

**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 JULY 2013 AT 6.30 PM**

**PRESENT**

**Councillor J Grantham (in the Chair)**

**and Councillors Akins, Mrs Akins, Bell, Clegg, Mrs Clifford, Mrs Gates, Graham, Jamieson,  
Mrs Leckenby, Nelson, Sims, Stoddart, Turnbull and Mrs Wharton**

**55. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

**56. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A letter had been received from a resident of Esh Winning regarding the poor condition of the footpath between Castlefields, Esh Winning and Lionmouth CIC crossroads.

**RESOLVED:** To inform the resident that the condition of the footpath had already been reported by the local Unitary Member.

**57. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Bonner, Chaplow, Jones, Rippin, Rodgers and Taylor.

**RESOLVED:** To receive the apologies.

**58. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21ST JUNE 2013**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 21st June 2013 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**59. PRESENTATION OF DONATION**

A representative of Silver Courts was unable to attend therefore the cheque would be posted.

Councillor Graham left the meeting due to a prior engagement.

**60. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES TO PAINTING COMPETITION WINNERS**

The Chairman presented trophies to the overall winners of the Painting Competition:

Nursery	Kori Surtees	New Brancepeth
Reception	Millie Bevington	Esh Winning Primary
Years 1 & 2	Imogen Patterson	Newhouse St.Mary's,
	Morgan Short	Langley Moor St. Patrick's
Years 3 & 4	Andrew Fenwick	Browney Primary
Years 5 & 6	Rosie Cook	Newhouse St. Mary's

Rosie Cook was unable to attend.

**61. UNITARY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

The report from the Unitary Councillors included the following:-

- Proposed formation of a 'Combined Authority' known as the North East Leadership Board which would provide regional leadership for economic growth, skills and transport functions.
- Government has imposed 25% reduction in grants to Local Enterprise Partnerships - North East would have to bid to get it back
- More intensive cuts to come e.g. School crossing patrols at Brandon and Esh Winning are not to be replaced.

Concern was expressed by Members regarding the future of school crossing patrols throughout the area.

**RESOLVED:** To write a letter of objection to Durham County Council regarding the removal of the crossing patrol at Brandon.

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

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

Planning permissions and refusals were available at the meeting.

4/13/00582/FPA	Wear Rivers Trust	Fish easement scheme, Broadgate Farm, Esh Winning, Durham DH7 9QE
4/13/00584/FPA	Wear Rivers Trust	Fish easement scheme, Ushaw Moor Fish Easement, Ushaw Moor DH7 7QA

**RESOLVED:** To send a letter of support regarding application numbers 4/13/00582 Fish easement scheme, Broadgate Farm, Esh Winning, Durham and 4/13/00584 fish easement scheme, Ushaw Moor Fish Easement, Ushaw Moor. DH7 7QA

**63. CDALC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Request for nominations for positions of President, Vice Presidents (3), Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Auditor had been received from the above.

**RESOLVED:** To nominate Councillor Bell for Vice Chairman.

**64. NAC - APPROVAL OF CONFERENCE PROGRAMME FOR 2013/14**

The Conference programme for 2013/14 was to be circulated to Members.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the programme and that expression of interest be requested for the conference in Harrogate 28th - 30th September.

**65. DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**a) Visual Impairment Problem Solving in County Durham**

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

**RESOLVED:** To donate £2,000 in this instance (Central Fund) (General Power of Competence)

**b) Butterwick Hospice**

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

**RESOLVED:** To donate £600 in this instance (£100 each Ward) (General Power of Competence)

**c) Mayor's Appeal Fund 2013/14**

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

**RESOLVED:** To donate £700 in this instance (£200 Brandon Ward, £100 each Langley Moor, Meadowfield, New Brancepeth, Ushaw Moor and Esh Winning Wards) (General Power of Competence)

**d) Meadowfield & Langley Moor over 60's**

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

**RESOLVED:** To donate £300 in this instance (£100 each Brandon, Meadowfield and Langley Moor) (General Power of Competence)

**65. DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION (Cont.)**

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from St. Andrew's Church, Brandon regarding funding towards a 'Holiday At Home' week for elderly residents of the Parish to be held 19 - 23rd August.

The Chairman agreed to discuss the item as the Council was in recess in August.

**RESOLVED:** To donate £500 in this instance (£100 each Meadowfield and Langley Moor Wards, £300 Brandon Ward) (General Power of Competence)

**66. APPROVAL OF POLICIES REQUESTED**

**a) Members Allowances**

**RESOLVED:** To approve that the allowances remain the same

**b) Community Engagement Statement of Intent**

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk add more information regarding the Parish Council's work with AAP and to approve the amendments.

**67. LAND REGISTRY- B133 NOTICES RECEIVED TO APPLY TO ENTER A UNILATERAL NOTICE IN RELATION TO MINES AND MINERALS AT THE FOLLOWING LAND ON BEHALF OF THE CHURCH COMMISSIONERS FOR ENGLAND**

- a) Cockhouse Lane allotments
- b) Empire Field Allotments

The Clerk explained the Parish Council's position and informed the meeting that the Land Registry did not have to receive any evidence from The Church Commissioners in order to enter the notice in the register. The Council can complete a Form UN4 to apply to have the notice cancelled. This would at least mean that the Church Commissioners would have to provide information on why they have claimed the right to register the mines and minerals. Advice on the matter had also been requested from NALC.

**RESOLVED:** That a Form UN4 be lodged with the Land Registry for bother areas of land.

**68. DISCUSSION RELATING TO UPGRADE OF PLAY AREA AT BROOMPARK**

Discussion took place on the options for upgrading of the play area at Broompark, as this issue had been raised at the Village Discussions at Ushaw Moor.

**RESOLVED:** To send a letter to Durham County Council requesting an update on the Play Strategy and to arrange a site meeting with Durham County Council in August.

**69. PROPOSED PROVISION OF DIRECTION SIGN FOR USHAW MOOR COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Councillor Stoddart has requested that consideration be given to the supply of a direction sign for the Ushaw Moor Community garden. The cost of a sign would be £367.08.

**RESOLVED:** To fund the cost of the sign.

**70. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL**

Authorisation was requested to pay the accounts amounting to £14,146.06

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

**71. CIVIC FUNCTIONS FOR APPROVAL**

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

Hartlepool B.C.	Charity Fun Day	27.7.2013
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**72. REPORT OF CLERK**

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

- **Floral Displays throughout Parish**

A meeting had been held on 17th July 2013 concerning floral displays throughout the Parish which could be provided by Durham County Council.

**RESOLVED:** That Ward Members consider options for their villages with a view to obtaining costings from Durham County Council for summer planting 2014.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm

Signed .....

Date .....