

BRANDON AND BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL

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

**6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM
ON FRIDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2013 AT 6.30 PM**

PRESENT

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

191. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from:

Councillor Mrs Bonner - Item number 13 on Clerk's Report - Mid Durham Area Action Partnership

Councillors Taylor and Turnbull - Item number 3 - Presentation by Banks Developments regarding proposed development at Browney Lane

Councillor Turnbull - Item number 11 - County Durham & Darlington Fire & Rescue Service Integrated Risk Management Plan

The Chairman brought forward item 6 on the Agenda.

192. PRESENTATION OF DONATIONS

The Chairman presented a donation to The Hive Youth Club.

193. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillor Turnbull left the meeting.

Two members of the public had written to the Parish Council regarding the proposed planning application by Banks Developments at Browney Lane. The members of the public put forward their questions and concerns regarding the proposed development. The Chairman answered the questions posed by the residents.

Councillor Turnbull returned to the meeting.

194. PRESENTATION BY BANKS DEVELOPMENTS

Representatives of Banks gave a short presentation on the proposed development at Browney Lane and addressed issues raised in the Parish Council's letter to Durham County Council including concerns over increased traffic generated by the development.

The Chairman thanked Banks for their presentation.

195. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Catterson, Mrs Kitching, Rippin, Stoddart, Mrs Wilkinson and Wilkinson

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

196. APPROVAL OF MINUTES HELD ON FRIDAY 18TH JANUARY 2013

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2013, be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

197. POLICE

There were no Police in attendance.

198. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

Councillor Taylor's report included the following:

- Meeting of Durham County Council will be held on 20th February 2013 when reports from Cabinet meetings held on 16th January and 6th February will be received.
- Government support for Durham County Council forecast to reduce by £139m between 2011 - 2012
- Public sector expenditure reductions continue until at least 2017/18
- £95m further savings required between 2013/14 and 2016/17 making total savings of £188m between 2011/12 and 2016/17
- Council agreed rent levels for council owned housing for 2013/14 and confirmed a 2 year investment programme to maintain decent home standards
- Council set its Council Tax for 2013/14
- Planning applications passed for Mount Oswald, Durham and Onslow Terrace, Langley Moor
- Bedroom tax to be introduced in April 2013

Councillor Turnbull reported:

- Fire Authority frozen Council Tax for next 2 years
- Pot holes in roads - not enough funds to repair
- Funds allocated for flooding projects

199. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING –APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

Notification had been received from Durham County Council that an amended description has been received for the application by Stoneacre as follows:

Proposed redevelopment of existing body shop to create new car show room and formation of new parking area.

Any comments already submitted by the Council will be taken into account.

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

Permission and refusals were available at the meeting.

4/13/00009/FPA	Mr R Stephenson	Garden wall to rear 46 Frederick Street North, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 8NB
4/12/01136/FPA	Durham County Council	Relocation of existing steel container Annand House, John Street North, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 8RS
4/12/01101/FPA	Mrs M Ord	Wedding car hire business from home including parking of vehicles on site and one room in bungalow to be used as office Fox Field, 54 Braunespath Estate, New Brancepeth, Durham DH7 7JG
4/13/00046/FPA	Mr D Brown	Single storey garage extension to side 25 Leesfield Road, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 8NJ
4/13/00047/FPA	Mr G Gilmore	Erection of two storey pitched roof extension to side and single storey pitched roof extensions to front and rear of existing dwelling 25 Briar Avenue, Brandon, Durham DH7 8AL
4/13/0053/FPA	Mr Turnbull	Single storey extension 1 Beech Park, Brandon, Durham DH7 8TL
4/12/00919/OUT	Mr S Connor	Outline application for the erection of 12 no. dwellings on plot to rear of John Street with some matters reserved Land to the Rear of 9 - 21 John Street South, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 8RP

RESOLVED: a) To support application 4/12/01101/FPA Wedding car hire business from home for Mrs M Ord, New Brancepeth, but to stipulate that cars associated with the business should not be parked on the highway.

b) To object to the amended application 4/12/00925/FPA/SP1 proposed redevelopment of existing body shop to create new car showroom for Stoneacre on the following grounds:

- Increased number of parking spaces for sale cars potentially intensifying business and associated visitor parking issues
- Concerns over the configuration of entrance for articulated vehicles would be unsafe

200. ESH WINNING CRICKET CLUB-REQUEST FOR MEETING TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF USE OF AREA OF LAND BORDERING CRICKET FIELD

Correspondence had been received from Esh Winning Cricket Club requesting use of part of the land bordering the cricket field.

RESOLVED: To arrange a meeting with Durham Aged Miners Homes Association who lease the land to the Parish Council

201. COUNTY DURHAM & DARLINGTON FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN

Invitation to comment on the above consultation had been received.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman and Clerk liaise in order to formulate a response.

202. APPROVAL OF POLICIES:

a) Grievance Policy

RESOLVED: To approve the policy.

b) Disciplinary Policy

RESOLVED: To approve the policy.

c) Review of Training- Statement of Intent

RESOLVED: To approve the policy.

203. APPROVAL OF DELEGATES TO TRAINING CONFERENCE 'TRANSPORT & EMERGENCY SERVICES/FLOOD MANAGEMENT' ON 1ST – 3RD MARCH 2013 IN DERBY

Approval of delegates was requested for the above conference.

RESOLVED: That Councillors, Allen, Bell and Stoddart attend (LG Act 1972 Sec 111).

204. USHAW MOOR BAPTIST CHURCH- DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSALS FOR PLANTING TO THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH

A meeting had taken place with Brambledown Landscapes with regard to planting the area in front of the Baptist Church, Ushaw Moor. Members also inspected the area at The Silver Trees Sculpture to discuss repairs to the area which had been vandalised.

RESOLVED: To accept the quotations from Brambledown Landscapes for the improvements, but to consult with Durham County Council on the area at The Silver Trees before commencing work.

205. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL- SPEED LIMITS ORDER FOR B6302 BROOM LANE, BROOMPARK/USHAW MOOR

The above order to amend speed limits had been received from Durham County Council.

RESOLVED: To fully support the proposals to amend the speed limits,

206. DONATIONS FOR APPROVAL

a) Fae Corrigan, Esh Winning

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

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

b) Acton Road Playgroup

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

RESOLVED: To donate £200 in this instance (Esh Winning Ward) (Power of Well Being)

c) St Patrick's Social Committee, Langley Moor

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

RESOLVED: To donate £300 in this instance (£150 Langley Moor, £100 Brandon and £50 Meadowfield Ward) (Power of Well Being)

d) Mencap

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

RESOLVED: To donate £500 in this instance and to request that the donation benefit those within the Parish area. (Central Fund) (Power of Well Being)

e) Brandon & Esh Winning Children's Centres 3 fun days

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

RESOLVED: To donate £500 in this instance, between the 3 Fun days (Central Fund) (Power of Well Being)

f) Esh Winning Library Easter Egg Competition 2013

A request for a donation had been received from the above and an invitation to judge and present the prizes on 28th March 2013.

RESOLVED: To donate £250 in this instance and to notify the Library that Esh Winning Ward Councillors will judge and present the prizes for the Easter Egg Competition. (Esh Winning Ward) (Power of Well Being)

207. CRIMESTOPPERS- INVITATION FOR TWO MEMBERS TO ATTEND SEMINAR CONCERNING COMMERCIAL CANNABIS CULTIVATION ON 20TH MARCH 2013 AT AYKLEY HEADS

RESOLVED: That Councillors Bell and Turnbull attend.

208. CIVIC FUNCTIONS FOR APPROVAL

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

Durham C.C.	Service of Thanksgiving	9.2.2013
Mayor of Durham	Civic Dinner	1.3.2013
Seaham T.C.	Charity evening	12.3.2013
Hartlepool B.C.	An evening of clairvoyance	21.3.2013

RESOLVED: To approve attendance at the functions.

209. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts amounting to £6,498.35

RESOLVED: To approve payment of the accounts.

210. REQUEST BY CHAIRMAN TO ALTER TIME OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING ON 15TH MARCH 2013 TO 6.00 PM

RESOLVED: To agree to alter the March meeting to 6.00 pm.

211. REPORT OF CLERK

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

• **Land at Former Prince Bishop, Brandon Village**

The Clerk reported that a meeting had taken place with a solicitor from Durham County Council on 11th February 2013 in order to request advice relating to a new residential dwelling which would have implications on the village green. The owner of the land was proposing to erect a small wall to the front elevation of the dwelling which would effectively be on land registered as village green. The Parish Council was advised that no structures should be permitted on village green land.

RESOLVED: a) To inform the owner of the land to seek legal advice before he carries out any work on the proposed dwelling.
b) To arrange a meeting at Brandon Village to discuss access to the existing Community Garden.

211. REPORT OF CLERK (Continued)

• **Floral Containers Summer 2013**

Members considered the specification for summer planting.

RESOLVED: To add the following to the existing specification:

- 2 new tubs at the seat opposite Meadowfield Club
- 2 new tubs Langley Moor (location to be arranged)

• **General Power of Competence**

The Clerk informed the meeting that she had passed the CILCA module on the General Power of Competence.

RESOLVED: To pass a resolution to use the power at the Annual General Meeting.

• **Holliday Park**

RESOLVED: To arrange a further meeting to discuss the costings for the next stage of the Masterplan.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm

Signed

Date