON WEDNESDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2016, AT 7.00 PM**

**PRESENT**

**Councillor Mrs Nelson (in the Chair)  
and Councillors Bell, Mrs Bonner, Mrs Chaplow, Mrs Gates, Grantham, Jamieson, Nelson,  
Turnbull and Mrs Wharton.**

**Fin. 13      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Turnbull declared an interest in Item 8 Carrside Youth & Community Project.

**Fin. 14      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Akins, Akins, Jones, Rodgers, Mrs Leckenby (substitute Councillor Grantham) and Taylor.

**RESOLVED:** To receive the apologies.

**Fin. 15      ACCOUNT BALANCES AT 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2016**

Approval was requested for the account balances as at 31st July 2016.

**RESOLVED:** To recommend approval of the balances at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016

**Fin. 16      ESTIMATES/ ACTUALS AS AT 31ST JULY 2016**

Approval was requested for estimates/ actuals as at 31st July 2016.

**RESOLVED:** To recommend approval of the estimates/ actuals at 31st July 2016.

**Fin. 17      WARD ESTIMATES/ ACTUALS AS AT 31ST JULY 2016**

Approval was requested for ward estimates/ actuals as at 31st July 2016.

**RESOLVED:** To recommend approval of the ward estimates/ actuals as at 31st July 2016

**Fin. 18**      **REVIEW OF ALLOTMENT RENTS**

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

**RESOLVED:** To recommend that the rents remain at £35 for year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018.

**Fin. 19**      **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL – MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLANNING & 2017/18 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 2019/20. This shows a possible reduction in support grant payments to the Parish Council of a total of £5347 over the next 3 years. Initial forecast for 2017/18 Tax Base shows an increase in Tax Base of 85.4 on 2016/17. The overall net impact on the Parish Council would be a decrease in income of £1,253.74 for 2017/18. Figures are for information purposes only, final details will be forwarded to the Parish Council in December 2016.

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

**Fin. 20**      **YOUTH PROVISION IN THE PARISH**

The Clerk explained that the Review of Youth Support by Durham County Council would be taken to their Cabinet meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016. As part of the review one of the recommendations to Cabinet is to cease the provision of open access youth provision and replace with a Targeted Youth Support Service. If approved this would have the effect of closing the existing youth provision at Carrside Youth & Community Project. Members expressed serious concerns about this outcome for the young people of the Parish.

**RESOLVED:** To await the final decision of the County Council's Cabinet meeting, then ascertain what exactly this will mean for the Parish area and how the Parish Council can assist in maintaining the youth service at Carrside.

**Fin. 21**      The following item was discussed in private:

**ANNUAL REVIEW OF SALARIES**

The Clerk presented information on the National Joint Council for Local Government Services Pay Agreement effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 which equated to a 1% increase.

**RESOLVED:** To recommend implementation of the pay award from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm

Signed .....

Date .....