

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 MARCH 2012 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT

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

180. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were submitted:

Councillor Jones Item No 10 - Town & Country Planning application number 4/12/00085/FPA proposed single storey rear extension
Councillor Rippin Item No. 12e - Brandon Primary School
Councillor Turnbull Item No. 12e - Brandon Primary School and Clerk's Report Item No. 6 Brandon Partnership

RESOLVED: To record the interests.

181. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

182. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dowsey, Stoddart, Mrs C Wilkinson and J Wilkinson.

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

183. APPROVAL OF MINUTES HELD ON FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2012

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 17th February 2012, be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

184. MINUTES OF ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 1ST MARCH 2012

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Allotment Committee held on 1st March 2012 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

185. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 1ST MARCH 2012

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance Committee held on 1st March 2012 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

186. UPDATE FROM PHILIP READMAN

The Parish Council had recently given a donation to Philip Readman and Philip gave the Parish Council a presentation of his work in India.

187. POLICE

The Police had sent a written report.

RESOLVED: To receive the report.

188. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

Councillor Taylor reported the following:

- The Welfare Reform Bill would mean significant challenges for Durham County Council - would have a massive impact on vulnerable people in Council Durham and on local economy.
- Comprehensive Spending Review - £11b savings to be made on Welfare Reform
- £7b cut from benefits
- Government cuts monies to local organisations
- Bedroom tax - benefits cut to those in Council or Private rented housing with spare bedroom - 14% cut for 1 spare, 25% cut for 2 or more

Councillor Turnbull reported the following:

- Garden waste collections beginning 17th April 2012
- Brandon House transferred to Private Company - apartments and bungalows to be built
- Roads marked up for patching and repairs
- Charges introduced for use of communal halls and centres - £5 per hour from 1st April. Members expressed concerns that charges would make Harry Carr House Luncheon Club unviable. Councillors Turnbull and Taylor are pursuing this issue.

RESOLVED: To receive the report and write to Durham City Homes expressing concerns about the introduction of these charges.

189. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING –APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

4/12/00071/FPA

Mr M Burnside

Erection of shed Arbour House
Chopgate/ Casa Perro, Back John Street
North, Meadowfield, Durham
DH7 8RT

189. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING –APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION
(Continued)

4/12/00085/FPA	Mr D Jones	Single storey rear extension 14 Pringle Place, New Brancepeth, Durham DH7 7JB
4/12/00133/AD	Ms J Jordan	Projecting sign to front elevation of premises 29 Frederick Street North, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 8NB
4/12/00145/FPA	B & K Developments	Proposed change of use of upper floor to form 1 no. residential flat to create live-work unit including alteration to front elevation windows (resubmission) Unit 21 City West Business Park, St Johns Road, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 8ER
4/4/12/00175/FPA	Mr S Colman	Change of use open land to private garden land 15 Alder Park, Brandon, Durham DH7 8TH
4/4/12/00179/FPA	Stoneacre	Use of land for car sales, car storage and staff and customer parking Land at Stoneacre Garage, Sawmills Lane, Brandon, Durham DH7 8AB
4/4/12/00196/FPA	Brett Bros	Application seeking new Developments planning permission to replace extant permission 08/01084/FPA - Erection of two storey building to provide 4 no. two bedroom apartments Land Adjacent to 42 Aldridge Court, Ushaw Moor, Durham DH7 7RT
4/12/00182/FPA	Mr Crighton	Change of use from storage area of retail unit to three bedroom apartment 1 High View, Ushaw Moor, Durham DH7 7QQ
4/12/00191/VOC	Mrs L Khalil	Variation of condition 2 of application 11/00750/FPA (Proposed erection of single storey pitched roof extension to rear, construction of timber decked area to rear, single storey pitched roof extension to side and rear, construction of 3 no. dormer roof extensions to front and 3 no. to rear roofslope, erection of porch canopy to front, insertion of 2 no. bow windows to front and creation of a new vehicular access and hard surface

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to front of existing dwelling) revising the position of the single storey pitched roof extension to the rear elevation. 2 Lowland Road, Brandon, Durham DH7 8NN

4/12/00221/FPA

Cod Father

Change of use from existing retail premises to hot food takeaway (use class A5) and erection external extraction flue. 35 High Street North, Langley Moor, Durham DH7 8JG

Plans received for the following;

- a) 12/00080 Proposed 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 at Broom Hall farm, Broom Crescent, Ushaw Moor for M. Moore
- b) Proposed use of land for car sales, car storage and staff and customer parking at land at Stoneacre Garage, Sawmills Lane, Brandon for Stoneacre

List of approvals and refusals were available at the meeting.

RESOLVED: To object to application for Stoneacre based on the following grounds.

- Revisions will have a little or no affect on visual amenity of area
- Still numerous complaints from residents, cars still parking on double yellow lines
- Now that Sawmills Lane is being used as a bus route - safety issues increased
- Write to Durham County Council, Traffic Department for site visit

Councillor Taylor took no part in the above debate.

To object to application 4/12/00071/FPA Erection of shed Arbour House Chopgate/ Casa Perro, Back John Street North, Meadowfield on the following grounds.

- Building has already been erected, cannot be described as a shed, more of a chalet which had potential to be habitable
- No vehicular access
- Concerns that building contains numerous breeze blocks.

190. APPROVAL OF DELEGATES FOR TRAINING CONFERENCE ‘COMMUNITY SPORT & LEISURE’ 13-15 APRIL 2012

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

191. DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

a) New Brancepeth Revellers Jazz Band

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

191. DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION (Continued)

RESOLVED: To donate £550 in this instance (£200 New Brancepeth, £100 each Brandon and Ushaw Moor, £50 each Meadowfield, Langley Moor and Esh Winning Wards) (LG Act 1972 Sec. 145)

b) Esh Winning Library- ‘Why I love my Library’ Competition (replaces Easter Egg Competition)

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

RESOLVED: To donate £250 in this instance (Esh Winning Ward)(Power of Well Being)

c) Great North Air Ambulance

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

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

d) Finchale Training College

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

RESOLVED: To donate £300 in this instance (£50 each Brandon, Langley Moor, Esh Winning, New Brancepeth, Ushaw Moor and Meadowfield Wards) (Power of Well Being)

e) Brandon Primary School

A request for a donation had been received from the above.
Councillors Rippin and Turnbull remained in the meeting.

RESOLVED: Due to special circumstances to donate £5,000 in this instant. (Brandon Ward). The Chairman would present the cheque to the school after Easter. (Power of Well Being)

192. LAND ADJACENT TO DEERNESS VALLEY RAILWAY AT ESH WINNING

A letter has been received from Durham County Council requesting the Parish Council to take over maintenance of grassed areas at bottom of Station Avenue/Evenwood Road, Esh Winning

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council would maintain the larger area of the 2 and Esh Winning Residents Group and Esh Winning Primary School would take responsibility for the smaller area and possibly plant wild flowers.

193. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FOLLOWING POLICIES

a) Anti Fraud & Corruption Policy

RESOLVED: To amend:

193. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FOLLOWING POLICIES (Continued)

- Clause number 3.2.2 - To include Chairman and signatories

b) Effectiveness of Internal Audit including appointment of Internal Auditor

RESOLVED: To approve the policy and appoint Ian Lawlan as Internal Auditor

194. SMALL & MEDIUM LOCAL COUNCILS' FORUM

At the last Parish Councils' Committee meeting it was suggested that all Parishes ask their delegates to the forum to consider whether or not they wish to be nominated as Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Forum.

The Clerk informed the meeting that Councillor Paul Fitchett, Brancepeth Parish Council, had expressed an interest to being nominated as Chairman.

RESOLVED: To support Councillor Fitchett.

195. DISCUSSION OF REQUEST FROM RESIDENT OF LANGLEY MOOR REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVISION OF CHRISTMAS TREE IN LANGLEY MOOR

An e-mail had been forwarded to the Parish Council from Councillor Turnbull regarding the above.

RESOLVED: To arrange a meeting with the resident and Langley Moor Ward Councillors and local Unitary Councillors.

196. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts amounting to £6,391.19

RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the accounts.

197. CIVIC FUNCTIONS FOR APPROVAL

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

Hartlepool B.C.	Charity evening	23.3.12
Chilton T.C	Civic Dinner	5.4.12
Ferryhill T.C.	Civic Dinner	13.4.12
Seaham T.C.	Civic Ball	27.4.12
Durham C.C.	Civic Service	27.5.12

RESOLVED: To approve the functions.

198. ALLOTMENTS

- a) Quarterly Allotment Report for approval
- b) Consideration and approval of notice regarding lighting of fires on allotments

RESOLVED: a) To approve the report.

b) To approve the notice and display at allotment sites.

199. REPORT OF CLERK

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

a) Larger Local Councils Forum

Discussion took place on the process for elections at Larger Local Councils Committees.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council would support the re-introduction of a postal ballot and any other recommendations from the Larger Local Councils Forum regarding elections at Larger Local Councils Committee in London.

b) Co-operative Foods, Esh Winning

The above premises had applied for a change in licence to sell alcohol from Monday - Sunday 06.00 hrs - 23.00 hrs. Deadline for representations is 20th March 2012.

RESOLVED: To express opposition to the extension of the Licence.

c) Proposed Traffic Regulation Order

A Traffic Regulation Order had been proposed on C17/154 Junction, Bearpark which will be to introduce a 40 mph speed limit along section of road at Whitehouse Lane, Ushaw Moor.

RESOLVED: To request that the 30 mph limit be retained. There was no objection to the 40 mph limit at Bearpark.

200. QUOTATIONS

Discussion took place in private regarding the following:

Quotations for Public Rights of Way maintenance 2012

RESOLVED: To approve Kevin Wilson to carry out the contract.

Quotations for fencing at Low Browney

RESOLVED: The Allotment Officer informed the meeting that the Community Highways Worker had repaired the fence.

Quotations for Grasscutting 2012

RESOLVED: To award the contract to A Max Services on a 2 year fixed contract.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Signature

Date