

BRANDON AND BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL

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

**6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM
ON FRIDAY 16TH JULY 2010 AT 6.30 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor T Akins (in the Chair)

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

71. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from:

Councillor Turnbull - Brandon Community Partnership - Clerk's Report

- Brandon School - Planning Application - Agenda Item 9

Councillor Mrs Gates - Silver Trees School, Ushaw Moor - Request for planters - Agenda Item 16

RESOLVED: To accept the declarations

72. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

73. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Allen, Catterson, Dowsey and Kitching.

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

74. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18TH JUNE 2010

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

75. PRESENTATION OF DONATIONS

The Chairman presented donations to the following:

County Durham Society for the Blind and Partially Sighted

Finchale Training College

Silver Courts

Durham Horticultural and Craft Show

76. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES TO PAINTING COMPETITION WINNERS

The Chairman presented trophies to the following:

Zane Murray	Nursery	Brandon Nursery
Abigail Seymour } Joint	Reception	Langley Moor Primary
Aidan Russell } Winners	Reception	Silver Trees, Ushaw Moor
Romane Zeze	Years 1 & 2	St. Joseph's, Ushaw Moor
Sally Robson	Years 3 & 4	Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Esh Winning
Catherine Traynor	Years 5 & 6	St Patrick's, Langley Moor

77. POLICE REPORT

The Police gave a report on crime throughout the Parish. Members also requested that the Police look into the following:

Brandon Park - concerns about youths drinking late at night into early morning. Report of car speeding along back lane near to Brandon Football Club.

Esh Winning - youths drinking in field at bottom of Billy Bell's bank near bridge.

RESOLVED: To receive the report.

78. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

Councillor Taylor reported the following:

Coalition government say Durham County Council must save up to £18m.

Spending review to take place in October with expected cuts of 25-33% in services.

Building Schools for Future - Gilesgate and Belmont schools cut

- Esh Winning and Brandon schools hopefully to proceed

Merger of Durham and Northumbria Police could mean loss of 185 officers, 50 of which from Durham.

Consultation continues on County Durham Plan.

Review of Oversteeds House and Brandon House - figures show that homes may be closed.

Housing Revenue Account abolished - new system in place by April 2011.

Councillor Wilkinson reported that a new County Treasurer had been appointed.

RESOLVED: To receive the reports and to write to Durham County Council highlighting the concerns of the Parish Council about possible closure of Brandon House.

79. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING

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

The application for proposed development at Broom Hall Farm, Broom Crescent, Ushaw Moor for Mr M Moore had been withdrawn.

79. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (Cont.)

RESOLVED: To send letters of support for applications for Brandon Junior School (application number 928/4/104(8) and Esh Winning Primary School (application number 928/4/216(3)

80. COUNTY DURHAM PLAN-ISSUES AND OPTIONS PAPER

Copies of the County Durham Plan, Housing Strategy, Settlement Study and Greenbelt Assessment Scoping Paper had been received from Durham County Council for consultation. A working group was held on 9th July 2010 to formulate a response to the County Durham Plan Issues and Options Paper.

RESOLVED: To respond to the Issues and Options Paper based on the comments from the working group pointing out that

- a) A mixture of Option A & B was necessary in order that villages should not be overlooked.
- b) To point out to Durham County Council that Browney had been omitted from the Settlement Study.
- c) To arrange a working group to discuss the Housing Strategy.

81. TRAINING COURSES-APPROVAL OF DELEGATES

- a) National Association of Councillors- Training Courses 2010/11 for approval

RESOLVED: To approve the courses and to book Councillors Grantham and Kelly on 'Diversity and Media Course on 24th September 2010.

- b) Risk Management Training, 16th September 2010

RESOLVED: Any interested Members to inform the Clerk.

- c) Courses run by Durham County Council

RESOLVED: To approve the courses and to agenda appropriate courses when necessary.

82. DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

a) Meadowfield & Langley Moor Over 60's

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

RESOLVED: To donate £250 in this instance (£100 each Brandon and Meadowfield, £50 Langley Moor Ward) (Power of Well being)

82. DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION (Cont.)

b) Esh Winning Cricket Club F.C.

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

RESOLVED: To donate £100 in this instance (Esh Winning Ward) (LG (Misc Prov Act) 1976 Sec. 19).

c) Deerness Rescue Centre, Langley Moor

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

RESOLVED: To donate £350 in this instance (£50 each New Brancepeth, Esh Winning, Brandon and Meadowfield, £150 Langley Moor Ward) (Power of Well Being)

d) Mayor of Durham's Appeal Fund 2010/11

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

RESOLVED: To donate £175 in this instance (£25 each Brandon, Langley Moor, Meadowfield, New Brancepeth and Ushaw Moor £50 Esh Winning Ward)(Power of Well Being)

83. REVIEW OF POLICIES FOR APPROVAL

a) Health & Safety

RESOLVED: To approve the policy and to add Councillors Grantham and Turnbull as responsible members for Health and Safety.

b) Members Allowances

RESOLVED: To increase allowances by rate of inflation (3.2%)

c) Sickness Absence Policy

RESOLVED: To delete 'this is basically to keep you informed of what is happening at work' on page 2 under 'Communication'.

d) Complaints Procedure

RESOLVED: To approve the policy

84. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts amounting to £15,824.56

RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the accounts.

85. CIVIC FUNCTIONS FOR APPROVAL

Ferryhill T.C	Charity night	30.7.2010
Durham County Council	Civic Dinner	2.9.2010
Chilton T.C.	Charity evening	10.9.2010
Spennymoor T.C.	Charity evening	1.10.2010

RESOLVED: To approve the functions (LG Act 1972 Sec 111)

86. REQUEST FROM SILVER TREES PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Headteacher of the above school had requested that the Parish Council consider providing 2 tubs for children to plant with bulbs which would be located next to the Roundy opposite the school.

RESOLVED: To provide 2 tubs and bulbs for the school

87. PROVISION OF PLANTER AT SILVER TREES, WHITEHOUSE LANE

The Ward Members were requested to consider the purchase of a planter for the above location.

RESOLVED: To purchase a 2 tier planter from Plantscape at a cost of £429 plus delivery.

88. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACT

A request to support Early Day Motion 178 had been received.

RESOLVED: To support the request.

89. ALLOTMENTS

High Meadowfield

A tenant of the allotment has complained about an accumulation of rubbish next to his plot.

RESOLVED: To arrange a site visit with Ward Members and report to Allotment Committee.

Broompark

A fire on plot numbers 4 and 5 allotments had burnt out the tenant's shed and affected large oak tree situated on the plot. The tenant had requested if the Parish Council would consider providing a skip in order to remove the remains of the shed. The tree would require work costing £100 to make it safe.

RESOLVED: To organise a skip and authorise the work to the tree.

90. DIRECT INFORMATION SERVICE

Issue 737 had been received.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

91. COUNTY DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Information has been received on the following:

a) Funding Possibilities

RESOLVED: To take for information.

b) Newsletter

RESOLVED: To take for information.

c) 'Being a Good Employer' - Guide for Parish and Town Councillors

RESOLVED: To take for information.

d) Community Infrastructure Levy

RESOLVED: To take for information.

e) Nalc - E bulletin

RESOLVED: To take for information.

f) Nalc - Events bulletin

RESOLVED: To take for information.

g) County Durham Compact

RESOLVED: To take for information.

i) Standards for England - Parish Council Compact

RESOLVED: To take for information.

92. EARLY WARNING NETWORK

Reports had been received from the above which were available at the meeting.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

93. COMMUNITY HIGHWAYS WORKER

The working group met on 15th June 2010

RESOLVED: To take for information.

94. BRANDON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd June 2010 had been received. The next meeting would be held on 4th August 2010 at 6 pm in Brandon Cricket Club.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

95. MID DURHAM AAP

a) Next Board meeting 14th July 2010 6 pm - 8 pm in Quebec Village Hall.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

b) Minutes of Board meeting held on 19th May 2010 had been received.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

c) Piece of land - New Brancepeth

RESOLVED: To take for information.

d) SIDs now available for use

RESOLVED: That Members inform the Clerk of locations of concern and ask police to include statistics of locations on monthly police report.

e) Summary of Forum held on 9th June 2010.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

96. THANK YOU LETTERS

Finchale Training College
New Brancepeth Homing Society

RESOLVED: To take for information.

97. PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP

Proposals for improvement to PROW 68a New Brancepeth to Brandon Village had been agreed with Durham County Council and the Council was required to approve quotation for installation of spring back gate to replace stile.

RESOLVED: To approve the quotation supplied by Northern Dales Fencing.
The meeting closed at 7.55 pm