

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 OCTOBER 2011 AT 6.30 PM**

PRESENT

**Councillor B Nelson (in the Chair)
and Councillors Akins, Allen, Bell, Mrs Catterson, Mrs Gates, Grantham, Jones, Kelley, Mrs
Kitching, Mrs Leckenby, Rippin, Mrs Smith, Stoddart, Taylor, Turnbull, Venn, Mrs
Wilkinson and Wilkinson**

93. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from:

Councillor Mrs Catterson Item 5 County Durham Stroke Club

Councillors Kelley and Mrs Wilkinson Item 14 Esh Winning Residents Group

Councillors Taylor and Turnbull Item 8 Town and Country Planning

Councillor Turnbull Clerks Report Item 13 Brandon Community Partnership

94. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no questions from the public

95. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

96. APPROVAL OF MINUTES HELD ON FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2011

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

97. PRESENTATION OF DONATIONS

The Chairman presented donations to the following:

Brandon Sports Club

County Durham Stroke Club

98. POLICE REPORT

There were no Police in attendance.

99. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Hackworth House and Shafto House bought by Gleeson Homes have requested permission for 19 dwellings on each plot.

Play Strategy seeking to highlight play deficiencies in the County.

North East Regional Winter Maintenance Working Group set up, made of 12 North East Local Authorities with a view to co-ordinating winter maintenance programme and sharing resources.

Durham County Council's Cabinet will discuss family Path finder Scheme - 556 children in care across the County and insufficient foster carers.

Proposed site for development at Langley Hall Farm Langley Moor - application withdrawn.

Browney Lane closure - no right turn at Honest Lawyer junction for up to 3 days.

Yellow lines have been painted on Sawmill Lane - remaining works to be carried out shortly.

Consultation on review of waste recycling centres - site at Pity Me should remain open.

Early Years Support Service - 220 families assisted

Building Schools for Future Programme has been replaced by Priority Schools Building Programme - Councils will have to bid for this.

100. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING –APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

Plans were held in the office for proposed outline application with all detailed matters reserved for the erection of 10 no. dwelling houses at former WMC, Station Road, Ushaw Moor for Castle Homes.

Notification had been received of amendments to the application for change of use of open space to form land for the display and sale of motor vehicles including the provision of tarmac hard standing (resubmission) at land at Stoneacre Garage, Sawmills Lane, Brandon. The application will be reported to the Planning Committee on 11th October 2011.

Planning permissions had been received.

Councillor Turnbull informed the meeting that the Stoneacre application had been deferred again by Durham County Councils Planning Committee.

Councillors Turnbull and Taylor, having declared an interest, then left the meeting.

RESOLVED: To write to Durham County Council requesting that Durham Villages Regeneration Company stop the sale of the land to Stoneacre until a suitable outcome has been determined in the planning application.

Councillors Turnbull and Taylor returned to the meeting.

RESOLVED: To write a letter of support for the application for Station Road, Ushaw Moor.

101. APPROVAL OF DELEGATES:

a) NALC larger Local Councils Conference-Neighbouring Places 30th November 2011 in London

RESOLVED: To book 2 places at the Conference (LG Act 1972 Sec 111)

b) NAC National AGM 'Working with Parliament' at Lytham St Anne's -25-27th November 2011

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

c) Appointment of new delegate to National Association of Councillors

Councillor Nelson requested that as he was soon to take up Secretary's post at NAC an additional delegate could be appointed to NAC.

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor Bell as additional delegate to NAC.

102. NATIONAL TREE WEEK-INVITATION TO APPLY FOR GRANT FROM DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

A grant of £150 was available for tree planting.

RESOLVED: To apply for the grant to replace the Cherry trees at the top of Browney Lane.

103. APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE AUDITED ANNUAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2011 AND ISSUES ARISING REPORT

The annual return required approval and acceptance. The issues arising report was for information and required no action.

RESOLVED: To approve and accept the Audited Annual Return for year ending 31st March 2011 - to receive the issues arising report.

104. REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES

The Boundary Commission had proposed that Deerness Valley was moved from the Durham Constituency into the Bishop Auckland constituency and be replaced by Ferryhill and Trimdon.

The Members strongly disagreed with this proposal and proposed that Deerness Valley remain as part of the Durham constituency and Ferryhill be moved to the Bishop Auckland constituency. Deerness Valley enjoyed close ties and community links with Durham whereas Ferryhill had closer associations with the Bishop Auckland constituency.

RESOLVED: To respond to the Boundary Commission's consultation based on the above proposal.

105. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL-INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE CONSULTATION ON THE REVIEW OF COMMUNITY BUILDINGS

RESOLVED: To arrange a working group to consider the consultation prior to the November Parish Council meeting.

106. APPROVAL OF DRAFT AGREEMENT BETWEEN ESH WINNING RESIDENTS GROUP AND THE PARISH COUNCIL WITH REGARD TO THE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

A draft agreement was presented to Council for consideration and approval. Councillors Mrs Wilkinson and Kelley, having declared an interest, left the meeting. It was proposed that Part 3 of the agreement be amended to include 'any such accidents, or claims shall be the sole responsibility of the Group'.

RESOLVED: To approve the agreement with the proposed amendment.

Councillors' Mrs Wilkinson and Kelley returned to the meeting. Councillor Mrs Wilkinson informed the meeting that the Christmas lights would be switched on, on Friday 2nd December 2011. The Clerk reported that the Standing Charge for the electricity meter would be £5.15 per quarter, but that the connection could be de-energised when the lights were switched off in January and re-energised again the following December at no cost to the Council.

RESOLVED: That the connection would be de-energised in January and re-energised in December.

107. DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

a) Acton Road Playgroup

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

RESOLVED: To donate £200 in this instance (Esh Winning Ward) (Power of Well Being)

b) Poppy Appeal

RESOLVED: To donate £500 to the Poppy Appeal (Central Fund) (Power of Well Being).

c) Remembrance Service reception and provision of Durham University Band

RESOLVED: To pay for the reception and donate £300 to Durham University Band for their services on Remembrance Day (Brandon, Meadowfield and Langley Moor Wards)

108. CIVIC FUNCTIONS FOR APPROVAL

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

Ferryhill T.C.	Charity quiz	6.10.11
Durham C.C.	Civic Dinner	20.10.11
St John Ambulance	Curry lunch	23.10.11
Chilton T.C.	Night at the Proms	11.11.11
Ferryhill T.C.	Charity band Concert	12.11.11
Shildon T.C	'At the Hop' Charity show	9.12.11

RESOLVED: To approve the Chairman or Vice Chairman's attendance at the functions (LG Act 1972 Sec. 111)

109. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts amounting to £8981.51.

RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the accounts.

110. REPORT OF CLERK

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

Speeding issues - Alum Waters, New Brancepeth

RESOLVED: To arrange a site meeting with Durham County Council and relevant parties regarding the issue of speeding at Alum Waters and to make a request to the Police for the SID to be deployed in this location.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee

It was proposed that china mugs were provided for the Primary Schools within the Parish area to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

RESOLVED: To agenda for approval at next meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm

