

BRANDON AND BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL

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

**6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM
ON FRIDAY 21ST JANUARY 2011 AT 6.30 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor T Akins (in the Chair)
and Councillors Bell, Mrs Catterson, Mrs Gates, Grantham, Jones, Kelley, Nelson, Smith,
Mrs Smith, Stoddart, Turnbull, Venn, Wilkinson and Mrs Wilkinson

206. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

207. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

208. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Bonner, Dowsey and Mrs Kitching.

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

209. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 17TH DECEMBER 2010

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

210. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 5TH JANUARY 2011

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

211. PRESENTATION OF DONATIONS

The Chairman presented donations to the following:

Broadgate Farm

Lourdes Fund

Alexandra Knowld, local gymnast, reported on her success in the world championships

212. POLICE

The Police were not present but had sent a written report of crime throughout the Parish.

213. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

- Councillor Turnbull reported that he had supported the following projects through his Members Initiative fund.
 - a) Ice skating trip for youngsters of the area
 - b) Yellow lines outside Doctors Surgery
 - c) Repair of roads
- Complaints have been raised by residents regarding planning application for Stoneacre Garage
- Concerns raised about highway outside Meadowfield Sports Centre - splitting up.
- Arriva bus services - subsidies cut by Government
- Recent bus consultation - emerged that Sunday services are not essential
- Taxi Licensing Policy - result 1 zone with 1 colour (white), taking away deregulation.

214. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING – APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

List of approvals and refusals had been received.

An objection had been lodged to the application at Manchester House, Brandon on the grounds that the amount of signage is unnecessary, unsightly and detrimental to the visual amenity of the area.

RESOLVED: To object to the application at Stoneacre Garage on the following grounds:

- Land should be used as a parking area for staff and customer cars in order to alleviate congestion on Sawmills Lane
- Following long negotiations over past few years between Stoneacre, Police, County and Parish Councils and members of the local community, it was understood that the land would not be used as a forecourt for sale of vehicles.
- Applications in its present form would exacerbate existing problems with parking on Sawmills Lane and compromise the safety of the local community.

215. INVITATION TO NOMINATE GUESTS TO ROYAL GARDEN PARTY

Nominations for the Royal Garden Party. were requested.

RESOLVED: To nominate the Chairman.

216. APPROVAL OF DELEGATES FOR FREE WORKSHOP ON 22ND MARCH 2011.

A workshop on works of Local Councils would be held on 22nd March 2011 at The Thistle Hotel, Middlesbrough. Two free places available.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk and the Chairman attend.

217. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL- INVITATION TO COMMENT ON DRAFT SEX ESTABLISHMENT/ENTERTAINMENT VENUE LICENSING POLICY

RESOLVED: To receive the document.

218. DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

a) ACTION FOR CHILDREN

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

RESOLVED: To donate £300 in this instance (£50 each Ward) (Power of Well-Being)

219. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Authorisation was requested to pay the accounts amounting to £26,219.68.

RESOLVED: To pay the accounts amounting to £26,219.68.

220. ALLOTMENTS

Permission requested to erect shed and fence on Plot 6 Durham Road allotments. Shed will be made of rough sawn timber 6' x 4'; fence will be treated timber no more than 1.5m high.

RESOLVED: To grant permission but to stipulate structure to be removed when tenant vacates.

Item 16 was withdrawn from the Agenda.

221. CIVIC FUNCTIONS FOR APPROVAL

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

Durham County Council	Charity evening (TBC)	26.1.2011
Spennymoor T.C.	Cabaret evening	29.1.2011
Bishop Auckland T.C.	Charity Ball	5.2.2011
Chilton T.C.	Charity night	11.2.2011
Peterlee T.C.	Charity evening	11.2.2011

RESOLVED: To approve the functions.

222. TRAINING COURSE

The Clerk requested that Members consider the approval of delegates to a training course 'Energy, Transport and The Environment' 11-13th February 2011, at Lytham St. Anne's.

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

223. REPORT OF CLERK

The Clerk presented a report to Council for information. The following issues arose:

GREAT POPPY WEEKEND

RESOLVED: To contact the Secretary of the local Royal British Legion Club to find out if they are planning an event.