

BRANDON AND BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL

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

**6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM
ON FRIDAY 18TH JUNE 2010 AT 6.30 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor T Akins (in the Chair)

and Councillors Bell, Mrs Bonner, Mrs Catterson, Mrs Gates, Grantham, Jones, Kelley, Nelson, Nolan, Smith, Stoddart, Turnbull, Venn, Wilkinson and Mrs Wilkinson

41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from Councillor Turnbull - Item number 6 on Clerks Report - Brandon Community Partnership

42. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no questions from the public

43. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Allen, Dowsey, Mrs Kitching, Mrs Smith and Taylor.

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

44. MINUTES OF AGM HELD ON 21ST MAY 2010

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

45. MINUTES OF ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 1ST JUNE 2010

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

46. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 2ND JUNE 2010

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

47. PRESENTATION OF DONATIONS

The Chairman presented a donation to the following:

New Brancepeth Homing Society

48. POLICE

The Police presented a report of crime throughout the Parish.

The Council held a minute's silence in memory of Councillor Ronnie Rodgers

49. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

- Cabinet agreed Area Enforcement Plan
- Possible new system for Housing Revenue Account

RESOLVED: To receive the report.

50. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING

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

Planning permission had been granted for:

- Proposed change of use from dwelling to dental surgery (Class D1) and erection of single storey flat roof extension to rear of existing building at 2 Station Avenue, Esh Winning for Burgess Hyder Group.
- Proposed variation of the condition requiring compliance with approved plans attached by non-material amendment application 10/00236/NMA, to approval 08/00913/FPA, for retrospective consent for alterations to the east gable of the approved development, consisting alterations in roof and gable design, and a reduction in volume at land at Middlewood, Ushaw Moor for Brett Bros 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 features to form 20no. residential units for older residents, with external works including provision of car parking spaces at Memorial Hall, Brandon Road, Esh Winning for Brett Brothers Developments.
- Proposed erection of 4no. two storey terraced dwellings at Vacant land former site of Station Hotel, Station Road, Ushaw Moor for J Smith.

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

RESOLVED: To take for information and to submit an objection for application number 4/10/00360/FPA - 21 Lowland Road, Brandon on the grounds of loss of privacy and amenity and out of character with surrounding area.

51 CDALC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Nominations of candidates for the following positions were requested

President

Three Vice Presidents

Honorary Treasurer

Honorary Auditor

RESOLVED: To support nomination of existing post holders.

52. COUNTY DURHAM PLAN CORE STRATEGY ISSUES AND OPTIONS REPORT

Durham County Council has consulted the Parish Council on the County Durham Plan - Issues and Options Paper. Consultation ends on 6th August 2010.

RESOLVED: To arrange a working group to meet before the next Parish Council meeting to formulate a response to Durham County Council

53. DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

a) Butterwick Hospice

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

RESOLVED: To donate £450 in this instance (£100 each, Brandon, New Brancepeth and Esh Winning, £50 each Langley Moor, Meadowfield and Ushaw Moor) (Power of Well Being)

b) Silver Courts Over 60's

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

RESOLVED: To donate £200 in this instance (Brandon Ward) (Power of Well Being)

c) New Brancpeth F.C.

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

RESOLVED: To pay the pitch fee from coming season (New Brancepeth) (LG (Misc Prov Act) 1976 Sec. 19)

d) Durham Horticultural & Craft Show

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

RESOLVED: To pay £550 in this instance (£100 each Brandon, Langley Moor, Meadowfield, New Brancepeth and Ushaw Moor, £50 Esh Winning) (Power of Well Being)

e) County Durham Society for the Blind & Partially Sighted

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

RESOLVED: To pay one months subscription £1667 (Central Fund) (Power of Well-Being)

53. DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION (Cont.)

f) Brandon United F.C

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

RESOLVED: To pledge support for February 2011 and to request an update from the Club's representative (LG (Misc Prov Act) 1976 Sec 19)

g) Friends of Brandon Park

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

RESOLVED: To pay the Insurance £185 (Brandon Ward) (Power of Well-Being)

h) Finchale Training College

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

RESOLVED: To donate £550 in this instance (£100 each, Brandon, Langley Moor, New Brancepeth, Ushaw Moor and Esh Winning, £50 Meadowfield) (Power of Well-Being)

54. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION POLICY

The policy was presented to Council for review.

RESOLVED: To approve the policy without amendment.

55. CIVIC FUNCTIONS

Approval was requested for the Chairman/Vice Chairman to attend the following:

St John Ambulance	Annual Service-Cathedral	13.6.10
Chilton T.C.	Charity evening	25.6.10
Spennymoor T.C.	Mayoress At Home	26.6.10
Peterlee T.C.	Mayor At home	2.7.10
Peterlee T.C.	Mayor's Civic Service	11.7.10

RESOLVED: To approve the functions.

56. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Authorisation was requested to pay the accounts amounting to £10,786.11.

RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the accounts.

57. ALLOTMENTS

a) Quarterly Allotment Report for approval

The quarterly allotment report was presented to Council for approval.

RESOLVED: To approve the report.

b) Commercial Street

A request for skip had been made by a prospective tenant of plot number 30 and whether the Parish Council could repair or replace some of the boundary fence.

RESOLVED: To arrange for a skip and quotation for replacement fencing.

58. DIRECT INFORMATION SERVICE

Issue 732 was available at the meeting.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

59. COUNTY DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Information had been received on the following:

- a) NALC Bulletin
- b) Executive Committee meeting 2nd June 2010 - Minutes of last meeting on 3rd March 2010
- c) 2010 County Durham Survey of Residents
- d) Youth Opportunities Fund 2010-11.
- e) VAT

RESOLVED: To take for information.

60. BROOMPARK - SPEEDING

A site meeting had been arranged with Durham County Council, the Police and Councillor Chaplow on Tuesday 15th June 2010 at 11.30 am to discuss the issue of speeding through the village. A residents meeting took place on 8th June 2010 at the Loves regarding speeding.

The Clerk reported that the result of the meeting was as follows:

- Police could not support a reduction in speed limit to 30 mph but Durham County Council suggested looking into possible of moving 40 mph sign further out of village.
- Durham County Council to look at possible of widening footpath by cutting back vegetation nearer to the hedgerow.

61. BROWNEY VILLAGE GREEN

A meeting was held on 14th June 2010 at 10.00 am in the Council Offices to discuss proposals for the above. A suggested plan included parking, wall, paved area, seating, planting. The Clerk informed the meeting that car parking was not allowed on village greens.

RESOLVED: That Groundwork North East would check the legalities of some of the proposals before further consultation takes place.

62. INTERNAL AUDIT 2009 - 2010

The Internal Audit report for 2009/10 was presented to Council.

RESOLVED: To receive the report.

63. BRANDON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of meeting held on 2nd June had been received. The next meeting would be held on 7th July 2010 at 6.00 pm in Brandon Cricket Club.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

64. MID DURHAM AAP

The following information had been received:

- a) Forum event 9th June 2010 at the Endowed Parochial Primary School in Lanchester
- b) Information on Community Speed Watch and use of Speed Indicator Devices
- c) Minutes of Board meeting held on 19th May 2010

RESOLVED: To take for information..

65. BRANDON VILLAGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of meetings held on 26th April and 24th May 2010 had been received. A meeting had been held with Durham County Council and the AAP Co-ordinator on 27th May 2010, following the Association's approach to Durham County Council about a CPO. The outcome of the meeting was a proposal by Durham County Council that the Parish Council write to Whitbread asking for specific legal costs involved in locating the deeds and whether the land could be gifted or sold to Parish Council.

RESOLVED: To act on the above proposal.

66. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

Information had been received on the following:

- a) Notification of construction of parking bays at Oakridge Road, Ushaw Moor. Works expected to begin in August.
- b) Brandon Lane - maintenance of surface
- c) Civil Parking Enforcement

RESOLVED: To take for information

Standing Orders were suspended whilst the Chairman presented a donation to 1st Meadowfield Guides.

67. ARRIVA

May 2010 update had been received.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

68. ESH WINNING YOUTH CLUB

Durham County Council, had informed the Parish Council that no problems had been reported with the Youth Club recently.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

69. SCHOOLS' PAINTING COMPETITION

The Chairman of Durham County Council had been invited to judge the competition on Tuesday 6th July 2010 at 7.00 pm in the Council Offices.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

70. THANK YOU LETTERS

The Mayor of Durham - Chairman's Charity Evening

RESOLVED: To receive the letter.

The meeting closed at 6.40 pm.