

**BRANDON AND BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM  
ON FRIDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2010 AT 6.30 PM**

**PRESENT**

**Councillor David Bell (in the Chair)  
and Councillors Akins, Mrs Bonner, Mrs Catterson, Dowsey, Mrs Gates, Grantham,  
Mrs Kitching, Mrs Smith, Smith, Stoddart, Taylor, Turnbull, Venn Mrs Wilkinson and  
Wilkinson.**

**268. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest by Members.

**269. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

**270. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Allen, Jones, Nolan and Nelson.

**RESOLVED:** To receive the apologies.

**271. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15TH JANUARY 2010**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2010 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**272. PRESENTATION OF DONATION**

The Chairman presented a donation to Brandon United.

**273. POLICE**

The Police supplied a written report of crime throughout the Parish. Members highlighted concerns about off road bikes at Grove Road and Beech Park, Brandon.

**RESOLVED:** To receive the report.

**274. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Chaplow gave a report which included the following:

**274. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS (Con.t)**

Police and Fire Authority precepts  
Winter maintenance  
Taxi licensing

**RESOLVED:** To receive the report.

**275. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING - APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

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

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

4/10/00004/RM	Mr A Rae	Reserved matters application pursuant to outline approval 08/00968 for the erection of 17 no. dwellings (11 no. two storey and 6 no. bungalows) including details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale Land to North and East of Lidl, Littleburn Lane, Langley Moor, Durham
4/10/00005/FPA	Mr D Henderson	Erection of pitched roof garage to side elevation of existing dwelling 88 Esh Wood View, Ushaw Moor, Durham DH7 7FE
4/09/00936/FPA	Mr & Mrs Maddison	Erection of 6 no. two storey terraced dwellings with associated parking, access and off-site highway improvements Land South West of Bannerman Terrace, Ushaw Moor, Durham DH7 7PA
4/09/00958/FPA	STR Enterprises	Erection of single storey pitched roof extension to side, erection of conservatory and raised and enclosed decked area to rear, and construction of additional 34 space car park, together with associated landscaping works The Honest Lawyer, Croxdale, Durham DH1 3SP
4/10/00008/FPA	Mr R Whitton	Erection of single storey pitched roof extension to north elevation of existing dwelling 21 Ladysmith Terrace, Ushaw Moor, Durham DH7 7PB

**275. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING - APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**  
**(Cont.)**

4/10/00029/FPA	Ms C Davis	Erection of two storey pitched roof extension to front and side of existing dwelling 22 Priestburn Close, Esh Winning, Durham DH7 9NF
CMA/4/53	Mr R Brown	Proposed change of use of existing building used as bus/coach store into motor vehicle dismantling facility with ELV licence, Browns Bus Company, Edwardson Road, Meadowfield Industrial Estate, Durham.
4/10/00038/FPA	Mr Smart	Removal of existing detached garage and erection of two storey pitched roof extension to side of existing dwelling with forward projecting garage and porch, and single storey pitched roof extension to rear, 9 Stanhope Close, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 8XE
4/10/00039/FPA	Mr B Young	Erection of two storey pitched roof extension to side and rear of existing dwelling, and erection of single storey pitched roof extension to rear 24 Priestburn Close, Esh Winning, Durham DH7 9NF
4/10/00040/FPA	Mr Hylton	Erection of conservatory to front elevation of existing dwelling, pitched roof extension to rear and greenhouse lean to extension to existing detached garage 51 South Terrace, Esh Winning, Durham DH7 9PS
4/10/00051/FPA	Mr G Pollard	Erection of single storey pitched roof extension to rear of existing dwelling (revised and resubmitted), 12 Brockwell Court, Brandon, Durham DH7 8QX
4/10/00052/FPA	Mr & Mrs Omole	Erection of first floor pitched roof extension to front elevation of existing dwelling and 2 no. single storey pitched roof extensions to rear (revised and resubmitted) 7 Frensham Way, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 8UR

**275. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING - APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION (Cont.)**

**RESOLVED:** a) To send a letter of support for application number 4/09/00936/FPA, Mr & Mrs Maddison, land South West of Bannerman Terrace, Ushaw Moor, Durham DH7 7PA, the development will add to the continuing regeneration of the village.

b) To obtain plans for application number 4/10/00082/FA,B V Estates, 22 Roman Road, Brandon, Durham DH7 8UF

**276. BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTY**

Nominations have been requested for Buckingham Palace Garden Party.

**RESOLVED:** To nominate Councillor Akins.

**277. BUS SHELTER AT STATION AVENUE, ESH WINNING**

An e-mail from the AAP Co-ordinator had been received regarding a brick bus shelter in Station Avenue.

**RESOLVED:** To inform the Co-ordinator that there is no brick bus shelter and clarify the matter.

**278. RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP TO FIELDS IN TRUST**

The annual membership of £35 is due for renewal.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the payment (LG Act 1972 Sec. 143).

**279. NEIGHBOURHOOD SCHEME - STATION STREET, WATERHOUSES**

Councillor Wilkinson has requested approval, to have his contribution to the above scheme to tarmac the rear of Station Street paid to the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED:** To authorise the request.

**280. GRASSCUTTING 2010 SEASON**

Discussion took place on the specification for 2010.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the specification but to incorporate extra cuts if necessary.

**281. WINTER GRITTING**

This item was raised at the last Parish Council's Committee meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2010. Suggestions to improve winter gritting procedures in the County following the recent bad weather were to be considered in order to formulate a joint response to the County Council.

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council conveys the following comments:

**281. WINTER GRITTING (Cont.)**

- Could the County Council re-look to utilise the workforce usually employed in parks, playfields.
- Could small grasscutting tractors be adapted to clear footpaths
- Re-look at strategy for aged persons homes
- To convey Parish Council's appreciation for efforts of workforce over the severe winter period.

**282. DONATIONS**

**a) Esh Winning Library-Easter Egg Competition**

A request for a donation had been received from the above.

**RESOLVED:** To donate £250 in this instance (Esh Winning Ward)

**b) Friends of Brandon Park**

A request for a donation had been received from the above.

**RESOLVED:** To donate £700 in this instance (Brandon Ward)

**c) Victim Support**

A request for a donation had been received from the above.

**RESOLVED:** To donate £200 in this instance (£50 each Ward)

**283. COUNTY DURHAM PLAN-SUSTAINABLE DESIGN SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

An invitation to comment on the Issues Paper relating to the above has been received.

**RESOLVED:** To arrange a meeting to discuss the document.

**284. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL - CONTAMINATED LAND SURVEY**

An invitation to comment on the above has been received. Comments to be returned by 1st March 2010.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk return the questionnaire and to express concern over the short notice.

**285. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL**

Authorisation was requested to pay the accounts amounting to £8,905.46.

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

**286. CIVIC FUNCTIONS**

Approval was requested for the following:

D.C.C.	Tramps Supper	27.1.10
Shildon T.C.	Charity evening	12.2.10
D.C.C.	Charity night	22.2.10
Peterlee T.C.	Charity night	25.2.10
Chilton T.C.	Charity night	26.2.10
D.C.C.	Charity evening	12.3.10
Chilton T.C.	Charity evening	26.2.10
Chilton T.C.	Civic Dinner	1.4.10

**RESOLVED:** To approve the functions.

**287. DIRECT INFORMATION SERVICE**

Issues 725 - 726 were available at the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** To take for information.

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

Information had been received on the following:

- a) Standards Board - information on appointment of Parish Councillors to Standards Committee
- b) Update on Licensing information available to Parish Councils
- c) Larger Local Councils Forum - next meeting 12th February 2010, at Great Aycliffe Town Council. Agenda and minutes of previous meeting on 25th September 2009 had been received.

a) The Clerk informed the meeting that there was a requirement for Parish Councils to appoint a Committee to deal with notification of complaints against Members under the Members Code of Conduct.

**RESOLVED:** a) To form a Committee made up of the Chairman, Councillors Taylor and Turnbull.

b) To take for information.

c) Councillor Turnbull gave a report on the Forum.

**289. PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION**

An election to fill the vacancy in the West Ward would be held on 11th March 2010.

**RESOLVED:** To take for information.

**290. PROPOSED ICE RINK, MEADOWFIELD**

An update had been received from Mr Eskildsen indicating that Meadowfield was still in the frame for the ice rink. He had also invited the Council to visit the temporary ice rink in Durham.

**RESOLVED:** To accept Mr Eskildsens invitation.

**291. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

The Incident Report 19.11.09 - 6.01.10 had been received.

**RESOLVED:** To receive the report.

**292. COMMUNITY HIGHWAYS GROUP**

A report from Community Highways Worker group held on 19th January 2010 was presented to Council

A reply had been received from Durham County Council refusing the Parish Council's request for salt bins in New Brancepeth.

**RESOLVED:** To look into purchasing salt bins and to enquire if the County Council will fill them.

**293. DISABLED ACCESS WORKING GROUP**

A report from the working group held on 2nd February 2010 was presented to Council together with a copy of the amended policy.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the policy.

**294. BRANDON VILLAGE**

a) A response had been received from Durham County Council regarding grasscutting on Brandon Village Green.

**RESOLVED:** To monitor the standard of the grasscutting this season.

b) A letter from Banks Developments indicating that they would not be proceeding with the development site at Brandon Village.

**RESOLVED:** To take for information.

c) Zurich has confirmed that insurance cover for Brandon Village Community Allotment could not be provided as the land is not owned by the Parish Council or maintained by the Parish Council

**RESOLVED:** To inform the residents

d) The Clerk informed Members that the Residents Association had requested that the Parish Council administer their project to purchase a greenhouse and other equipment for the Community Allotment for which they have applied for a grant from CDET.

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council administers the project on behalf of the Residents Association.

**295 BRANDON CARRSIDE YOUTH & COMMUNITY PROJECT**

An invitation to the official unveiling of the new community DJ and Decks room on Friday 12th February 2010 at 3.00 pm had been received.

**RESOLVED:** To accept the invitation.

**296. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

The following information had been received from the above.

- a) Wesley Court, Langley Moor - Removal of waiting restrictions
- b) Unclassified Littleburn Road, Littleburn Industrial Estate - Proposed Traffic Regulation Order.
- c) Unclassified Road to the rear of High Street South, Langley Moor, numbers 17 to 22  
Temporary Road Closure - 15th February 2010 for approximately 5 days.
- d) Unclassified Victoria Court, Ushaw Moor - Temporary road closure - 22nd February  
2010 - 3rd March 2010.
- e) C154 Sawmills Lane, Brandon - Prohibition of Waiting and Loading/ Unloading At Any Time Order 2010.

**RESOLVED:** To take for information.

**297. JUNCTION B6300 AND A167 - HONEST LAWYER**

A reply had been received from Durham County Council regarding the scheme for potential improvements at above junction. The reply indicated that there was insufficient funding.

**RESOLVED:** To take for information.

**298. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL - ECONOMIC REGENERATION**

Information regarding the functions of the above and contact details of Economic Regeneration Officers had been received.

**RESOLVED:** To take for information.

**299. YOUTH NUISANCE, ESH WINNING**

The police had recently been contacted regarding youth nuisance at the Youth Club at Esh Winning which had been followed up by Councillor Wilkinson.

**RESOLVED:** To take for information.



**300. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

Notification had been received from the above of a Parish and Town Council's Conference which would be held on Monday 19th July 2010 from 3.30 pm at County Hall. The Conference will cover information on the Standards Committee.

**RESOLVED:** To send as many delegates as possible.

**301. CONFERENCE AT SOUTHPORT, 26TH - 28TH FEBRUARY 2010**

The above conference had been cancelled due to problems with the venue.

**RESOLVED:** To take for information.

**302. NHS COUNTY DURHAM & DARLINGTON PCT**

Stakeholder events will be held on 3rd and 8th March 2010 at Ramside Hall and Dolphin Centre, Darlington respectively.

**RESOLVED:** To take for information.

**303. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL - COUNTY DURHAM ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT**

The January 2010 Monthly Economic Update had been received.

**RESOLVED:** To take for information.

**304. CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS 2010**

Members were requested to consider the possibility of provision of Christmas trees/ decorations in December 2010.

**RESOLVED:** To consider the matter and agenda at a later meeting.

**305. ALLOTMENT TRAINING**

A further allotment training course has been arranged for 24th March 2010 at 6.00 pm in County Hall. Councillor Bell has been enrolled.

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Mrs Bonner also attends if places were still remaining.

**306. MID DURHAM RURAL WEST AAP**

a) A meeting had been arranged on 12th February 2010 at 2.30 pm at Durham Community Business College to discuss the development of the 'Deerness Gateway Scheme' which was unsuccessful at the AAP Board. Councillors' Bell, Mrs Bonner, Mrs Gates and the Clerk attended. Councillor Bell reported that funding was going to be sought for a feasibility study.

**306. MID DURHAM RURAL WEST AAP (Cont.)**

**RESOLVED:** To take for information.

**b) Parish Councils' Committee**

Minutes of last meeting held on 16th January 2010 were circulated.

**RESOLVED:** To take for information.

**307. THANK YOU LETTERS**

Brandon United F.C.  
New Brancepeth Methodist Church  
St. Patrick's Church, Langley Moor  
Esh Winning Colliery Banner  
Guiding for Adults  
Woodland Road Communal Hall  
Ushaw Moor Catholic Club  
Durham Aged Miners Bungalows' Residents, Ushaw Moor - Christmas Party  
Lourdes Fund  
Brandon & Meadowfield British Legion - Poppy Appeal - £6,815.50 raised  
New Brancepeth Youth Club  
5th Durham Scouts

**RESOLVED:** To receive the letters.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm