

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 FEBRUARY 2011 AT 6.30 PM**

PRESENT

**Councillor T Akins (in the Chair)
and Councillors Allen, Bell, Dowsey, Mrs Gates, Grantham, Nelson, Smith, Mrs Smith,
Stoddart, Taylor, Turnbull, Venn, Wilkinson and Mrs Wilkinson**

225. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

226. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

227. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Bonner, Mrs Catterson, Jones, Kelley and Kitching.

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

228. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 21ST JANUARY 2011

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

229. STEVEN STOCKS - NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN

Steven Stocks, Neighbourhood Warden introduced himself to the Council and informed Members that from 1st March 2011 he would be responsible for all of the villages in the Parish Council. Steven took the following issues from the meeting:

- Ushaw Moor - litter at corner of Sure Start, Durham Road
- dog fouling throughout village, especially on main street
- New Brancepeth - litter outside Primary School
dog fouling - Fairfalls Terrace
- Esh Winning - car parked on side road next to Co-op Store for nearly 6 weeks

The Chairman thanked Steven for his attendance.

230. PRESENTATION OF DONATIONS

The Chairman presented a donation to the following:

Action for Children

231. POLICE

The Police were not present.

232. UNITARY COUNCILLORS REPORT

The following issues were raised:

- 33% cuts to be made across the board
- Durham County Council doing all they can to rectify pot holes in roads - money an issue
- Sports Centres under threat of closure
- Annand House to be closed as Information Centre

233. 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.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

**234. APPROVAL OF DELEGATES FOR TRAINING COURSE ‘DATA PROTECTION’
9TH MARCH 2011**

RESOLVED: That Councillors Bell, Mrs Gates and the Clerk attend (LG Act 1972 Sec. 111)

235. BRANDON & BROWNEY BANNER COMMUNITY GROUP

A letter had been received requesting the support of the Parish Council when applying for grants for the banner.

RESOLVED: To forward a letter of support to the Group

236. COUNTY DURHAM & DARLINGTON FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

The Fire Service’s Integrated Risk Management Plan had been received for comment.

RESOLVED: To support contents of Plan.

237. REVIEW OF CRÈCHE SERVICE AT MEADOWFIELD SPORTS CENTRE

Invitation had been received to comment on the above.

RESOLVED: To send a letter of support for retention of the crèche facility.

238. DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

a) BRANDON UNITED F.C

A request for a donation towards refurbishment of changing room facilities had been received.

RESOLVED: To pledge support for the 2nd phase of the project, the changing rooms. To request that the Club contact the Parish Council again when a decision has been made whether to renew or repair existing facilities and when other grant funding is in place.

b) BRANDON CRICKET CLUB

A request for a donation towards practice cages had been received.

RESOLVED: To donate £500 in this instance (Brandon Ward) (Misc Prov Act 1976 Sec 19)

c) BROOMPARK & DISTRICT W.I.

A request for a donation towards purchase of a notice board for Broompark Village had been received.

RESOLVED: To donate £400 in this instance (Ushaw Moor Ward) (Power of Well Being)

d) 5TH DURHAM SCOUT GROUP

A request for a donation had been received towards a project to enhance the area around Brandon Community Hall where they meet.

RESOLVED: To donate £500 in this instance (Brandon Ward) (Misc Prov Act 1972 Sec 19)

e) ESH WINNING LIBRARY EASTER EGG COMPETITION

A request for a donation had been received towards prizes for the annual Easter Egg competition.

RESOLVED: To donate £275 in this instance (Esh Winning Ward) (Power of Well Being)

239. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Authorisation was requested to pay the accounts amounting to £22,989.94.

RESOLVED: To authorise payments of the accounts.

240. CIVIC FUNCTIONS FOR APPROVAL

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

Peterlee T.C	Charity night	24.3.11
Ferryhill T.C	Charity night	26.3.11
Ferryhill T.C.	Mayor's Dinner	15.4.11

RESOLVED: To approve attendance (LG Act 1972 Sec 111).

241. REPORT OF CLERK

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

- **DOG POOH BAGS**

RESOLVED: To ascertain the price of providing these.

- **PROW 64 - USHAW MOOR**

RESOLVED: To write to Durham County Council regarding the poor condition of the above PROW.

- **COMMUNITY HIGHWAYS WORKER**

Members informed the Clerk that some of the potholes, which had been reported at the last Community Highways Worker group, had not been repaired.

RESOLVED: To contact the Highways Inspector.

- **BROOMPARK & DISTRICT WI**

A letter had been received highlighting residents concerns regarding possible future closure of The Loves, Broompark.

RESOLVED: To inform the group that the Parish Council will support the community in their efforts to keep the Pub if and when closure is threatened.

- **COMMERCIAL STREET ALLOTMENTS**

The Clerk requested the Council begin procedures to form an Allotment Association at Commercial Street.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contacts the tenant who expressed an interest to organise a meeting.