

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 DECEMBER 2012 AT 6.30 PM**

PRESENT

**Councillor Mrs Bonner (in the Chair)
and Councillors Akins, Bell, Dowsey, Mrs Gates, Grantham, Kelley, Mrs Kitching, Mrs
Leckenby, Nelson, Rippin, Mrs Smith, Stoddart, Taylor, Turnbull and Venn**

152. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from:

- Councillor Bell - Item number 16e - Durham City Centre Youth Project
- Councillor Mrs Bonner - Item number 11 on Clerk's Report - Area Action Partnership

153. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

154. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Allen, Mrs Catterson, Jones, Mrs
Wilkinson and Wilkinson

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

155. APPROVAL OF MINUTES HELD ON FRIDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2012

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 16th November 2012, be confirmed
as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**156. MINUTES OF ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 4TH
DECEMBER 2012**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2012, be confirmed as
a true record and signed by the Chairman.

157. PRESENTATION OF DONATIONS

The Chairman presented donations to:

St. Andrew's Methodist Church
Ushaw Moor Together

158. APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION FOR ALL COUNCILLORS

Approval was requested of applications for dispensation for all Councillors in order that they can participate and vote on the setting of the Parish Council's budget and precept.

RESOLVED: That the applications for dispensations from Councillors Akins, Allen, Bell, Mrs Bonner, Dowsey, Mrs Gates, Grantham, Jones, Kelley, Mrs Kitching, Mrs Leckenby, Nelson, Rippin, Mrs Smith, Stoddart, Taylor, Turnbull, Venn, Wilkinson and Mrs Wilkinson be approved. This will allow these Councillors to participate and vote in meetings concerning setting the Council's precept and budget.

159. POLICE REPORT

There were no Police in attendance.

160. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Unitary Councillors reported the following:-

Councillor Taylor reported the following:

- Council Plan and Service Plans 2013/14 - 2016/17 more reductions for local authorities 2% cut in funding which equates to £4.5 m.
- Additional savings required in 2017/18 due to Government cuts - which is likely to result in savings exceeding £200m
- Welfare Reform involves over 40 changes but there is no document which details the changes which makes it difficult for the County Council to analyse the overall impact
- 'BedroomTax' - under occupied social housing - people are not aware how this will affect them. An average family will lose approximately £14 per week
- Street Lighting Energy Reduction Project - 'invest to save' is part of the Council's Carbon Management Programme which sets a target of reducing the Council's carbon emissions by 40% by 2015. Street lighting represents 18% of the Council's carbon emission and therefore reducing street lighting energy consumption is essential for the Council to reach its target. No street lights in residential areas will be removed.
- Library Hours reduced - new library opening hours will begin from 2nd January 2013 and Mobile Library from 7th January 2013
- Playground consultation - to ensure residents can say how playgrounds should be distributed throughout the County

Councillor Turnbull reported the following:

- Cuts in grants would affect Parish Councils, resulting in hard time for Parish Councils in the future

RESOLVED: To receive the reports.

161. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING –APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

Planning permissions and refusals had been received.

4/12/00693/AD	Deerness Gymnastics Academy	Fascia sign - Deerness Sports Centre, Valley View, Ushaw Moor, Durham DH7 7LS
4/12/00997/FPA	Durham Villages Regeneration Company	Demolition of remaining dwellings on site and redevelopment with erection of 84 no. dwellings Land at Rowan Court, and The Oaks, Esh Winning, Durham
4/12/01002/PND	Durham County	Prior Notification of Council Proposed Demolition of Garage Block Skippers Meadow Garages, Skippers Meadow, Ushaw Moor, Durham DH7 7QN
4/12/01029/FPA	Mrs C Robson	33 Hedleyhill Terrace, Waterhouses, Durham DH7 9BA
4/12/01040/FPA	Mr G Robinson	Proposed change of use of an existing public green to domestic garden and erection of new associated fencing 70 High Shaws Brandon. Durham DH7 8QU

RESOLVED: To take for information.

162. APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF CLERK'S MEMBERSHIP TO SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS

The Clerk informed the meeting that the cost of renewal of subscription for 2013 was £181.

RESOLVED: To approve renewal of subscription for 2013.

163. APPROVAL OF DELEGATES FOR THE FOLLOWING TRAINING EVENTS

a) 'Localism & Neighbourhood Planning' 11th - 13th January 2013 at Carlisle

RESOLVED: To approve the following delegates to attend:
Councillors Bell, Dowsey and Grantham (LG Act 1972 Sec. 111)

b) Community Right to Bid Members' Policy Lunch 22nd February 2013 in London

RESOLVED: To receive the letter.

164. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL - INVITATION TO COMMENT ON FIXED PLAY PROVISION

RESOLVED: That Members would complete the forms and return the forms to the Clerk.

165. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL - AVAILABILITY OF LAND FOR SALE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS

a) **Back High Street South, Langley Moor**

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council has no interest in this land.

b) **Land Adjacent to 55 & 56 Brancepeth View, Brandon**

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council has no interest in this land.

166. APPROVAL OF FIELDS IN TRUST ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

RESOLVED: To approve payment of the annual subscription.

167. DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

a) **Alex Oliver**

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

RESOLVED: To donate £750 in this instance (Brandon Ward) (Power of Well Being)

b) **Lourdes Pilgrimage**

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

RESOLVED: To donate £1,600 in this instance (£500 each Esh Winning and Ushaw Moor, £400 Brandon, £100 New Brancepeth, £50 each Meadowfield and Langley Moor Wards) (Power of Well Being)

c) **County of Durham School Benevolent Fund**

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 Esh Winning and £50 each Ushaw Moor and New Brancepeth Wards) (Power of Well Being)

d) **Open Spaces Society**

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

RESOLVED: To receive the letter and write to the Open Spaces Society informing them that the Parish Council makes only one donation per year to an organisation.

167. DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION (Continued)

e) Durham City Centre Youth Project

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

Councillor Bell left the meeting.

RESOLVED: To donate £400 in this instance (£100 each Brandon and Esh Winning, £50 each Meadowfield, Langley Moor, New Brancepeth and Ushaw Moor Wards) (Power of Well Being)

Councillor Bell returned to the meeting.

168. CONSULTATION ON MAKING IT EASIER TO SET UP NEW TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS

Approval was requested of the response based on recommendations of the working group to the consultation.

RESOLVED: To approve the response of the working group to the consultation.

169. CONSULTATION ON IMPROVING LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY

Approval was requested of the response based on recommendations of the working group to the consultation.

RESOLVED: To approve the response of the working group to the consultation.

170. CONSULTATION ON THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR STRATEGY FOR COUNTY DURHAM

Approval was requested of the response based on recommendations of the working group to the consultation.

RESOLVED: To approve the response of the working group to the consultation.

171. CIVIC FUNCTIONS FOR APPROVAL

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

Seaham T.C.	Christmas light switch on	22.11.2012
Mayor of Durham	Civic Carol Service	6.12.2012

RESOLVED: To approve the functions.

172. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Authorisation was requested to pay the accounts amounting to £12,751.54.

RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the accounts.

173. ALLOTMENTS:

The quarterly Allotment Report was presented to Council for approval.

RESOLVED: To approve the report.

174. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk presented a report to Council for information.

RESOLVED: To approve the report.

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Parish Council had received notification that it had been re-accredited with Quality Status for another 4 years.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

The meeting closed at 7.10pm