

BRANDON AND BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL

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

**6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM
ON FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2013 AT 6.30 PM**

PRESENT

**Councillor J Grantham (in the Chair)
and Councillors Akins, Bell, Mrs Chaplow, Mrs Gates, Jones, Rippin, Mrs Rodgers, Sims,
Stoddart, Taylor and Mrs Wharton**

95. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from:

Councillor Mrs Chaplow - Item No 5 Esh Winning Mining Memorial Group

RESOLVED: To receive the declaration of interest.

96. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

97. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Akins, Mrs Bonner, Clegg, Graham, Jamieson, Mrs Leckenby, Mrs Nelson, Nelson and Turnbull

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

98. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20TH SEPTEMBER 2013

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 20th September 2013 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

99. PRESENTATION OF DONATIONS

The Chairman presented donations to the following:-

Brandon Sports Club
Esh Winning Mining Memorial Group
Kids Club Ushaw Moor
Ushaw Moor Cricket Club

100. POLICE REPORT

There was no police in attendance and no report had been received.

101. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

The Unitary Councillors report included the following:-

- Further cuts to Durham County Council's budget proposed - consultation currently being held. The Leader of the Council has written to the Secretary of State expressing concerns over further cuts in 2014/15 and 2015/16.
- Consultation taking place on residential care homes, Durham City Plan and County Durham Plan.
- Funding available to give over 65's free PAT testing
- Lumiere Festival
- Horticultural awards held on 2nd October 2013
- Bishop Auckland Hospital's Maternity wing - service cut

102. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING – APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

List of planning permissions and refusals had been received.

CE/13/00915/FPA	Mr M Iveson	Change of use from a retail shop to a tattoo studio Shop 88 - 89 High Street South, Langley Moor, Durham DH7 8EX
CE/13/00951/AD	Mr M Iveson	Fascia sign and projecting sign on the front elevation Shop 88 - 89 High Street South, Langley Moor, Durham DH7 8EX
CE/13/00924/FPA	STR Enterprises Ltd	Installation of flood protection measures The Honest Lawyer, Durham DH1 3SP
CE/13/01062/FPA	Mr R Walton	Erection of single storey pitched roof extension to side of existing dwelling 53 Osprey Close, Esh Winning, Durham DH7 9JP
CE/13/01032/VOC	Regent Decorators Ltd	Variation of condition 2 of application 4/12/00858/FPA to provide enlarged car port structure and revisions to landscaping (amended plan received 9th October showing enlarged window to stairwell) Plot 2 Former Prince Bishop, Brandon Village, Durham DH7 8SU
CE/13/01065/FPA	Mr S Pears	Two and single storey extensions 6 Langley Crescent, Langley Moor, Durham DH7 8LU

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

RESOLVED: To receive for information.

Councillor Bell reported that an application would be coming in shortly for the site at New Brancepeth Nursery.

RESOLVED: To support the application when received.

103. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL-INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE LUNCHTIME SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL CONSULTATION

Information on the County Council's consultation on the above had been received. School crossing patrols in Brandon, Meadowfield, Ushaw Moor and Esh Winning would be affected by the County Councils proposal to remove the lunchtime crossing patrols.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council convey their concerns at this proposal as these crossings were still used by parents and children using the nursery facilities at the schools. Also to ask Durham County Council to strive for a 15 - 20 mph limit in the vicinity of schools.

104. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL- INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE REVIEW OF GARDEN WASTE COLLECTIONS

Information on the County Council's consultation on the review of garden waste collections had been received. The introduction of an annual charge of £20 for 16 fortnightly collections of garden waste is proposed.

RESOLVED: To write to Durham County Council acknowledging that the garden waste collection is a good service and it is regrettable that the service cannot be maintained free of charge. However the Parish Council understand the reasons why. To convey the Parish Council's concerns that, if residents opt out of the scheme, it could lead to an increase in fly tipping.

105. DONATIONS FOR APPROVAL

a) NEW BRANCEPETH WMC FC

A request had been received from the above to pay the pitch fees for this year.

RESOLVED: To pay the pitch fee of £497 (New Brancepeth Ward) (LG (Misc Prov) Act 1976 Sec. 19)

b) POPPY APPEAL

RESOLVED: To donate £500 to this year's poppy appeal (Central Fund) (General Power of Competence)

105. DONATIONS FOR APPROVAL (Cont.)

c) REMEMBRANCE SERVICE RECEPTION AND PROVISION OF DURHAM UNIVERSITY BAND

RESOLVED: To pay for the Remembrance Service reception and to donate £300 to Durham University Band for their services on Remembrance Day (Brandon, Meadowfield and Langley Moor Wards) (General Power of Competence)

106. CIVIC FUNCTIONS FOR APPROVAL

Durham County Council	Civic Service	6.10.13
Greater Willington T.C.	Civic Service	13.10.13
Peterlee T.C.	Civic Ball	1.11.13
Hartlepool B.C.	Mayor's Charity Ghost Hunt	2.11.13
St.John Ambulance	Curry Lunch	3.11.13
Bishop Auckland T.C.	Charity evening	7.11.13
Hartlepool B.C.	Charity evening	29.11.13

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

107. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts amounting to £17,516 18

RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the accounts.

108. ALLOTMENTS

A report was presented to Council regarding a resident's request to extend his garden onto the Council allotments at Empire Field.

RESOLVED: To produce an agreement and report back to Council and to keep Durham City Homes informed.

109. CLERK'S REPORT

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

• **CDALC AGM**

RESOLVED: That Councillors Bell and Stoddart attend the CDALC AGM on 26th October 2013.

• **SAMARITANS, DURHAM AGM**

RESOLVED: That Councillors Akins and Stoddart attend the AGM on 24th October 2013.

109. CLERK'S REPORT (Cont.)

- **PROVISION OF FLOWER BEDS**

RESOLVED: To retain the sleeperbeds under the village nameplates in the Councils present contract rather than get Durham County Council to maintain.

- **FOOTPATH - LANGLEY MOOR TO ALUM WATERS**

The Clerk reported that the condition of this footpath had been reported to Durham County Council and was due to be evaluated in 2014/15 programme of work.

RESOLVED: To monitor the issue and to request that the matter is raised at the AAP Road Safety and Task Group.

The following item was discussed in private:

111. QUOTATION FOR WINTER PLANTING

The Council considered the quotation for winter planting.

RESOLVED: To award the contract to Brambledown Landscapes.

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

Signed

Date