

**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 NOVEMBER 2012 AT 6.30 PM**

**PRESENT**

In the absence of the Chairman Councillor Nelson took the Chair.

**Councillor B Nelson (in the Chair)**

**and Councillors Akins, Allen, Bell, Bonner, Dowsey, Mrs Gates, Jones, Kelley, Mrs Kitching, Mrs Leckenby, Mrs Smith, Stoddart, Taylor and Turnbull**

**128. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of interest were received from:

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| Councillor Bell     | - Item number 19b - Ushaw Moor Together and Item number 19a - N. B Village Hall, Methodist Church, N. B School and DCBC |
| Councillor Gates    | - Item number 19b - Ushaw Moor Together   |
| Councillor Jones    | - Item number 19a - Residents Group   |
| Councillor Kelley   | - Item number 19a - Esh Winning Residents Group and Item 11 on Clerk's Report Durham City Homes                         |
| Councillor Leckenby | - Item number 19a - Brandon Community Association   |
| Councillor Turnbull | - Item number 11 on Clerk's Report - Durham City Homes and Item No 8 Town & Country Planning                            |

**RESOLVED:** To receive the declarations of interest.

The Chairman brought forward item 5 on the agenda before public participation.

**129. PRESENTATION OF DONATIONS**

The Chairman presented donations to the following:

Blind Life in Durham  
Brandon British Legion F.C.  
Tea on Thursdays  
Durham University Band

**130. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Members of the public had sent three letters and a petition to the Council regarding the proposed development on land west of Browney Lane for Banks Property Ltd. Two members of the public who were present put forward their questions and concerns regarding the development.

It was agreed to discuss the item further under Town & Country Planning.

**131. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Catterson, Grantham, Rippin, Venn , Wilkinson and Mrs Wilkinson.

**RESOLVED:** To receive the apologies.

**132. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2012**

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

**133. POLICE REPORT**

There were no police in attendance however a written report had been received.

**RESOLVED:** To receive the report.

**134. UNITARY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

The report included the following:

- Durham County Council has achieved its savings target of over £64m this year. Total savings required are £182m
- Durham County Council's leader has lobbied the Treasury for a better funding deal for Europe which would support the creation of Transition Regions. If agreed Durham would be one such region where the economy would be safeguarded and have job creation boosted.

**RESOLVED:** To receive the report.

**135. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING – APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

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

Plans for application at Stoneacre Motor Group had been received.

**RESOLVED:** To object to the Stoneacre application on the following grounds:

- The application has little relation to that which had been granted permission on appeal
- The proposals will lead to an increase in sales and consequently an increase in the number of customer cars - proposed customer car parking area inadequate.
- Increased traffic generation would have detrimental impact on highway safety and amenity of residents in vicinity.
- Concern over access which is opposite school entrance.

Application number 4/12/00909/FPA proposed development at Land East of Littleburn Lane and Onslow Terrace, Langley Moor. Members expressed concern that Unitary Council

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members and Parish Council members had not been invited to a public consultation event held by Dunelm Homes on 14th November.

**RESOLVED:** a) To write to Dunelm Homes expressing the above concerns  
b) That ward members view the plan for the application.

Application number 4/12/01023/OUT proposed development on land West of Browney Lane, Meadowfield for Banks Property Ltd.

The Clerk and the Chairman read out the 3 letters received from members of the public which expressed several concerns about the proposed development. After much discussion it was:

**RESOLVED:** a) To forward copies of the 3 letters and petition to Durham County Council's Planning Department.

b) That the Parish Council would write to Durham County Council expressing the following concerns on behalf of the residents:

- i) The issue of increased traffic generated on B6300, A167 and A690.
- ii) The detrimental effect on the quality of life of nearby residents and the impact on the surrounding area.
- iii) That the proposed development is outside the natural settlement boundary
- iv) The inclusion of affordable housing within the property development.
- v) There is no adopted footpath providing access to Meadowfield, only access over unregistered land.

Application number 4/12/00858/FPA conversion of existing public house to single dwelling and erection of additional dwelling to side The Prince Bishop, Brandon Village, Durham

**RESOLVED:** To write to Durham County Council requesting that the village green be reinstated if affected by the proposed development.

Permission and refusals had been received.

4/12/00880/FPA	Mrs Sablin	First floor side and single storey front extension 12 Broom Hall Drive, Ushaw Moor, Durham DH7 7NU
4/12/00914/RM	Bett Homes North East Limited	Residential development of 58 no. dwellings (Reserved Matters) Langley Hall Farm, Sleetburn Lane, Langley Moor, Durham DH7 8LQ
4/12/00915/FPA	Mr B Messer	Erection of single storey rear extension 7 Welby Drive, Ushaw Moor, Durham DH7 7GA

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4/12/00925/FPA	Stoneacre Motor Group	Proposed redevelopment of existing body shop to create new car show room Stoneacre Garage, Sawmills Lane, Brandon, Durham DH7 8AB
4/12/00858/FPA	Brambledown Landscapes Ltd	Conversion of existing public house to single dwelling and erection of additional dwelling to side The Prince Bishop, Brandon Village, Durham DH7 8SU
4/12/00909/FPA	Dunelm Homes	Residential development of 34 no. dwellings Land East of Littleburn Lane and Onlsow Terrace, Langley Moor, Durham
4/12/00984/FPA	Mrs R Coates	Rear Conservatory 56 Osprey Close Esh Winning, Durham DH7 9JP
4/12/01023/OUT	Banks Property Ltd	271 Dwellings (Outline) Land to the West of Browney Lane, Meadowfield, Durham

**136. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL - INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE CONSULTATION ON THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR STRATEGY FOR COUNTY DURHAM**

A report was presented to Council on the above consultation which ends on 4th December.

**RESOLVED:** To arrange a working group to consider the consultation.

**137. DCLG- INVITATION TO COMMENT ON CONSULTATION 'IMPROVING LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY'**

The above consultation had been received for comment.

**RESOLVED:** To arrange a working group to consider the consultation.

**138. DCLG- INVITATION TO COMMENT ON DISCUSSION PAPER 'MAKING IT EASIER TO SET UP NEW TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS'**

The above consultation had been received for comment.

**RESOLVED:** To arrange a working group to consider the consultation.

**139. OPEN SPACES SOCIETY- CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO WRITE TO M.P. TO PRESS HER TO SPEAK AGAINST CLAUSE 13 OF THE GROWTH & INFRASTRUCTURE BILL**

**RESOLVED:** To receive the letter.

**140. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARISH COUNCIL & FRIENDS OF LANGLEY MOOR' FOR THE COSTS OF ELECTRICITY FOR THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

An agreement for approval and signature was presented to Council. Eon has confirmed that the standing charge will be 11.75 per day (£42.89 per year) and the unit rate per kWh would be 10.42 pence.

**RESOLVED:** To approve and sign the agreement.

**141. DISCUSSION REGARDING FLOODING AT HOUSES AT PRINGLE CLOSE, NEW BRANCEPETH**

**RESOLVED:** To arrange a site visit with Durham County Council.

**142. CONSIDERATION AND COMMENT ON APPLICATION FOR VARIATION TO PREMISES LICENCE AT CO-OPERATIVE SUPERMARKET, LOWLAND ROAD, BRANDON**

The application for the above is proposing to vary times for alcohol sales to 7 am – 11 pm.

**RESOLVED:** To object to the application on the grounds of increased availability of alcohol and possible increase in anti-social behaviour because of extended hours.

**143. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S MEDAL- REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS**

Information had been received on the above.

**RESOLVED:** To arrange a working group to discuss the matter.

**144. REVIEW OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION POLICY**

The above policy was presented to Council for review.

**RESOLVED:** To agree the Policy.

**145. REVIEW OF ALLOWANCES FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS WHEN ATTENDING CIVIC FUNCTIONS**

The Vice Chairman had attended several civic functions on behalf of the Council when the Chairman had other engagements.

**RESOLVED:** That the Vice Chairman be reimbursed at £25 per function after 3 functions had been attended.

**146. DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**a) Christmas Donations**

**RESOLVED:** To approve the following: (Power of Well Being)

**New Brancepeth**

Village Hall	
Methodist Church	£100 each
New Brancepeth Church	
New Brancepeth Primary School and Nursery	£100 School, £50 Xmas Party
New Brancepeth Residents Group	£100

**Ushaw Moor**

St.Lukes Church	
Baptist Church	
2-4 Club St Joseph's Parish Hall	
St. Joseph's Church	£100 each
Silver Trees Primary	
Pre-School Group	
St.Joseph's R.C.School	
Durham Community Business College	
Broompark WI	
Ushaw Moor Cricket Club	
Ushaw Moor Catholic Club	£150

**Esh Winning**

Esh Winning Primary	£200
Newhouse St.Mary's School	£200
Wednesday Afternoon Club	£100 each
Esh Winning Residents Group	
Monday Luncheon Club	
2-4 Club	
Newhouse Church	
St.Paul's Church	
Baptist Church	
Methodist Church	

**a) Christmas Donations (Continued)**

**Esh Winning**

Esh Winning Banner Group  
Deerness Over 60's  
Woodland Road Communal Hall

£100 each  
(Coffee Morning and Elderly Group)

**Brandon, Meadowfield and Langley Moor**

St.Andrews Church £200 each  
St.Andrew's Youth Group (£75 Brandon, £75 Meadowfield)  
Brandon Primary School £200 each  
Browney Primary  
Langley Moor Primary  
Langley Moor Nursery  
St.Patrick's School  
St.Patrick's Church  
St.John's Church  
Murray Independent Church £75 Brandon £75 Meadowfield,  
£25 L.Moor  
St.John Ambulance £75 Brandon,£75 Meadowfield,  
£25 L.Moor  
Sycamore Park £75 Brandon  
Silver Courts Over 60's £75 Brandon  
British Legion (Christmas Party) £75 Brandon  
Harry Carr House £100(£50 Luncheon Club, £50  
Over 60's)  
St.Andrew's Playgroup £150 (Brandon £75,  
Meadowfield £75)  
Teddy Bear Group (Brandon Comm Hall) £75 Brandon  
5th Durham City Scouts £50( Langley Moor £25,  
Brandon £25)  
Brandon Community Hall  
Christmas Party £350 (Brandon)  
Salvation Army £75 (£25 each Langley Moor,  
Brandon and Meadowfield)  
Browney Social Club £75 Meadowfield  
The Orchards £75 Brandon  
Meadowfield & District Social  
Club £75 each party (Children's and  
Over 60's)

**b) Ushaw Moor Together Christmas Lights**

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

Councillors Bell and Mrs Gates left the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** To donate £1,000 in this instance (Ushaw Moor Ward) (Power of Well Being)

Councillor Bell and Mrs Gates returned to the meeting.

**c) St Andrew's Church**

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

**RESOLVED:** To donate £500 in this instance (Brandon Ward) (Power of Well Being)

**d) Alex Oliver- Brandon Boxing Club**

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

**RESOLVED:** To arrange a meeting and send a Small Grants Application form.

**e) Lionmouth C.I.C.**

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

**RESOLVED:** To donate £1,650.00 in this instance (£500 each Brandon and Central Fund, £200 Ushaw Moor, £150 Langley Moor, £100 each Meadowfield, New Brancepeth and Esh Winning) (Power of Well Being)

**147. ALTOGETHER GREENER- REQUEST FROM MANAGING DIRECTOR TO BE INCLUDED ON PARISH COUNCIL'S LIST OF CONTRACTORS**

A letter had been received from the above company requesting to be added to the Parish Council's list of contractors.

**RESOLVED:** To write back informing the Company that the Parish Council will look at the request at the AGM in May.

**148. Nomination for President of National Association of Councillors**

**RESOLVED:** That the current president, Councillor Laurie Harrison be nominated.



**149. CIVIC FUNCTIONS FOR APPROVAL**

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

Seaham T.C	Re-dedication ceremony George Elmy Lifeboat	17.11.12
Durham C.C	Musical evening	23.11.12
Hartlepool B.C.	Folk & Acoustic evening	30.11.12
Spennymoor T.C.	Civic Dinner	7.12.12
Durham C.C.	Christmas Celebration	2.12.12
Shildon T.C.	Civic Carol Service	9.12.12
Ferryhill T.C.	Civic Carol Service	10.12.12
Seaham T.C.	Civic Carol Service	12.12.12
Shildon T.C.	Charity evening	14.12.12
Spennymoor T.C.	Civic Carol Service	16.12.12
Chilton T.C.	Civic Carol Service	17.12.12
Peterlee T.C.	Civic Carol Service	18.12.12

**RESOLVED:** To approve the Chairman or Vice Chairman's attendance at the above.

**150. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL**

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts amounting to £15,559.33

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

**151. REPORT OF CLERK**

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

• **Members Code of Conduct - Councillors dispensation**

Information had been received from CDALC that Councillors may be required to apply for dispensation when discussing Parish Council precept/ budget.

**RESOLVED:** To agenda at the next meeting.

• **Ushaw Moor Cemetery**

A site visit had taken place on 8th November 2012 and it was proposed to install 6 planters and a new seat.

**RESOLVED:** To order 6 planters and a seat.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Signed .....

Date .....