

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 NOVEMBER 2011 AT 6.30 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor B Nelson (in the Chair)

and Councillors Akins, Bell, Mrs Bonner, Dowsey, Mrs Gates, Grantham, Kelley, Mrs Kitching, Mrs Leckenby, Rippin, Mrs Smith, Taylor, Turnbull and Venn

112. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from:

Councillor Bell Item 12b Donations Ushaw Moor Together Christmas Lights

Councillor Bell Item 12 Donations New Brancepeth Village Hall, New Brancepeth Primary School and Durham Community Business College

Councillor Grantham Item 12a Christmas Donations Brandon Community Hall and British Legion

Councillor Kelley Item 15 Esh Winning Christmas Tree Lights

Councillor Mrs Leckenby Item 12a Christmas Donations Brandon Community Hall

Councillor Turnbull Clerks Report Item 5 Brandon Community Partnership

113. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

114. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Allen, Catterson, Jones, Stoddart, Mrs Wilkinson and Wilkinson.

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

115. APPROVAL OF MINUTES HELD ON FRIDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2011

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

116. PRESENTATION OF DONATIONS

The Chairman presented a donation to:

British Legion Poppy Appeal

117. POLICE REPORT

There were no Police in attendance.

118. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Unitary Councillors reported the following:-

- Bus services withdrawn by Arriva in Teesdale area have been replaced by Scarlet Band due to Durham County Council pooled subsidies
- Winter maintenance - 45% of roads will be treated unless Government tells authority to conserve salt supplies
 - 40,000 tonnes of salt available
 - number of farm contractors used increased by 17.
- Lumiere festival taking place in Durham City.
- Durham County Council's Youth Training Programme open to over 16's interested in training as youth Workers
- New fund of £57,000 available from the Government which will provide respite care for unpaid carers such as families and neighbours
- Cost of disabled badges for parking increasing to £10 on 1st January 2012. Applications made by 16th December 2011 will qualify for existing charge of £2.
- Finance available for improvements at road junction near Morley Wood Public House - clearance of overgrown bushes to improve visibility
- New street lights to be installed on main highways
- Arriva to make changes to some services in January 2012

RESOLVED: To receive the report.

119. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING –APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

Plans had been received for proposed erection of 30 no. dwelling houses with formation of new access and closure of existing access (re-submission), at Ridding Road, Esh Winning Proposed outline application for the erection of 10no. dwellings at former WMC at Station Road, Ushaw Moor had been withdrawn.

Planning permissions had been received.

An appeal had been lodged by Stoneacre in relation to the planning application for the site at Sawmills Lane, Brandon.

RESOLVED: To receive the applications and to submit a letter to the Planning Inspectorate regarding Stoneacre.

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

The notes from working group held on 4th November 2011 had been submitted for approval. Consultation events would be held over the next few weeks at Woodland Road, Esh Winning, Brandon Community Hall, Sycamore Park, Silver Courts and Harry Carr House.

RESOLVED: To formulate a response on the consultation based on the working groups comments.

121. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL-INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE CONSULTATION ON THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S NEW ALLOTMENT LETTING POLICY

The Clerk informed the meeting that officers from the County Council would be attending the next Allotment Committee meeting on Thursday 1st December 2011 to discuss the County's policy and future management of allotments.

RESOLVED: To respond to the consultation following the meeting.

122. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL- INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE REVIEW OF HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRES

The County Council is consulting on the above, which include proposals for the closure of several sites across the County.

RESOLVED: To send a letter to Durham County Council requesting that the site at Todhills be retained as the Parish Council believe its closure would lead to excessive flytipping in the area.

123. DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

a) Christmas Donations

To approve the following Christmas donations which include the following amendments:

- Suspend donation to Age Concern at Ushaw Moor due to its temporary closure
- To replace Oversteads House with Broompark WI due to closure of Oversteads House
- To replace Brandon House with British Legion's Children's Christmas Party due to closure of Brandon House
- To delete Blair Court, Langley Moor due to closure
- To postpone New Brancepeth Youth Club's donation until further notice.

New Brancepeth

Village Hall	
Methodist Church	£100 each
New Brancepeth Church	
New Brancepeth Primary School and Nursery	£100 School, £50 Xmas Party
New Brancepeth Youth Club	£100
New Brancepeth Residents Group	

Ushaw Moor

St.Lukes Church	
Baptist Church	
2-4 Club St Joseph's Parish Hall	
St. Joseph's Church	£100 each

Ushaw Moor (Cont.)

Silver Trees Primary	
Pre-School Group	
St.Joseph's R.C.School	
Durham Community Business College	
Broompark WI	
Ushaw Moor Cricket Club	
Ushaw Moor Catholic Club	£150

Esh Winning

Esh Winning Primary	£100
Newhouse St.Mary's School	£100
Wednesday Afternoon Club	£75 each
Monday Luncheon Club	
2-4 Club	
Newhouse Church	
St.Paul's Church	
Baptist Church	
Methodist Church	
Esh Winning Banner Group	
Deerness Over 60's	
Woodland Road Communal Hall	£150 (between coffee morning and elderly group)

Brandon, Meadowfield and Langley Moor

St.Andrews Church	£200 each
St.Andrew's Youth Group	(£75 Brandon, £75 Meadowfield)
Brandon Primary School	£200 each
Browney Primary	
Langley Moor Primary	
Langley Moor Nursery	
St.Patrick's School	
St.Patrick's Church	
St.John's Church	
Murray Independent Church	£75 Brandon £75 Meadowfield, £25 L.Moor
St.John Ambulance	£75 Brandon,£75 Meadowfield, £25 L.Moor
Sycamore Park	£75 Brandon
Silver Courts Over 60's	£75 Brandon
British Legion (Christmas Party)	£75 Brandon
Harry Carr House	£100(£50 Luncheon Club, £50 Over 60's)
St.Andrew's Playgroup	£150 (Brandon £75, Meadowfield £75)
Teddy Bear Group (Brandon Comm Hall)	£75 Brandon
5th Durham City Scouts	£50(Langley Moor £25, Brandon £25)

Brandon, Meadowfield and Langley Moor (Cont.)

Brandon Community Hall	
Christmas Party	£350 (Brandon)
Salvation Army	£75 (£25 each Langley Moor, Brandon and Meadowfield)
Browney Social Club	£75 Meadowfield
The Orchards	£75 Brandon
Meadowfield & District Social Club	£75 each party (Children's and Over 60's)

b) Ushaw Moor Together Christmas Lights

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

Councillors Bell and Mrs Gates left the meeting.

RESOLVED: To support a donation for the Christmas lights, the amount to be confirmed at a later date (LG Act 1972 Sec. 144) (Ushaw Moor Ward)

Councillors Bell and Mrs Gates returned to the meeting.

c) Joseph Barker, Brandon – Member of Sedgefield Waterpolo Club

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

RESOLVED: To donate £300 in this instance (£250 Brandon Ward and £50 Meadowfield Ward) (Power of Well Being)

**124. QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE 2012 - APPROVAL TO PURCHASE
COMMEMORATIVE MUGS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS WITHIN PARISH**

This item was discussed at the last meeting but required formal approval by the Council.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of commemorative mugs for the primary schools within the Parish.

**125. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL- - REQUEST FOR VIEWS ON COMMUNITY
GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR DURHAM CITY AND CROOK**

The County Council is requesting views on the above.

RESOLVED: To receive the information.

126. ESH WINNING CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS-APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF STANDING CHARGE FOR ELECTRICITY

The Clerk informed the meeting that Eon had now confirmed that there would be a charge to de-energise and re-energise the electricity supply to the Christmas lights. It would therefore be more cost effective to leave the supply energised and pay the standing charge of £5.15 excluding VAT per quarter.

RESOLVED: To agree that the electricity supply remains energised and that Esh Winning ward would pay the standing charge and electricity costs for the lights.

127. Civic Functions for approval

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

Seaham T.C	Christmas Lights Switch on	24.11.11
Shildon T.C.	Civic Carol Service	11.12.11
Seaham T.C.	Civic Carol Service	14.12.11

RESOLVED: To approve the functions.

128. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Authorisation was requested to pay the accounts amounting to £7597.25.

RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the accounts.

129. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's report was presented to Council for information.

RESOLVED: To receive the report.

The meeting closed at 7.15 pm.

