

BRANDON AND BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS
6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM
ON FRIDAY 15TH APRIL 2011 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT

Councillor B Nelson (in the Chair)
and Councillors Allen, Bell, Mrs Bonner, Mrs Catterson, Mrs Gates, Grantham, Jones,
Kelley, Mrs Smith, Stoddart, Taylor, Turnbull, Wilkinson and Mrs Wilkinson.

266. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

267. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

268. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Akins, Dowsey, Mrs Kitching and Venn

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

269. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18TH MARCH 2011

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

270. PRESENTATION OF DONATIONS

The Chairman presented donations to the following:

CAB
Great North Air Ambulance
Ushaw Moor Community Association

271. POLICE REPORT

There were no police in attendance but a written report had been received.

272. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

The following items were included in the report:

- Home to School Transport Consultation
- Day Care Services - £3.2m savings required
- Bus timetable changes by Arriva with effect from 17th April 2011
- Oversteads and Brandon House - organisations expressed interest in taking over
- Durham County Council systematic approach to dealing with the numerous pot holes around County
- Stoneacre site - plans for yellow lines and bollards being considered by Highways Committee
- Investigation requested into traffic at Lloyds Bank corner in Langley Moor. Possibility of traffic wardens.

273. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING –APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Extracts from planning application lists had been forwarded to the appropriate Ward Councillors. Permissions and refusals had been received.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

274. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL- CONSULTATION ON THE FOLLOWING:

a) Community Alarms and Telecare services

RESOLVED: That Members complete questionnaires.

b) Draft of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan for County Durham

RESOLVED: To inform Durham County Council that some of the stiles on PROW in New Brancepeth have had extra pieces of wood attached therefore are more difficult to negotiate.

c) Proposed Changes to the Home to School/College Transport Policy

RESOLVED: To set up a working group to discuss a response to the consultation made up of Councillors J Wilkinson, Bonner, Gates, Allen Akins and Mrs Smith.

d) Deerness Leisure Centre

RESOLVED: A working group of the Parish Council had met on 12th April 2011 and agreed on a response to the consultation. An Action Group had been set up comprising Members of the Parish Council, Unitary Members and representatives of the Gymnastics Club. The Action Group had met on 24th March 2011 and were working to keep the centre open.

275. APPROVAL FOR CLERK TO ATTEND SLCC BRANCH CONFERENCE ON 19TH MAY 2011

RESOLVED: Approval was granted for the Clerk to attend the above conference at a cost of £40 (LG Act 1972 Sec 111).

276. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL- REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR USHAW MOOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SURVEY

At a meeting held on Friday 1st April 2011 regarding the Ushaw Moor Gateway project the issue of the possibility of a pedestrian crossing at Ushaw Moor was raised. However Durham County no longer has a budget for surveys therefore a request for funding from the Parish Council had been received.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council contributes 50% of the funding.

277. BRANDON & BROWNEY BANNER GROUP

Request for permission to parade Browney Banner at Durham Miners' Gala on 9th July 2011 had been requested from the above group.

RESOLVED: To grant permission to parade the banner and to inform the Parish Council's Insurance Company.

278. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

A letter had been received enquiring whether the Parish Council has any interest in land at Blair Court, Langley Moor.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council were not interested in purchasing the land, however, to inform the County Council that the Parish Council has a seat on the land.

279. DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

a) DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL BEAUTIFUL DURHAM COMPETITION

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

RESOLVED: To donate £60 in this instance (£10 each Ward) (Power of Well Being)

b) DURHAM MINERS GALA

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

RESOLVED: To place a full-page advert in the brochure (Power of Well Being)

c) BRANDON & MEADOWFIELD BRITISH LEGION CLUB

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

279. DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION (Cont.)

c) BRANDON & MEADOWFIELD BRITISH LEGION CLUB (Con.t)

RESOLVED: To donate £650 in this instance (£300 Brandon Ward, £100 each Langley Moor and Meadowfield, £50 each Ushaw Moor, New Brancepeth and Esh Winning) (Power of Well Being)

d) BRANDON BRITISH LEGION FOOTBALL CLUB

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

RESOLVED: To donate £350 in this instance (£250 Brandon, £50 each Meadowfield and Langley Moor Wards) (LG (Misc Prov Act 1976 Sec 19))

e) VICTIM SUPPORT

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

RESOLVED: To donate £200 in this instance (Between six Wards) (Power of Well Being)

280. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts amounting to £13,927.93

RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the accounts.

281. CIVIC FUNCTIONS FOR APPROVAL

Ferryhill T.C.	Charity evening	9.4.11
Shildon T.C.	Charity evening	13.5.11

RESOLVED: To approve the functions

282. CLERK'S REPORT

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

- **N.A.C**

RESOLVED: To send a letter of support for Council Nelson's application for Branch Secretary.

- **Dog Pooh Bags**

The bags priced at £6.62 + VAT per 1,000 were out of stock, therefore a standard 15 micron bag would be £7.14 + VAT per 1,000. The bags would be available week commencing 18th April 2011.

RESOLVED: To purchase the bags at the extra cost.

282. **CLERK'S REPORT (Cont.)**

- **Data Protection**

RESOLVED: To register the Parish Council for Date Protection at a cost of £35 per annum.

- **Broompark Speed Campaign**

At a meeting held on 14th April 2012 at The Loves concerning the above, it was agreed that a 30 mph limit would be imposed on the stretch of highway going through Broompark.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

