

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 JULY 2011 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT

Councillor B Nelson (in the Chair)

and Councillors Akins, Bell, Dowsey, Mrs Gates, Grantham, Jones, Kelley, Mrs Kitching, Mrs Leckenby, Mrs Smith, Stoddart, Taylor, Turnbull, Mrs Wilkinson, Wilkinson

50. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from the following:

Councillors Grantham, Kelley and Turnbull Item number 11 on Clerk's Report - Durham City Homes

Councillors Grantham, Nelson and Mrs Leckenby Item number 10 - Town & Country Planning - Brandon Community Hall

RESOLVED: To receive the declarations.

51. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no questions from the public.

52. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Allen, Bonner, Catterson and Rippin.

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

53. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17TH JUNE 2011

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

54. PRESENTATION OF DONATIONS

The Chairman presented donations to the following:

Butterwick Hospice
County Durham Society for the Blind
Crimestoppers
Durham Horticultural & Craft Show
Durham Youth Under 14 F.C.
Silver Courts
St. Luke's Church

55. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES TO PAINTING COMPETITION WINNERS

The Chairman presented trophies to winners of the Schools' Painting Competition

Nursery	Maddison Willey	New Brancepeth Nursery
Reception	Eva Brunskill	Langley Moor Primary
Years 1 & 2	Katelyn Crooks	New Brancepeth Primary
Years 3 & 4	Miguel Yasis	St.Joseph's, Ushaw Moor
Years 5 & 6	Erin Moore	Brandon Primary

56. POLICE

There were no Police in attendance.

57. ANDY COULTHARD - MID DURHAM AAP

Andy gave a short presentation which highlighted ways that Parish Councils can work together with AAP on projects beneficial to local community. Projects around road safety, support for Chairman and Young People, support for Voluntary Sector and older people have been developed and work continues on these. 62 groups have so far applied to Small Grants Fund.

Councillor Stoddart expressed support for the playsite project at Ushaw Moor and hope the Parish Council could support the project financially.

The Chairman thanked Andy for his presentation.

58. UNITARY COUNCILLORS REPORT

The following items were included in the report:

Consultation on proposed closure of Leisure Centres - subject to full Council approval, Deerness would be kept open as Gym Club, Coxhoe would be under new management, Abbey would continue with reduced hours, Ferryhill, Glenholme and Sherburn would close. Housing Stock Options Appraisal - possible re-organisation of existing management systems.

Stoneacre application before Committee on 19th July 2011

Killhope - Awarded Learning Outside Classroom Badge.

PROW improvements made to plan.

Road repairs are scheduled for A690 Langley Moor.

Councillor Wilkinson proposed that thanks should be conveyed to K Wharton and A Bonner for their work on Deerness Leisure Centre.

RESOLVED: To agenda the above proposal for September meeting.

59. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING – APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

Plans are held in the office for Application seeking new planning permission to replace extant permission 4/07/01098(outline application for residential development including details of siting and means of access) in order to extend period of implementation, land at Fairview Stables, Esh Winning for Mrs. A Carroll.

Planning permission has been granted for the formation of a community garden at St. Joseph's Presbytery, Ushaw Moor for Ushaw Moor Action Group.

RESOLVED: To take for information and send a letter of support for application 4/11/00330 Double garage build on existing driveway to tie in with existing out buildings, Park Lodge, New Brancepeth, Durham for Mr R Veitch

60. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL-CONSULTATION ON REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS & POLLING PLACES

The above had been received for comments.

RESOLVED: To reply indicating no proposals for new Polling Districts or places but to suggest use of Brandon Community Hall, if at some stage Murray Independent Chapel or St. Andrews prove no longer suitable.

61. CODE OF CONDUCT REQUIREMENTS POST STANDARDS FOR ENGLAND ABOLITION

CDALC Executive Committee Members have requested views on the above

RESOLVED: To respond indicating that the Parish Council agree with NALC's view that a new voluntary code should not be introduced and that the Nolan Principles should be embraced.

62. CDALC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Request for nominations for positions of Vice Presidents (3), Honorary Auditor and Honorary Treasurer had been received.

RESOLVED: To nominate Councillor Bell for Vice President and to leave the remaining nominations to the delegates present on the day.

63. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL- LAND ADJACENT TO 49 DORLONCO VILLAS

A letter had been received from Durham County Council enquiring whether the Parish Council were interested in the above land.

RESOLVED: To inform Durham County Council that the Parish Council has no interest in the land.

64. DURHAM FEDERATION STUDIO SCHOOL CONSULTATION

Invitation to comment on the above has been received.

RESOLVED: To fully support the proposals.

65. DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

a) Meadowfield & Langley Moor Over 60's

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

RESOLVED: To donate £300 in this instance (Brandon, Meadowfield and Langley Moor Wards) (Power of Well Being)

b) County of Durham School Benevolent Fund

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

RESOLVED: To donate £340 in this instance (£60 each, Brandon, Meadowfield, New Brancepeth and Esh Winning, £50 each, Langley Moor and Ushaw Moor Wards) (Power of Well Being)

c) Esh Winning F. C

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

RESOLVED: To donate £200 in this instance, on receipt of a balance sheet (Esh Winning Ward) (LG (Misc Prov Act) 976 Sec. 19).

66. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF POLICIES

- a) Members Allowances
- b) Community Engagement-Statement of Intent

RESOLVED: a) To adopt Durham County Council's current rates
b) To approve Community Engagement - Statement of Intent

67. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Authorisation was requested to pay the accounts amounting to £17,601.86

RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the accounts.

68. BOUNDARY COMMITTEE REVIEW OF COUNTY DURHAM ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS

A working group was held on 7th July 2011 to discuss the above.

RESOLVED: To respond to the review based on the recommendations of the working group summarised as follows:

- To agree the proposal for 2 Member Brandon Division to include Langley Moor ward
- To propose 1 member ward for Esh Winning to include Waterhouses and Hamsteels Estate
- To propose a 2 member division for Ushaw Moor and Bearpark
- To agree with proposal that Brandon and Byshottles Parish Council should comprise 21 Councillors representing 6 wards, the number of Councillor per ward to remain as at present

69. CIVIC FUNCTIONS FOR APPROVAL

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

Ramside Golf Club	Help the Heroes concert	7.8.11
Peterlee T.C	Peterlee Show	3.9.11
Chilton T.C.	Charity evening	9.9.11
Spennymoor T.C.	Civic service	11.9.11
Durham CC	Civic event & opening of Art Exhibition	12.9.11
Peterlee T.C	Charity evening	15.9.11
Spennymoor T.C.	Sportsman's Dinner	16.9.11
Durham C.C.	Civic Service	18.9.11
Spennymoor T.C.	Charity evening	7.10.11
St Patrick's Church	Centenary Mass	8.10.11

RESOLVED: To approve Chairman/ Vice Chairman's attendance at functions.

70. REPORT OF CLERK

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

CDALC - TRAINING SESSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER/ OCTOBER

RESOLVED: To register 5 places for the above training sessions scheduled for September/ October.

INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

RESOLVED: To receive the report and send a letter of thanks to the Auditor.

70. REPORT OF CLERK (Cont.)

PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE

The 3 recently erected flagpoles at New Brancepeth and Brandon had been added to the insurance policy.

RESOLVED: To approve the above.

MANDATORY WORK ACTIVITY SCHEME

RESOLVED: To obtain further information on the scheme.

MEETING WITH USHAW MOOR ACTION GROUP

A meeting had taken place on 12th July 2011 with a representative of the above group. The purpose of the meeting was to come to an agreement on the best way for the Parish Council and the Group to work together. It was suggested that the Group write to the Parish Council asking for a representative of the Parish Council to attend their meetings. It was also requested that the Group send details of their constitution and dates of meetings

The Parish Council conveyed their support for the Ushaw Moor Community Garden and details of funding for the project were explained by the Ushaw Moor Action Group representative

RESOLVED: To await information from the Ushaw Moor Action Group.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm