

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 MARCH 2010 AT 6.30 PM**

PRESENT

**Councillor David Bell (in the Chair)
and Councillors Akins, Allen, Mrs Bonner, Jones, Nolan, Mrs Smith, Smith, Turnbull,
Mrs Wilkinson and Wilkinson.**

308. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from Councillor Mrs Wilkinson and Councillor John Kelley - Item number 10 Planning Application number 4/10/00120/FPA, Play Area, Woodland Road, Esh Winning.

RESOLVED: To receive the declarations.

309. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

310. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Catterson, Grantham, Nelson and Taylor. Councillors Dowsey, Mrs Gates, Mrs Kitching and Stoddart were attending a function at St. Joseph's Church, Ushaw Moor.

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

311. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19TH FEBRUARY 2010

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th February 2010 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

312. MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 2ND MARCH 2010

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

313. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 3RD MARCH 2010

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

314. PRESENTATION OF DONATIONS

The Chairman presented donations to the following:

Brandon Park
Victim Support.

315. POLICE

The Police were not in attendance but had produced a written report.

RESOLVED: To receive the report.

316. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

Councillor Wilkinson reported the following:

- Consultation on proposed closure of Residential Care Homes
- Private Finance Initiative for street lamp-posts.

RESOLVED: To receive the report.

317. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING

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

Planning permission had been granted for:

- a) Proposed conversion of former Methodist Church to form 3no. dwellings
- b) Proposed erection of 2.4m high boundary wall and pedestrian gate on rear boundary at W.Smith, chemist at Esh Winning.

List of approvals and refusals had been received.

Plans for change of use of Esh Winning Memorial Hall, Brandon Road, Esh Winning to form 20 no. residential units for older residents, with external works including provision of car parking spaces for Brett Brothers were held in the office.

4/10/00045/FPA	Mr S Ross	Erection of boarding kennel facility comprising 2 no. pitched roof detached buildings, Plantation View, New Brancepeth, Durham DH7 7EY
4/10/00082/FA	B V Estates	Erection of detached bungalow (resubmission of approved scheme 06/00561) Curtilage of 22 Roman Road, Brandon, Durham DH7 8UF
4/09/00965/FPA	Brett Brothers Developments	Change of use of existing vacant building, with external renovation and restoration consisting of repair to detailing and cupola, replacement of windows, and alterations to rear elevation, erection of replacement roof,

317. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (Cont.)

		internal demolition, introduction of third floor level and lift, and retention of internal features to form 20 no. residential units for older residents, with external works including provision of car parking spaces, Memorial Hall, Brandon Road, Esh Winning, Durham DH7 9PB
4/10/00078/LB	Brett Brothers Developments	Change of use of existing vacant building, with external renovation and restoration consisting of repair to detailing and cupola, replacement of windows, and alterations to rear elevation, erection of replacement roof, internal demolition, introduction of third floor level and lift, and retention of internal features to form 20 no. residential units for older residents, with external works including provision of car parking spaces, Memorial Hall, Brandon Road, Esh Winning, Durham DH7 9PB
4/10/00088/FPA	Mr T Murray	Erection of single storey pitched roof extension to rear of existing dwelling and detached pitched roof outbuilding at rear 22 Ushaw Villas, Ushaw Moor, Durham DH7 7PU
4/10/00091/FPA	Banks Developments Ltd	Construction of new access, additional parking, erection of porch to front elevation and 2 no. air conditioning units to northern and western elevations Enna House, 4 and 5 Whitfield Court, Meadowfield Industrial Estate, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 8XL
4/10/00107/FPA	Mr & Mrs Tinkler	Erection of conservatory to rear elevation of existing dwelling, 54 Cavendish Court, Brandon, Durham DH7 8UW
4/10/00119/VOC	Mr R Stewart	Material amendments to approved applications 08/00996/OUT and 09/00298/RM (variation of conditions 10 and 5, respectively) to introduce chimney to eastern gable elevation Land Adjacent 125 Braunespath Estate, New Brancepeth, Durham DH7 7JQ

317. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (Cont.)

4/10/00120/FPA	Mrs C Wilkinson (Residents Group Treasurer)	Removal of existing play equipment and formation of recreation area with replacement play equipment to max height 3.7m with associated enclosures and seating Play Area, Woodland Road, Esh Winning, Durham
4/10/00121/FPA	Mr & Mrs S Culkin	Erection of single storey pitched roof extension to rear of existing dwelling Woodrush House, 6 Broom Farm West, Broompark, Durham DH7 7QS
4/10/00128/FPA	Mr A Drane	Erection of single storey pitched roof extension to rear of existing building 14A Frederick Street South, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 8LZ
4/09/00952/FPA	Mr J Smith	Erection of 4 no. two storey terraced dwellings, Vacant land Former site of Station Hotel, Station Road, Ushaw Moor, Durham DH7 7QA
4/10/00106/OUT	Mr & Mrs Ryan	Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of 1 no. dwelling following demolition of detached garage block Langley Hall, Sleetburn Lane, Langley Moor, Durham DH7 8JY
4/10/00158/FPA	Mr R Patterson	Demolition of existing single storey rear offshots and erection of two storey pitched roof extension to rear of no.6 and two and single storey pitched roof extensions to rear of no. 7, 6 & 7 High Street South, Langley Moor, Durham DH7 8JN
4/10/00159/FPA	Mr D Lawton	Conversion of 2 no. apartments to form 1 no. dwelling including erection of flat roof garage to rear with enclosed terrace above, removal of dormer windows to front and insertion of 3 no. rooflights, and erection of flat roof dormer to rear with associated enclosed roof terrace, Flat 4 and 7, 20 Littleburn Lane, Langley Moor, Durham DH7 8HA

317. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (Cont.)

The Clerk informed the meeting that application number 4/10/00045/FPA Mr S Ross boarding kennels at Plantation View, New Brancepeth, had been withdrawn.

RESOLVED 1) To send letters of support for the applications for Esh Winning Memorial Hall and the Play Area at Esh Winning.

2) To make enquiries regarding procedures for the Parish Council to request that applications be determined by Committee rather than delegated powers.

318. CONSULTATION ON DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL'S ISSUES PAPER ON SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

The Parish Council's working group met on 5th March 2010 to discuss responses to the Issues Paper.

RESOLVED: To return the questionnaire based on the Working Group's comments.

319. BOUNDARY COMMITTEE REVIEW

The Parish Council's working group met on 5th March 2010 to discuss the latest consultation options for the Durham City area.

RESOLVED: To respond to the Boundary Committee based on the Working Group's comments.

320. BRANDON VILLAGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Residents Association had requested approval to make improvements to the village green namely:

- Tidy entrance to community garden and grass it
- Plant daffodils along outside of west stone wall and in front of gate of community garden
- Bench or picnic table to be located on grass in front of garden gate.

RESOLVED: To approve the above improvements. The Clerk informed the meeting that a response had been received from Durham County Council regarding the feasibility of a Compulsory Purchase Order for the Community garden land. The letter indicated the process was long and costly and it is good practice, where practicable, to acquire the land by negotiation before embarking on compulsory purchase.

RESOLVED: That it was not feasible for the Parish Council to pursue a Compulsory Purchase Order due to the substantial costs involved.

321. PROVISION OF SALT BINS IN NEW BRANCEPETH

As the Parish Council's request for salt bins at New Brancepeth had been refused because the locations had not met the County Councils criteria, prices had been obtained with a view to the Parish Council purchasing their own.

RESOLVED: To agree to purchase the salt bins in principle, but to discuss the matter with the Highways Inspector at the Community Highways Worker meeting on 23rd March 2010.

322. REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNAL AUDIT

The Clerk presented the review of effectiveness of internal audit, including the audit plan and terms of reference, to the meeting for approval.

RESOLVED: To approve the documents and to appoint Mr Ian Lawlan as Internal Auditor for year ending 31st March 2010.

323. 'SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITIES- DELIVERING HOUSING AND REGENERATION', ON 9TH-11TH APRIL 2010 AT SCARBOROUGH.

Approval of delegates was requested for the above.

RESOLVED: To approve Councillors Stoddart, Nelson and one other (LG Act 1972 (Sec. 111).

324. REVIEW OF ANTI-FRAUD AND CORRUPTION POLICY

Annual review of the above policy was requested.

RESOLVED: To approve the policy.

325. DONATIONS

a) Great North Air Ambulance

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

RESOLVED: To donate £340 in this instance (£60 each Brandon, Meadowfield, Langley Moor and New Brancepeth, £50 each Esh Winning and Ushaw Moor) (LG Act 1972 Sec 137)

b) Ushaw Moor Cricket Club F.C.

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

RESOLVED: To pay the pitch fees (Ushaw Moor Ward) (LG (Misc Prov Act) 1976 Sec. 19)

325. DONATIONS (Cont.)

c) Crimestoppers

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

RESOLVED: To donate £150 in this instance (£25 each ward)

d) Citizens Advice Bureau

A request for a donation had been received from the above

RESOLVED: To donate £1800 in this instance (£500 between Brandon, Meadowfield and Langley Moor, £250 each New Brancepeth and Ushaw Moor, £500 Esh Winning and £300 Central Fund)

326. CONSULTATION ON DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL'S PROPOSAL TO CLOSE 7 CARE HOMES

The above document has been received for consultation.

RESOLVED: That Members consider the document and inform the Clerk of any comments prior to the next meeting.

327. FLORAL CONTAINERS SPECIFICATION FOR 2010

The above specification was presented to Council for approval.

RESOLVED: To agree the specification with the addition of summer bedding for flower beds at Silver Trees, Ushaw Moor and that New Brancepeth would consider their requirements.

328. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts amounting to £5,716.68

RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the accounts.

329. QUARTERLY ALLOTMENT REPORT

The allotment report was presented to Council for approval.

RESOLVED: To approve the report.

The Allotment Officer raised the following points:

- Hamilton Row - fence had been damaged by collision, 10 new posts were required for which an estimate had been received.

RESOLVED: To arrange replacement of the posts (Small Holdings and Allotment Act 1908 Sec. 26).

329. QUARTERLY ALLOTMENT REPORT (Cont.)

- Langley Grove - A tenant had informed the Council she was moving out of the Parish area and had requested to remain on the allotment for the current growing season.

RESOLVED: To agree that the tenant could remain on the allotment until 1st October 2010.

330. DIRECT INFORMATION SERVICE

Issues 728 - 729 were available at the meeting.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

331. COUNTY DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Information had been received on the following:

- a) Royal Garden Party - successful nominations were Sherburn Village Parish Council and Pitlington Parish Council.
- b) Revised Code of Conduct was expected to come into force before May 2010, however in view of elections any revised code will be laid before Parliament after the general election.
- c) Free Seminar on Quality Local Councils - 20th April 2010 at Peterlee
- d) Durham County Council's Equality Scheme Consultation, closing date for forms is 15th March 2010.
- e) Minutes of the Executive Committee held on 2nd December 2009. A meeting of the Executive Committee took place on 3rd March 2010.

- RESOLVED:**
- a) To take for information.
 - b) To take for information.
 - c) That the Chairman and Clerk attend.
 - d) Councillor Bonner would be attending through the AAP
 - e) To take for information.

332. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The incident report 7th January 2010 - 4th February 2010 had been received.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

333. ESH WINNING PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Parish Council had attended a series of workshops on 22nd February 2010, which were intended to add to the design brief for the proposed new primary school at Esh Winning, a copy of which had since been received. A further meeting would take place on 10th March 2010 at 4.15 pm at the Primary School.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

334. MID DURHAM RURAL WEST AAP

- a) The next Board meeting will be held on 17th March 2010 in Lanchester Endowed Parochial Primary School, Lanchester. Minutes of the Board meeting held on 24th February 2010 had been received.
- b) Minutes of the Parish Council Committee held on 20th February 2010 had been received.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

335. COUNTY DURHAM FUTURE JOBS FUND PLACEMENTS

A letter had been received from Durham County Council regarding future jobs fund placements.

RESOLVED: To find out more information from the County Council.

336. BRANDON VILLAGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting of the above held on 25th January 2010 were available at the meeting.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

337. BRANDON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd January 2010 had been received. The next meeting would be held on 7th April 2010 at Brandon Cricket Club.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

338. ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL

A letter had been received from the above regarding work being carried out on the front entrance to the school.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

339. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

The following information on road/ bridleway closures had been received:

- Bridleway 26, Holburn no 2 Footbridge - from 28th February 2010 for 6 months
- Unclassified Victoria Court, Ushaw Moor - 1st March for 5 days
- Durham Road, Esh Winning from 8th March for 9 weeks - closure implemented when necessary during this period for filming works to be carried out on the George Gently TV series.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

340. CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND

A letter had been received regarding proposals for wind turbines in Teesdale.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

341. BUS SHELTER, ESH WINNING

The bus shelter at Station Avenue referred to at the last meeting is actually the shelter that is located at Durham Road, Esh Winning. The shelter is being used by youths. Councillor Wilkinson is liaising with the Police regarding a possible solution.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

Councillor Wilkinson also raised the issue of the Youth Club which uses Woodland Road Community Hall as its venue. Youths had been allowed to access the building on a Sunday - they had pressed the door access system and were allowed in by Control at Durham County Council. The youths then caused damage to the Hall. As a result the Youth Club is now longer allowed to use the building.

RESOLVED: To write to Durham County Council regarding the use of a pass number to gain entrance to the building.

342. EARLY WARNING NETWORK

Early warning network notices had been received.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

343. ST. ANDREWS YOUTH CLUB, BRANDON

A copy of the annual report and newsletter had been received.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

344. THANK YOU LETTERS

St. John's Church

RESOLVED: To receive the letter.