

BRANDON AND BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL

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

**6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM
ON FRIDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2012 AT 6.30 PM**

PRESENT

**Councillor Mrs A Bonner (in the Chair)
and Councillors Akins, Bell, Mrs Catterson, Mrs Gates, Kelley, Mrs Kitching, Mrs Smith,
Taylor, Turnbull**

108. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from:

Councillor Bonner - Item number 14 on Clerk's Report - Mid Durham AAP
Councillor Kelley - Item number 12f - Esh Winning Residents Group
Councillor Kitching - Item number 12d - Tea on Thursdays Community Group

RESOLVED: To receive the declarations of interest.

109. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

110. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Allen, Grantham, Jones, Mrs Leckenby, Nelson, Rippin, Stoddart, Wilkinson and Mrs Wilkinson

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

111. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21ST SEPTEMBER 2012

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

**112. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING ON 27TH
SEPTEMBER 2012**

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

113. PRESENTATION OF DONATIONS

The Chairman presented donations to the following:

Brandon Sports Club
Esh Winning Cricket Club

114. UNITARY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Taylor's report included the following:

- Durham County Council required to make £182.4m savings over 6 year period up to 2016/17.
- Re-tendering of bus services
- A167/B6300 Sunderland Bridge Junction improvement - Durham County Council seeking authority to make Compulsory Purchase Order in order to acquire land for a new roundabout.
- Introduction of Carer's Card offering discounts and concessions on a wide range of products and services
- AAP Forum - 14th November 2012, 6.00 pm at Brandon Primary School

Councillor Turnbull's report included the following:

- Opening of 5 and 11 a side football pitches at Meadowfield
- Project by Durham City Homes to improve garage site at Alder Park, Beech Park and Cherry Park

115. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING –APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

Plans for application at Eshwood Hall, New Brancepeth had been received. Permission and refusals had been received.

4/12/00823/VOC	EVT Contractors	Variation of condition no. 2 of planning approval 10/00719/FPA (Erection of detached industrial building (Class B2 and B8)) to alter siting, footprint and external appearance of building EVT Enterprise Park, Mill Road, Littleburn Industrial Estate, Langley Moor, Durham DH7 8HE
4/12/00859/VOC	Saferad Ltd	Minor material amendment through variation of condition 1 of application 10/00563/FPA proposing addition access route Saferad Ltd, St. John's Road, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 8BF
4/12/00829/FPA	Mrs Wilson	Proposed access ramp to front of dwelling 2 Fir Park, Ushaw Moor, Durham DH7 7LZ

RESOLVED: To make representation to Durham County Council on the application at Eshwood Hall, New Brancepeth in its current format as the proposed dwelling is not appropriate in design to the existing building at Eshwood Hall.

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

The Clerk informed the meeting that an appeal had been made by the applicant for the proposed dwellings at Waltons Buildings.

RESOLVED: To send a letter to the Planning Inspectorate re-iterating the Council's former objection to the development.

116. APPROVAL OF DELEGATES TO:

a) NAC National AGM 'Public Health, Wellbeing & Equality -23rd -25th November 2012

RESOLVED: To approve Councillors Akins, Bell and Mrs Bonner (LG Act 1972 Sec 111)

b) NALC Larger Local Council's Conference 'Shaping Places' 28th November 2012

RESOLVED: To receive the information.

117. NATIONAL TREE WEEK

An invitation had been received to apply for a grant from Durham County Council for tree week. The grant is up to a maximum of £150.

RESOLVED: That New Brancepeth apply for the grant for trees at the Village Hall.

118. COUNTY DURHAM PLAN CONSULTATION- PREFERRED OPTIONS PAPER- INVITATION TO RESPOND

The working group was held on 11th October 2012. Responses need to be forwarded to the County Council by 2nd November 2012.

RESOLVED: To respond to the consultation based on the comments received at the Working Group.

119. DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

a) Ushaw Moor Together

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

RESOLVED: To defer until the November meeting.

b) Poppy Appeal

RESOLVED: To donate £500 to the Poppy Appeal (Central Fund) (Power of Well Being)

119. DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION (Continued)

c) Remembrance Service reception and provision of Durham University Band

RESOLVED: To pay for the reception at the British Legion and donate £300 to Durham University Band for their services on Remembrance Day (Brandon, Meadowfield and Langley Moor Wards) (Power of Well Being)

d) Tea on Thursdays Community Group

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

RESOLVED: To donate £400 in this instance (£300 Ushaw Moor, £50 each Esh Winning and New Brancepeth Wards) (Power of Well Being)

e) Brandon Community Hall

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

RESOLVED: To donate £350 in this instance (£250 Brandon, £50 each Langley Moor and Meadowfield Wards) (Power of Well Being)

f) Esh Winning Residents Group

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

RESOLVED: To defer until the November meeting.

g) Blind Life

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

RESOLVED: To donate £250 in this instance (£50 each New Brancepeth, Meadowfield, Brandon, Esh Winning and Ushaw Moor Wards) (Power of Well Being)

h) Brandon British Legion F.C.

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

RESOLVED: To donate £500 in this instance (£400 Brandon, £50 each Meadowfield and Langley Moor Wards) (LG (Misc Prov Act) 1976 Sec. 19)

120. LANGLEY MOOR CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS- APPROVAL FOR PARISH COUNCIL TO PAY ELECTRICITY FOR THE LIGHTS

Approval was required for the Parish Council to pay for the electricity.

RESOLVED: That Langley Moor Ward would pay for the electricity for the Christmas tree lights (Power of Well Being)

121. INVITATION TO CDALC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON SATURDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2012 - APPROVAL OF DELEGATES

Approval was requested for delegates to attend the above.

RESOLVED: That Councillors Bell, Mrs Bonner and the Clerk attend.

122. NALC LARGER LOCAL COUNCILS COMMITTEE- REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 4 POSITIONS

Expressions of interest have been requested for 4 positions on the National Larger Local Councils Committee.

RESOLVED: To receive the request.

123. CIVIC FUNCTIONS FOR APPROVAL

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

Seaham T.C	Charity Evening	5.10.12
Chilton T.C.	Charity Evening	19.9.12
Peterlee T.C.	Charity Ball	2.11.12
Durham C.C.	Stanhope Railway	15.11.12
Durham Mayor	Charity Evening	23.11.12

124. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts amounting to £12,874.91.

RESOLVED: To authorise approval of the accounts.

125. REPORT OF CLERK

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

- **Community Buildings Event 18th October 2012**

Councillors Bell and Kelley reported that the event had been very informative.

- **Meadowfield Cemetery**

The site visit had been arranged for 24th October 2012 with Durham County Council.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

The Chairman agreed to discuss the following item, as a response was required before the next meeting:

126. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL - COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME

A letter had been received from Durham County Council who are consulting on their new Council Tax Support Scheme. The scheme has been proposed because of changes to the national Council Tax Benefit System. The County's proposals are:

- To introduce a Local Council Tax Support Scheme which protects Council Tax benefit claimants next year with subsequent years being kept under review. This will result in a cost to Durham County Council of about £5.5 m, which is equal to the Government grant being withdrawn next year.
- To finance the loss of the grant by:
 - i) Withdrawing a number of discounts on empty property and second homes
 - ii) Withdrawing the double taxation grant payments to Town and Parish Councils.

RESOLVED: To respond to the consultation indicating that although the County Council's proposal to withdraw the double taxation grant would not have a negative impact on the Parish Council, Members were concerned about the impact on those Councils who receive a more substantial payment from the County Council.

The following item was discussed in private:

127. QUOTATION FOR WINTER PLANTING

The Council considered the quotations for Winter Planting.

RESOLVED: To award the contract to Brambledown Landscapes.

The meeting closed at 7.00 pm

Signed

Date