

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 SEPTEMBER 2011 AT 6.30 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor T Akins (in the Chair)

and Councillors Bell, Grantham, Jones, Mrs Leckenby, Rippin, Mrs Smith, Stoddart, Taylor, Turnbull, Venn, Mrs Wilkinson and Wilkinson

72. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from Councillors Grantham and Mrs Leckenby Item 16 Brandon Community Hall
Mrs Wilkinson Item 19 on Clerk's Report Esh Winning Residents Group
Councillor Turnbull - Item number 12 on Clerk's Report - Brandon Community Partnership
Councillor Bell - Item number 9 - New Brancepeth Village Hall and Item 15c Ushaw Moor Young Peoples Group

73. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no questions from the public

74. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Allen, Mrs Bonner, Mrs Catterson, Dowsey, Kelley, Mrs Kitching and Nelson. Councillor Mrs Gates was attending a function.

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

75. APPROVAL OF MINUTES HELD ON FRIDAY 15TH JULY 2011

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

**76. APPROVAL OF ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES HELD ON 1ST
SEPTEMBER 2011**

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

77. APPROVAL OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES HELD ON 1ST JUNE 2011

RESOLVED: To add Councillor Mrs Smith's name to those present then approve the minutes as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

78. POLICE

The Police were not present but had sent a report.

RESOLVED: To receive the report and to raise the following concerns:

- Shopwatch scheme in Langley Moor hasn't taken place since February or March
- Issues with family in High Street North, Langley Moor
- Anti-social behaviour at Co-operative Terrace, New Brancepeth

79. REPORT OF UNITARY MEMBERS

Community Building Review by Durham County Council

Allotment Consultation by Durham County Council

Review of priorities for areas with private and rented properties - 8 areas Esh Winning first on the list.

80. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING –APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

Plans held in the office for proposed conversion of public house to dwelling and erection of 2 no. additional dwellings and associated garaging, landscaping and formation of footpath at the Prince Bishop, Brandon Village for Brambledown Landscapes. Ward Members were notified on 27th July 2011.

Planning permission had been granted for the following:

- Proposed double garage on existing driveway to tie in with existing out buildings at Park Lodge, New Brancepeth for Mr R Veitch
- Proposed erection of 3 flagpoles at Brandon Community Hall, Carrside Youth Club and New Brancepeth Village Hall for Brandon & Byshottles Parish Council- permission is for a period of 5 years.
- Proposed reserved matters application seeking approval of details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to application 10/00229 for the erection of 21no. dwellings at land at Ridding Road, Esh Winning for Keepmoat Homes.
- Proposed variation of condition 3 on planning permission 09/00853 for the installation of outdoor gym equipment, seats, tables, bins and goal posts within the existing recreation area at Brandon Welfare Park for Durham County Council

Further planning permissions were available at the meeting.

RESOLVED: To receive the applications.

81. APPROVAL OF DELEGATES FOR TRAINING COURSE

a) **Delivering Safer Communities & Regional AGM 14-16th October 2011 at Carlisle**

RESOLVED: That Councillors Bell, Kelley, Stoddart and Nelson attend with Councillor Grantham as reserve (LG Act 1972 Sec 111)

81. APPROVAL OF DELEGATES FOR TRAINING COURSE (Cont.)

b) Approval of Training programme for 2011/12 requested

RESOLVED: To approve the training programme for 2011/12.

c) 3 C's Training event on 19th October 2011

The Clerk asked for delegates to be named for the 3C's training event on 19th October 2011.

RESOLVED: To approve Councillors Grantham, Leckenby, Nelson, Rippin and the Clerk (LG Act 1972 Sec. 111)

82. PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE REGISTRATION OF NEW TOWN & VILLAGE GREENS

A brief summary of the consultation was presented to Council. Closing date for comments is 17th October 2011.

RESOLVED: To arrange a meeting to formulate a response.

83. EON-CONSULTATION ON THE ISLES WIND FARM PROPOSAL

Invitation to comment on the above by 7th October 2011. Eon's proposal is for a windfarm sited on farmland to the east of Newton Aycliffe comprising of between 25 and 45 wind turbines. The Parish Council has been consulted because it is within 10k of the site boundary.

RESOLVED; To object to the proposal on the grounds of the size of proposed wind farm.

84. ERECTION OF A PERMANENT STRUCTURE TO CROSS GOATBECK STREAM NEAR ANGUS SQUARE, LANGLEY MOOR

A request had been received from a resident for a permanent structure crossing the Goatbeck stream at the above location.

The Clerk explained that Durham County Council had advised against this due to costs (around £20,000).

RESOLVED: To inform the resident that the proposal would be too costly.

85. PROPOSED EXTENSION TO PLAY AREA AT DEERNESS LEISURE CENTRE

During the August recess a request from the AAP was received requesting confirmation of the Parish Council's support for the above.

RESOLVED: To contribute £2,000 towards the project.

86. DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

a) County Durham Stroke Club

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

RESOLVED: To donate £600 in this instance (£100 each Ward) (Power of Well Being)

b) Brandon Sports Club F.C.

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

RESOLVED: To donate £300 in this instance (£200 Brandon, £50 each Langley Moor and Meadowfield) (LG (Misc Prov Act) 1976 Sec 19)

c) Charlie Wilkinson, New Brancepeth-fundraising

A request for a donation had been received regarding the above-named.

RESOLVED: To donate £350 in this instance (£100 Brandon, £50 each Langley Moor, Meadowfield, New Brancepeth, Ushaw Moor and Esh Winning) (Power of Well Being)

87. BRANDON COMMUNITY HALL-REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP FOR PROVISION OF FLOWER BEDS

A request for sponsorship had been received for flowerbeds for the front of the Community Hall.

RESOLVED: To contribute £500 (Brandon Ward).

88. MOTION PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR STODDART WITH REGARD TO DEERNESS LEISURE CENTRE

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Stoddart:

Although Brandon and Byshottles Parish Council' preferred option was to keep the Deerness Leisure Centre open as it was, we applaud Durham County Council's decision to transfer the centre to the world Class Gymnastics Club. Also our sincere thanks go to Roberta Blackman-Woods MP, the Gym Club and the Action Group for their efforts and commitment and for submitting a very well put together bid.

Councillor Grantham seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED: To accept the motion.

89. CIVIC FUNCTIONS FOR APPROVAL

Horden P.C.	Charity night	15.10.11
Peterlee T.C.	Mayor's Ball	4.11.11
Chilton T.C.	Night at the Proms	11.11.11
Spennymoor T.C	Civic Dinner	2.12.11
Spennymoor T.C.	Civic Carol Service	10.11.11
Ferryhill T.C.	Civic Carol Service	12.12.11
Chilton T.C.	Civic Carol service	15.12.11
Spennymoor T.C.	Charity evening	31.12.11

RESOLVED: To approve the Chairman or Vice Chairman to attend the functions (LG Act 1972 (Sec 111))

90. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Authorisation was requested to pay the accounts amounting to £11,657.01

RESOLVED: To approve the accounts.

91. QUARTERLY ALLOTMENT REPORT

The quarterly report was presented for approval.

RESOLVED: To approve the report.

92. REPORT OF CLERK

The Clerk presented the report for information. The following issues arose:

a) COUNTY DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Participatory Budgeting

RESOLVED: The Clerk provide a report on the above before the 2013-14 budget.

b) NALC LARGER LOCAL COUNCILS CONFERENCE 20TH NOVEMBER 2011

RESOLVED: To include the conference in the Council's training programme.

c) QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE

RESOLVED: To obtain prices for the provision of commemorative mugs for the primary school children in the Parish.

92. **REPORT OF CLERK (Cont.)**

d) **BRANDON & BROWNEY BANNERS**

Permission had been requested for the banners to be displayed at an event in Bowburn on 10th September 2011.

RESOLVED: To grant permission retrospectively.

e) **COMMUNITY HIGHWAYS WORKER**

RESOLVED: To thank Paul for an excellent report.

f) **WINTER PLANTING**

The Clerk informed the meeting that Broadgate Farm were no longer in operation.

RESOLVED: To obtain 2 quotations for the Council's requirements for winter planting: one for removal of the summer bedding only and a second for removal of summer bedding and to replant with winter bedding.

g) **SEAT INSPECTION**

The seat inspection had been completed and requirements for maintenance noted.

RESOLVED: To arrange for maintenance to be carried out in the spring and any future purchases of seats to be of recycled plastic variety.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm.