

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 SEPTEMBER 2012 AT 6.30 PM**

PRESENT

**Councillor Mrs A Bonner (in the Chair)
and Councillors Akins, Allen, Mrs Gates, Grantham, Jones, Mrs Leckenby, Rippin, Mrs
Smith, Stoddart, Taylor, Turnbull, Mrs Wilkinson and Wilkinson**

80. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from:

Councillor Bonner - Item number 11 on Clerk's Report - Mid Durham AAP
Councillor Stoddart - Item number 18e - Ushaw Moor Cricket Club FC

RESOLVED: To receive the declarations of interest.

81. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

82. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bell, Mrs Catterson, Dowsey,
Kelley, Kitching, Nelson and Venn

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

83. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20TH JULY 2012

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

84. MINUTES OF ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 4TH SEPTEMBER 2012

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

85. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 5TH SEPTEMBER 2012

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

86. POLICE

The Police had sent a written report of crime throughout the Parish.

RESOLVED: To receive the report.

87. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

Councillor Taylor's report included the following:

- County Durham Plan consultation ending on 2nd November
- Durham City Homes continuing to run Communal rooms within area
- Community Governance Durham - no further action taken
- Durham County Council will have to make £180m savings up to 2017
- Planning application approved for 20 apartments and 2 bungalows to replace Brandon House
- Council Tax Scheme to be localised
- Night time taxi rank to be operated from slip road at Prince Bishop's centre

Councillor Turnbull reported:

- Replacement bus shelter scheme in Brandon
- Changes to bus service numbers 49, 49A, 50 and 43
- Consultation on new Fire Station at Sniperley

Councillor Wilkinson reported:

- County Durham Plan proposes 500 houses in Brandon, Meadowfield and Langley Moor and 75 at Ushaw Moor.

88. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING –APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

4/12/00653/FPA	Three Rivers Housing	Proposed guide dog run Association 25 Forest View, Brandon, Durham DH7 8XB
4/12/00675/FPA	Hummingbird Retirement Benefits School	Change of use from industrial building (use class B1) to a day nursery (use class D1) 2 Artemis Court, St. Johns Road, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 8XQ
4/12/00685/FPA	Mr G Staley	Erection of second storey pitched roof extension to side and erection of porch to front of existing dwelling 16 Murrayfield Drive, Brandon, Durham DH7 8TG
4/12/00689/FPA	Mr A McKenna	Rear living room and bedroom extension and rear garden room extension 10 Pine View Villas, Esh Winning, Durham DH7 9PW
4/12/00556/FPA	A. Brown	Proposed single storey rear extension, bow window and render to front

		elevation, 6 Russell Street, Waterhouses, Durham DH7 9AR
4/12/00754/TPO	Mr Witty	Crown reduction and pruning works to five trees, The Lodge, Brandon Lane, Brandon, Durham DH7 8SJ
4/12/00640/FPA	Brett Bros	Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 4 no. dwellings Andor, Browney Lane, Browney, Durham DH7 8HU
4/12/00740/FPA	Mr G Simpson	1 no. dwelling Vacant Plot Behind Goatbeck Terrace, Langley Moor, Durham
4/12/00760/FPA	Mrs A Davison	Retrospective application for the erection of 1.8m high timber fence to eastern (side) boundary 1 Deerness Heights, Brandon, Durham DH7 8TQ
4/12/00621/FPA	Mr M Brett	Erection of three dwellings within two buildings on land south and east of Langley Hall Farm, Langley Hall Farm, Sleetburn Lane, Langley Moor, Durham DH7 8LQ
CMA/4/86	Mr A Layfield	Erection of one 74m to tip highwind turbine and ancillary development Land approximately 630m to the North of Tanners Hall Farm, Oakenshaw, Crook, Durham DL15 0TS
4/12/00808/FPA	Professor Jon Gluyas	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new dwelling with associated external works Eshwood Cottage, New Brancepeth, Durham DH7 7HG

Planning permission had been granted for change of use of doctor's surgery to form two residential apartments at Shanti House 34 Arthur Street, Ushaw Moor for N Alderson. The application for proposed demolition of existing building and erection of 16 no. two bed affordable housing sheltered apartments at Oversteads House, Skippers Meadow, Ushaw Moor for Housing Hartlepool had been approved. Planning permissions and refusals were available at the meeting.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

89. APPROVAL OF MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT AND UPDATED APPENDIX A

a) REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT

The Clerk reported that NALC had issued an updated version of the code of conduct, which includes the DCLG's latest definition of discloseable pecuniary interest at Appendix A.

RESOLVED: To adopt the revised Code of Conduct.

The Clerk also made Members aware of the following information:

- a) Revised Terms and Conditions of the new Standards Committee
- b) Applications for dispensations

RESOLVED: To take for information.

90. CODE OF CONDUCT INFORMATION SESSION, 11TH OCTOBER 2012 - APPROVAL OF DELEGATES

The above training session would be held in the Council Chamber, County Hall on Thursday 11th October 2012.

RESOLVED: That Councillors Bell, Mrs Bonner, Grantham, Kelley, Mrs Leckenby, Rippin, Turnbull and the Clerk attend the training session.

91. LOCALISING SUPPORT FOR COUNCIL TAX- CONSIDERATION OF RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION 'COUNCIL TAX BASE AND FUNDING' ENDING ON 9TH OCTOBER 2012

The Clerk presented a report to Council on the above and also information on the County Council's report to Cabinet which deals with its Localising of Council Tax Support Scheme.

RESOLVED: To respond to the consultation as follows:

- The Parish Council agrees that the Council Tax Base should be calculated excluding council tax support reductions in order to provide certainty for local tax payers.
- The Parish Council agrees that the Secretary of State should direct billing authorities to transfer an amount necessary to offset the cost of reductions attributable to local precepting authorities from their general fund to the collection fund.
- To make no comment on question 3 of the consultation as the Parish Council believe this is an issue for the billing and major precepting authorities.

92. MARKETS AND STREET TRADERS CONSULTATION

The Markets and Street Traders Consultation had been received.

RESOLVED: To make no response.

93. COUNTY DURHAM PLAN – PREFERRED OPTIONS –CONSIDERATION OF RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION WHICH RUNS UNTIL 2ND NOVEMBER 2012

A copy of the Plan had been received and various consultation events would be held in the Parish area.

18 th September 2012	Durham Town Hall 4-8pm
21 st September 2012	Meadowfield Leisure Centre 4-8pm

A special meeting of the LLCF would also take place on 8th October 2012, which would include a presentation of the Plan.

RESOLVED: To arrange a working group to discuss a response to the consultation.

94. MEADOWFIELD CEMETERY-CONSIDERATION OF PROVISION OF FLORAL CONTAINERS

Councillor Taylor had requested the Council to consider the installation of floral containers at Meadowfield Cemetery following complaints from residents about the general untidy condition of the cemetery.

RESOLVED: a) To ask permission from Durham County Council to install 6 planters in the cemetery.

b) To write to Durham County Council about the poor maintenance of the cemeteries at Meadowfield and Ushaw Moor.

95. BRANDON & BROWNEY BANNER COMMUNITY GROUP

A letter had been received from Kay Wilson regarding permission to display the original Brandon & Browney Banners at the Heritage Open day in Felling, and the new Brandon Banner at the Bearpark Artist Co-operative's workshop on 8 and 9th September 2012.

RESOLVED: To grant retrospective permission.

96. DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

a) New Brancepeth WMC F.C.

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

RESOLVED: To pay the pitch fee for the Club (New Brancepeth Ward) (LG (Misc Prov Act) 1976 Sec. 19).

b) Lionmouth C.I.C.

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

RESOLVED: To invite the organiser to the next Parish Council meeting to give a short presentation.

96. DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION (Cont.)

c) Esh Winning Cricket Club

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

RESOLVED: To donate £4,000 in this instance (Esh Winning Ward) (LG (Misc Prov Act) 1976 Sec. 19)

d) Brandon Sports Club F.C.

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

RESOLVED: To donate £500 in this instance (£400 Brandon Ward, £100 Langley Moor Ward) (LG (Misc Prov Act) 1976 Sec. 19)

e) Ushaw Moor Cricket Club F.C.

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

RESOLVED: To pay the pitch fees for the Club (LG (Misc Prov Act) 1976 Sec. 19)

f) Open Spaces Society

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

RESOLVED: To receive the request.

g) Brandon Children's Centre

Approval of £100 donation following liaison with Ward Members & Chairman in recess was requested.

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

h) St.Luke's Church

Approval of £300 donation following liaison with Ward Members and Chairman in recess was requested.

RESOLVED: To approve the donation (Ushaw Moor Ward) (Power of Well Being)

97. STAGE TWO OF ISLES WIND FARM CONSULTATION BY EON

The summary of stage two of the consultation. was presented to Council.

RESOLVED: To make no response to Stage 2.

98. INVITATION TO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU ON 10TH OCTOBER 2012

An invitation had been received to the above which will be held in St.Nicholas Church Hall at 12.30p.m on Wednesday 10th October 2012

RESOLVED: That Councillor Bell attend.

99. CIVIC FUNCTIONS FOR APPROVAL

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

Mayor of Durham	Garden Party	15.8.12
Hartlepool B.C.	Family Fun Day	25.8.12
Peterlee T.C.	Charity evening	13.9.12
Hartlepool B.C.	Charity evening	14.9.12
Mayor of Durham	Charity evening	22.9.12
Sildon T.C.	Centenary Celebrations	22.9.12
Ferryhill T.C.	Charity quiz	26.9.12
Durham C.C.	Charity race night	28.9.12
Horden P.C.	Charity night	29.9.12
Durham C.C.	Beautiful Durham Awards	3.10.12
Hartlepool B.C.	Charity night	4.10.12
Spennymoor T.C.	Charity night	5.10.12
St John Ambulance	Curry Lunch	14.10.12
Hartlepool B.C.	Charity Civic Dinner	19.10.12

RESOLVED: To approve the functions.

100. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts amounting to £12,286.79

RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the accounts.

101. APPROVAL OF WORKS TO OUTSIDE OF OFFICE BUILDING

Emergency repairs had been undertaken to the outside of the rear of the office building.

RESOLVED: To contact the Contractor regarding the standard of the work.

102. ALLOTMENTS

The quarterly Allotment Report was presented to Council for approval.

RESOLVED: To approve the report.

103. The following items were discussed in private:

a) Fencing at Broompark Allotments

RESOLVED: To award the contract for fencing at Broompark Allotment site to Kevin Wilson (Small Holdings and Allotment Act 1908 Sec. 26)

b) Tree work at Langley Grove

RESOLVED: To award the contract for tree work at Langley Grove Allotment site to Batson Environment & Leisure Limited (Small Holdings and Allotment Act 1908 Sec. 26).

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

• **LANGLEY MOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Councillor Taylor reported that the result of the speed survey on Brandon Lane had been received. The results indicated the excessive speed was not an issue at school drop off and pick up times.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

• **BAY COURT, USHAW MOOR**

The Clerk reported that information had now been received from Durham County Council regarding the installation of parking areas at Bay Court. The cost would be in the region of £7,000 - £9,000.

RESOLVED: To inform Durham County Council that the Parish Council would not progress this issue at present as the concerns were more about access to properties.

• **PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP**

An invitation had been received to the celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Parish Paths Partnership.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk attend the event celebrating the 20th year anniversary of the Parish Paths Partnership on 19th November 2012 in Durham Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm

Signature

Date