

**BRANDON AND BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS**

**6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM  
ON FRIDAY 20TH APRIL 2012 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, Stoddart, Taylor, Turnbull and Venn**

**201. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations of interest were submitted:

Councillor Kelley Item No 9 - Application of land as Village Green, Item No 17 Esh  
Winning Residents Group, Clerk's Report Item No. 17 Durham City Homes and Clerk's  
Report Item no. 21d Mid Durham AAP

Councillor Turnbull Item No 9 - Application of land as Village Green and Clerk's Report  
Item No. 17 Durham City Homes

Councillor Mrs Gates Item No 15d - Ushaw Moor Together

Councillor Bell Item No 15d - Ushaw Moor Together

Councillor Grantham Clerk's Report Item No. 17 Durham City Homes

Councillor Taylor Clerk's Report Item No. 17 Durham City Homes

**RESOLVED:** To record the interests.

**202. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

**203. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

**RESOLVED:** To receive the apologies.

**204. APPROVAL OF MINUTES HELD ON FRIDAY 16TH MARCH 2012**

**RESOLVED:** Minute 191e - replace Councillor Taylor with Rippin then approve as a true  
record and sign by the Chairman.

## **205. PRESENTATION OF DONATIONS**

The Chairman presented donations to:

Esh Winning Library  
Great North Air Ambulance  
New Brancepeth Revellers Jazz Band

## **206. POLICE**

There were no police present.

## **207. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Taylor reported:

- Brandon House and Oversteads House - consultation events had been held on the new developments. Tenants will be linked to the Care Connect Service.
- Durham County Council conducting a Garage survey and are reviewing its stock to determine whether or not investment is needed.
- 350,000 children nationally will lose free school meals
- New build Primary School at Brandon has been completed
- Community Governance Consultation taking place on proposals for new Town Council in Durham and new Parish Council at Newton Hall
- Housing Waste and Recycling centre consultation resulted in 4 of threatened sites remaining open on reduced hours
- Durham County Council's Fostering Service received outstanding Ofsted appraisal
- Lumiere Festival brought £4.3 into economy
- Durham County Council looking for children with outstanding school attendance records who will be awarded at a ceremony

Councillor Turnbull reported:

- Traffic concerns continue at Stoneacre, Carr Avenue and Scription Gill junction with A690.
- Government has announced intention to sell Council Housing

Councillor Stoddart commented that he was impressed with proposals for the new development at Oversteads house which would contribute to the regeneration of Ushaw Moor.

Councillor Mrs Smith raised concerns over accessibility problems for those in wheelchairs at the Lumiere festival. Councillor Taylor stressed that any mistakes would be rectified should the festival be repeated this year.

**RESOLVED:** To receive the reports.

## 208. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING –APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

4/12/00261/FPA	Mr P Wright	Erection of single storey pitched roof extension to side of existing dwelling 19 Frensham Way, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 8UR
11/00533/FPA	Durham Aged	Change of use of community Mineworkers Homes room to form 1 no. dwelling Association 17 Blair Court, Langley Moor, Durham DH7 8YD
4/12/00257/FPA	Mr John McMurchie	Single storey flat roof extension on the front elevation for form lounge and entrance hall 9 Church Meadow, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 8RH
4/12/00314/AD	Cleaner Air Solutions (UK) Ltd	3 no. fascia signs fixed to existing existing warehouse building and 1 no. fascia sign fixed to existing office building Cleaner Air Solutions (UK) Ltd, Bowden Court, Meadowfield Industrial Estate, Durham DH7 8RE
4/12/00315/FPA	Mr Gary Simpson	Construction of a detached dwelling on a vacant plot (resubmission) Vacant Plot behind Goatbeck Terrace, Langley Moor, Durham
4/12/00338/FPA	Mr & Mrs Paul Graham	Erection of a rear garden room extension and balcony, replacement windows and the removal of the existing porch and bathroom extension 3 Front Street, Broompark, Durham DH7 7QX
CMA/4/76	Cleaner Air Solutions	Proposed erection of single wind turbine of overall height of 18.7m Bowden Court, St John's Road, Meadowfield Industrial Estate, Durham
4/12/00212/FPA	Stevens Industrial Services (SIS) Ltd	Proposed installation of 40 solar PV panels to existing roof

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

RBS

Unit 4 Langley Moor Industrial Estate,  
Langley Moor, Durham

a) Proposed use of land for car sales, car storage and staff and customer parking at land at Stoneacre Garage, Sawmills Lane, Brandon for Stoneacre- application reported to Durham County Council's Planning Committee on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

b) Application for proposed erection of two detached dwellings at Corner of Walton's Terrace and The Bungalows, New Brancepeth for Mr J R Slater had been withdrawn.

List of approvals and refusals were available at the meeting.

Councillor Taylor reported that the application for Stoneacre had been refused.

The Clerk informed the meeting that application no 4/12/00071/FPA Erection of shed Arbour House Chopgate/ Casa Perro, Back John Street North, Meadowfield, Durham had been granted permission. Councillor Taylor reported that he had met with Durham County Councils Assets Team regarding the fence encroachment on Council Ground.

**RESOLVED:** To take for information.

**209. NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF LAND AT 'THE GREEN'  
(LAND BORDERED BY WOODLAND ROAD, ARBOURCOURT AVENUE,  
RIDDING ROAD AND NEWHOUSE ROAD, ESH WINNING) AS VILLAGE  
GREEN- FOR COMMENT AND APPROVAL**

The above notice has been received from Durham County Council.

**RESOLVED:** That no objection be made to the application.

**210. COMMUNITY HIGHWAYS WORKER SCHEME**

A draft agreement and programme of works for the above scheme had been produced for approval.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the agreement and programme of works.

**211. NALC-PEOPLE IN ACTION CONFERENCE**

Approval requested for any delegates interested in the above.

**RESOLVED:** To receive the information.

**212. COUNTY DURHAM & CLEVELAND TRAINING PARTNERSHIP**

Approval of delegates requested for series of four training courses on employment procedures- May – September 2012.

**212. COUNTY DURHAM & CLEVELAND TRAINING PARTNERSHIP (Cont.)**

**RESOLVED:** To approve 2 delegates for each of the 4 courses.  
Councillor Mrs Bonner and the Clerk approved to attend the first event (LG Act 1972 Sec 111)

**213. COUNTY DURHAM DRAFT CYCLING STRATEGY 2012-15**

The Parish Council had been invited to comment on the above. Consultation ends on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2012.

**RESOLVED:** To agree with the broad content of the document and ask the County Council to consider the inclusion of cycle lanes at the planning stage of road developments to avoid situations similar to that on A690 near Stonebridge where the road isn't wide enough for vehicles to overtake cyclists.

**214. REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM THE CHURCH WARDEN OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

A letter of support was requested from St John's Church for their application to Banks Community Fund for repair work to the church.

**RESOLVED:** To write a letter of support.

**215. DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**a) Ushaw Moor Childcare**

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

**RESOLVED:** To donate £300 in this instance (Ushaw Moor Ward) (Power of Well Being)

**b) Citizens Advice Bureau Outreach Service**

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

The Clerk explained the venue at Esh Winning Community Centre would not be available on 3rd and 17th April because of the new primary school opening after Easter. Therefore, CAB would use Esh Winning Catholic Parish Centre on these 2 dates. This would cost an extra £20. In addition the Outreach Service would be using the new school as a venue at a charge of £5 per session i.e £120 per year. CAB had agreed to pay £60 to this cost.

**RESOLVED:** To pay £1,800 plus the extra costs for the Esh Winning service.

**c) Addison Park Bowls Club**

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

**215. DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION (Cont.)**

**RESOLVED:** To advise the Club to apply to the AAP's small grants fund then re-apply to the Parish Council.

**d) Ushaw Moor Together**

Confirmation of donation agreed in principle in November 2011.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the donation of £650 towards the Christmas lights (Ushaw Moor Ward) (LG Act 1972 Sec. 144)

**216. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL**

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts amounting to £23,530.61.

**RESOLVED:** To authorise payment of the accounts.

**217. ESH WINNING RESIDENTS GROUP-CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR PARISH COUNCIL TO TAKE ON MAINTENANCE OF PROPOSED FLOWER BEDS AT ESH WINNING**

A letter had been received from Esh Winning Residents Association regarding the above. Councillor Kelley left the room

**RESOLVED:** To agree to maintain the flowerbeds (Highways Act 1980 Sec 96)  
Councillor Kelley returned to the meeting.

**218. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL PENSION FUND -INVITATION TO COMMENT ON DRAFT FUNDING STRATEGY STATEMENT AND STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT PRINCIPLES.**

The above document had been received from Durham County Council

**RESOLVED:** To receive the document.

**219. CIVIC FUNCTIONS FOR APPROVAL**

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

Seaham T.C.	Charity evening	1.5.12
Spennymoor T.C.	Charity evening	5.5.12
Peterlee T.C.	Charity evening	9.5.12
Ferryhill T.C.	Charity band Concert	12.5.12

**RESOLVED:** To approve the above functions (LG Act 1972 Sec 111)

**220. ALLOTMENTS- CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS FOR PROVISION OF SKIPS AT HAMILTON ROW AND COCKHOUSE LANE**

Tenants of the above sites had requested skips to be provided by the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED:** To provide skips (Small Holdings & Allotment Act 1908 Sec 26)

**221. REPORT OF CLERK FOR INFORMATION**

The Clerk presented a report to Council for information.

The following issues arose:

**a) Retirement of Cleaner**

**RESOLVED:** To purchase a gift for the retiring cleaner as recognition of almost 30 years service to the Council.

**b) Proposed Extention of Licence at Esh Winning Co-operative Store**

The Clerk informed the meeting that the licensing hearing in connection with the above had been cancelled due to the withdrawal of the stores application.

**RESOLVED:** To take for information.

**c) War Memorials**

The Clerk informed the meeting that valuations had been carried out on the Parish Council's 3 war memorials.

**RESOLVED:** To insure the memorials for the full replacement value.

**d) Pedestrian Crossing Survey, Ushaw Moor**

The survey results, having been assessed against Durham County Council's policies, indicated that a pedestrian crossing was not warranted in Ushaw Moor main street.

**RESOLVED:** To express the Parish Council's disappointment to Durham County Council.

*The Chairman agreed to discuss the following items which required a response before the next Parish Council meeting.*

**222. Durham County Council - B6302 Broom Lane, Broompark - Proposed 30 mph Speed Limit**

Consultation had been received on the above.

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council agrees with the proposals.

**223. Durham County Council - B6302 Cockhouse Lane, Ushaw Moor - Proposed Amendment to 40 mph Speed Limit**

Consultation had been received on the above.

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council agrees with the proposals.

**224. Durham County Council - Land at High Shaws, Brandon**

Durham County Council had enquired whether the Parish Council had any interest in a piece of land at 70 High Shaws, Brandon.

**RESOLVED:** To inform Durham County Council that the Parish Council had no interest in the land.

**225. Quotations for Planting of Floral Containers**

This item was discussed in private and it was:

**RESOLVED:** To award the contract for Summer planting to Brambledown Landscapes (Highways Act 1986 Sec 19)

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm

Signature .....

Date .....