

**BRANDON AND BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS**

**6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM  
ON FRIDAY 15TH JANUARY 2010 AT 6.30 PM**

**PRESENT**

**Councillor David Bell (in the Chair)**

**and Councillors Allen, Mrs Bonner, Dowsey, Mrs Gates, Grantham, Jones, Mrs Kitching, Nelson, Mrs Smith, Smith, Stoddart, Turnbull, Venn and Wilkinson.**

**247. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Dowsey declared an interest in item 9 - proposed development at former Methodist Church, Ushaw Moor.

**248. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no questions from the public in the specified time.

**249. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Akins, Mrs Catterson, Taylor and Mrs Wilkinson.

Councillor Rodgers was also unable to attend.

**RESOLVED:** To receive the apologies.

**250. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 11TH JANUARY 2010**

Minute 25. Amend to read £1,500 for 2009/10 and to re-look at the request in 2010/11.

Minute 26. The Clerk informed the meeting that the Residents Association had requested a letter of support for their grant application to CDENT.

**RESOLVED:** To send a letter of support and subject to amendment, the minutes be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**251. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18TH DECEMBER 2009**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**252. PRESENTATION OF DONATIONS**

The Chairman presented donations to the following:

Lourdes Pilgrimage  
Brandon British Legion F.C.

**253. POLICE REPORT**

The Police gave a written report of crime throughout the Parish.

**RESOLVED:** To receive the report.

**254. REPORT FROM UNITARY MEMBERS**

Councillor Wilkinson reported on the School exam results - ranked 20th in Country.

**RESOLVED:** To receive the report

**255. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING**

Extracts from planning application lists had been forwarded to appropriate Ward Councillors.

Plans were held in the office for:

- Proposed conversion of former Methodist Church to form 3no. dwellings, with alterations including installation of roof lights, integral garages, and on site parking at former Methodist Church, Broom Lane, Ushaw Moor for Mr B Samadi.
- Proposed demolition of existing dwelling and outbuilding and erection of replacement bungalow with associated engineering and landscaping works at Edelweiss Stonebridge for Mr & Mrs R Mackie.

List of approvals and refusals received were available at the meeting.

4/09/00964/FPA	W Smith Durham Ltd	Erection of 2.4m high boundary wall and pedestrian gate on rear boundary 2 Newhouse Road, Esh Winning, Durham DH7 9JU
4/09/00886/FPA	Mr B Samadi	Conversion of former Methodist Church to form 3 no. dwellings, with alterations including installation of rooflights, integral garages, and on-site parking Former Methodist Church, Broom Lane, Ushaw Moor, Durham DH7 7LQ
4/09/00933/FPA	Mr & Mrs R Mackie	Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuilding and erection of replacement bungalow with associated engineering and landscaping works Edelweiss, Stonebridge, Durham DH1 3RX

**RESOLVED:** :To send a letter of support for the proposed development at Former Methodist Church, Ushaw Moor.

: To send a letter of support for application number 4/09/00964 W Smith, 2 Newhouse Road, Esh Winning.

**256. TRAINING COURSES**

- a) Clerk's Foundation Course 25th February 2010 - Approval of delegates
- b) Training seminar 26-28th February 2010 'Planning & Regulation & English Regional Meeting Southport - approval of delegates.

**RESOLVED:** a) To receive the information.  
b) To approve Councillors Nelson, Stoddart and Mrs Wilkinson (LG Act 1972 Sec. 111).

**257. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL**

Authorisation was requested to pay the accounts amounting to £6,533.06.

**RESOLVED:** To authorise payment of the accounts.

**258. ALLOTMENTS - LANGLEY GROVE**

The tenant of garage plot 8 at Langley Grove who has defaulted on her agreement due to non payment of rent has requested the Council to consider re-letting the plot to her. The Clerk informed the meeting that the tenant no longer resided in the area and a local resident had expressed interest in taking over the plot.

**RESOLVED:** To write to the tenant requesting payment of the arrears, but to rent out the plot to the local resident.

**259. DIRECT INFORMATION SERVICE**

Issue 724 was available at the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** To take for information.

**260. COUNTY DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

Information had been received on the following:

- a) Newsletter
- b) Overview and Scrutiny Review
- c) Standards for England Bulletin
- d) Invitation to ceremony to sign Local Councils' Charter on Saturday 16th January 2010 at County Hall.
- e) 'Establishing Unitary Councils - Lessons Learnt'

**RESOLVED:** a) To take for information.  
b) To take for information.  
c) That the Chairman attend.  
d) To take for information.  
e) To take for information.

**261. VACANCY ON PARISH COUNCIL**

Councillor Paul Guy has tendered his resignation as Councillor. Therefore the notice of vacancy will have to be submitted to the County Council's Electoral Officer.

**RESOLVED:** To follow the necessary procedures to advertise the vacancy and to enquire whether an election could be held with the General Election.

**262. EARLY DAY MOTIONS**

A letter has been received from Roberta Blackman-Woods regarding the above.

**RESOLVED:** To receive the letter.

**263. JUNCTION B6300 AND A167**

A reply had been received from Durham County Council following the Parish Council's request for an update on traffic problems at the above junction. The reply indicated that a scheme for improvements at the junction was probably on a waiting list.

**RESOLVED:** To contact Brian Race regarding the issue.

**264. BRANDON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP**

Meetings of the above will be held on 6th January and 3rd February 2010. Minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2009 had been received.

**RESOLVED:** To take for information.

**265. PLANTERS UNDER NAMEPLATES, LANGLEY MOOR**

The Risk Assessments have now been completed by the County Council.

**RESOLVED:** To install the planters in Spring/ Summer.

**266. ALLOTMENTS - BLACK ROAD**

The Youth Offending Service have agreed to remove the remains of the shed which had been burnt out on plot number 15. The work will be carried out in April 2010 and the Parish Council will provide a skip.

**RESOLVED:** To take for information.

**267. THANK YOU LETTERS**

Woodland Road Communal Hall (Coffee morning)  
Esh Winning Baptist Church  
Esh Winning Monday Luncheon Club  
Esh Winning Colliery Banner Group  
St. Paul's Church, Waterhouses  
Esh Winning Methodist Church  
Esh Winning 2-4 Club  
Esh Winning Pit Stop Café  
St. Andrew's Methodist Church  
Browney Primary School  
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs School, Esh Winning  
Esh Winning Primary School  
Ushaw Moor Together  
New Brancepeth Primary School  
Salvation Army  
County of Durham School Benevolent Fund  
St. Joseph's RC Primary, Ushaw Moor  
St. Catherine's Church, New Brancepeth  
2-4 Club, St. Joseph's, Ushaw Moor

**RESOLVED:** To receive the letters

The meeting closed at 7.05 pm