

BRANDON AND BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS
6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM
ON FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2012 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT

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

163. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were submitted:

Councillor Bell Item No. 8 - Studio School Consultation DCBC
Councillor Mrs Bonner Item No. 8 - Studio School Consultation DCBC

RESOLVED: To record the interests.

164. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

165. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

166. APPROVAL OF MINUTES HELD ON FRIDAY 20TH JANUARY 2012

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2012, be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

167. POLICE

There were no Police in attendance and a written report had not been received.

168. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

Councillor Taylor reported:

- Durham County Council have to make £159.2 m savings over the next 4 years and £180m up to 2016/17

168. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS (Cont.)

- Durham County Council largest social housing landlord. Government changes mean rents rising in 2012 by 6.5%
- Library Strategy - proposals for reduction in hours
- Review of pay and conditions for staff ongoing
- Sport Relief Mile taking place on 25th March
- Appeal by Stoneacre Garage refused by Planning Inspectorate.

Councillor Turnbull and Wilkinson reported:

- Concerns about new benefit system proposed by Government
- Effect of review of pay and conditions for staff

169. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING –APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

4/12/00010/FPA	Mr & Mrs Peter Mulholland	Erection of single storey pitched roof extension to rear of dwelling including demolition of existing conservatory and garage. 1 Lynes Drive, Langley Moor, Durham DH7 8LY
4/11/01056/FPA	Children & Young People's Services	Internal and external alterations including a new build workshop and external alterations to the existing building in relationship to a Studio School provision at Durham Community Business College Deerness Valley Comprehensive School, Bracken Court, Ushaw Moor, Durham DH7 7NG
4/12/00028/FPA	Mr M Brogan	Erection of a timber shed for ancillary residential use in the rear garden (retrospective) 4 Midhill Close, Brandon, Durham DH7 8SL
4/12/00037/FPA	Mr G Simpson	Erection of dwelling land to rear of 16 Goatbeck Terrace, Langley Moor, Durham DH7 8JJ
4/12/00030/FPA	Mrs M Brown	Change of use of hairdressing salon into residential dwelling 27 Frederick Street North, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 8NB

169. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING –APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION
(Cont.)

4/12/00056/FPA	Mr J R Slater	Two detached residential dwellings Land Corner of Waltons Terrace and The Bungalows, New Brancepeth, Durham DH7 7ER
4/12/00080/VOC	Mr M Moore	Material minor amendment to alter condition 2 and 19 on planning permission 4.10.00777 for an altered location of the vehicular access road to serve the existing planning consent for the conversion of redundant agricultural buildings to form 8 dwellings. Broom Hall Farm, Broom Crescent, Ushaw Moor, Durham DH7 7NB

List of approvals and refusals were available at the meeting.

RESOLVED: To object to application 4/12/0005656 Proposed detached 2 residential dwellings land at corner of Walton Terrace and The Bungalows, New Brancepeth on the grounds of loss of privacy for residents in Walton Terrace, Model Cottages and Braunespath Estate. Also to convey concerns about access from narrow roadway.

170. INVITATION TO COMMENT ON PROPOSED ADDITION OF A SIXTH FORM
AT NEW STUDIO SCHOOL AT DURHAM COMMUNITY BUSINESS COLLEGE

RESOLVED: To fully support the proposals for the addition of a 6th form.

171. INVITATION TO COMMENT ON DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL'S LIBRARY
STRATEGY CONSULTATION

The Council had been invited to comment on Durham County Council's Library Strategy.

RESOLVED: To respond to the Strategy incorporating the following comments:

- request retention of mobile library services in Ushaw Moor and New Brancepeth
- Concerned over reduction in hours at Brandon Library - Library originally built as a main Library, not a community Library - propose to limit reduction in hours to a minimum - suggestions for including housing service within the Library because of closure of Annand House.

172. INVITATION TO COMMENT ON CONSULTATION REGARDING TRAFFIC
ORDERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

Proposals by the Department of Transport aim at cutting costs for councils and businesses with regard to Traffic Orders. The Department is also proposing requirements for traffic authorities to consult town and parish councils in order to improve local engagement.

RESOLVED: That Members inform the Clerk if they wish to forward a response.

173. POLICIES FOR APPROVAL AND ADOPTION

- a) Training Policy-Statement of Intent
- b) Data Protection

Draft copies of the above were presented to Council for consideration and approval.

RESOLVED: To approve the policies.

174. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING –APPROVAL OF DELEGATES FOR EVENT TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28TH MARCH 2012 AT BOWBURN COMMUNITY CENTRE

This free event follows on from the one held in December 2011.

The Council has also received details of a consultancy who are offering their services to assist in the production of a neighbourhood plan.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk and Councillor Turnbull attend and to receive the letter from MD².

175. CIVIC FUNCTIONS FOR APPROVAL

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

Chilton T.C.	Charity evening	9.2.12
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RESOLVED: To approve attendance at the functions (LG Act 1972 Sec. 111)

176. DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

a) DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL- BEAUTIFUL DURHAM 2012

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

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

b) DURHAM MINERS GALA

A request to place an advert in Souvenir Brochure 2012 had been received from the above.

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

c) PHILIP READMAN

Approval was requested of the donation of £300, raised in December 2011, for the above.

RESOLVED: To approve the donation of £300 (Brandon Ward) (Power of Well Being)

177. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts amounting to £7813.38.

RESOLVED: To approve payment of the accounts.

178. REPORT OF CLERK

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

a) FOOTPATHS AT TUSCAN CLOSE, NEW BRANCEPETH

Several requests had been made to Durham County Council regarding the resurfacing of the above footpaths. Durham County Council have informed the Parish Council that the footpaths are still going through a process of assessment before any decisions on adoption are made.

RESOLVED: To contact the Streetscene Manger at Durham County Council to ascertain whether they could take any action on these footpaths. Councillor Kelley agreed to raise the issue at the next Durham City Homes meeting.

b) FLORAL CONTAINERS

RESOLVED: To approve the specification for summer planting with the addition of 2 new tubs at Esh Winning Methodist Church, 2 new baskets at New Brancepeth Methodist Church, Langley Moor Ward to contact the Clerk with additional requirements.

c) FOOTPATH 64, USHAW MOOR

Durham County Council has indicated that funding may be available to repair this Public Right of Way but budget details would not be known until April.

RESOLVED: To bring this issue to the May Council meeting.

179. COMMUNITY HIGHWAYS WORKER SCHEME

Discussion on the future of the scheme was held in private.

RESOLVED: To continue with the scheme, request that a new agreement be drawn up with Durham County Council and monitor the scheme over the coming year.

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm

Signature

Date