

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 NOVEMBER 2013 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT

Councillor J Grantham (in the Chair)

and Councillors Akins, Mrs Akins, Bell, Mrs Bonner, Mrs Chaplow, Clegg, Graham, Jamieson, Jones, Mrs Leckenby, Nelson, Mrs Nelson, Rippin, Mrs Rodgers, Sims, Taylor and Turnbull

112. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from:

Councillor Bell - Item No 12d New Brancepeth Village Hall, New Brancepeth Methodist Church, New Brancepeth Schools and Durham Community Business College

Councillor Mrs Bonner - Item No 12d New Brancepeth Village Hall and New Brancepeth Primary School

Councillor Mrs Chaplow - Item No 12d Esh Winning Banner Group and Esh Winning Residents Group

Councillor Jamieson - Item No 12b Ushaw Moor Cricket Club F.C.

Councillors Mrs Leckenby, Nelson and Mrs Nelson - Item No 12d Brandon Community Hall

Councillor Turnbull - Item No 4 on Clerk's Report Durham City Homes and Item No 5 on Clerk's Report Mid Durham Area Action Partnership

RESOLVED: To receive the declarations of interest.

113. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

114. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Gates, Stoddart and Mrs Wharton.

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

115. THOMAS NAYLOR, ESH WINNING

Thomas reported on his expedition to Malaysia following the Council's donation earlier this year. Thomas thanked the Parish Council for their assistance.

116. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18TH OCTOBER 2013

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

117. POLICE REPORT

There was no police in attendance.

118. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

The Unitary Councillors report included the following:-

- Budget consultation currently taking place
- Care Homes consultation
- Lumiere Festival
- Budget cuts in Fire Authority
- Amalgamation of roles of Durham County Council Chairman and Mayor - £38,000 saving.

119. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING – APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

Notification of planning permissions and refusals had been received.

CE/13/01105/FPA	Mr & Mrs S Boll	Erection of porch and provision of pitched roof over existing flat roofed areas to front of existing dwelling 9 Relly Close, Ushaw Moor, Durham DH7 7NW
CE/13/01170/FPA	c/o Agent	Erection of a single storey dwelling Land East of Fair View Stables, Fair View, Esh Winning, Durham
CE/13/00909/FPA	Mr D Card	Two storey side extension and front single storey extension 3 Camberley Drive, Brandon, Durham DH7 8TD
CE/13/00161/FPA	Durham City Homes	Change of use from open space to communal parking areas, Silver Courts, Rowan Lea and Red Firs, Brandon, Durham
CE/13/01239FPA	Diagtest Ltd	Single storey side and rear extensions 22 Chalfont Way, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 8UP
CE/13/01290/FPA	Mr C & Mrs L Askew	Two and single storey rear extensions and dormer window to rear roof slope 12 Woodland Terrace, Esh Winning, Durham DH7 9NL

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

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Stoneacre Appeal would be held on 27th November 2013.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman speak on behalf of Brandon Ward.

120. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL - INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE REVIEW OF THE STATEMENT OF LICENSING ACT 2013 POLICY

The above policy had been received for consultation.

RESOLVED: To agree the proposals in the policy.

121. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL - INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE COUNCIL BUDGET CONSULTATION 2014-2017

The Parish Council had been invited to comment on the above. The County Council need to make savings of an estimated £100m by 2017, approximately 25% of their current budget. These savings are required because of further major reductions in government grants. Views are also sought on whether the Council should raise Council tax by more than 2%.

RESOLVED: To respond to the consultation as follow:-

- 1) To keep the Council tax increase under 2%, consequently avoiding a referendum.
- 2) To use the increased revenue to secure current care home provision and maintain as far as possible subsidised bus travel.

122. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL - INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE PRE-SUBMISSION DRAFT OF THE COUNTY DURHAM PLAN

A pre-submission draft of the County Durham Plan had now been published for consultation. Consultation ends on 6th December 2013.

RESOLVED: To respond to the consultation re-iterating the Council's concerns regarding housing site H24 at Ladysmith Terrace, Ushaw Moor i.e. flood risk and highway safety.

123. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL - INVITATION TO COMMENT ON THE CONSULTATION ON THE REVIEW OF IN-HOUSE RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES

The Parish Council had been invited to comment on the above.

RESOLVED: To respond to the consultation as follows:-

- To support option1 to consult on the retention of each of the homes undertaking repair and maintenance as required
- Durham County Council to consider demolition of Cheveley House with a view to selling the land and reinvesting revenue into remaining Care Homes.

- Continuing day care services important for supporting people to live at home longer.

124. DONATIONS FOR APPROVAL

a) Esh Winning Residents Group

A request for a donation had been received from the above, to pay the electricity charges for the Christmas tree lights.

RESOLVED: To continue to pay for electricity charges for the Christmas tree lights.
(General Power of Competence)

b) Ushaw Moor Cricket Club F.C.

A request for a donation had been received from the above, to pay for the pitch fees.

RESOLVED: To approve the donation of £497 for pitch fees (General Power of Competence)

c) North East War Memorials Project

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

RESOLVED: To receive the letter.

d) Christmas Donations

RESOLVED: To make the following donations:- (General Power of Competence)

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.Luke's 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
The Hive	£100 each

Tea on Thursdays

d) Christmas Donations (Continued)

Esh Winning

Esh Winning Primary	£200
Newhouse St.Mary's School	£200
Wednesday Afternoon Club	£100 each
Esh Winning Residents Group	
Monday Luncheon Club	
Newhouse Church	
St.Paul's Church	
Baptist Church	
Methodist Church	
Esh Winning Banner Group	
Deerness Seniors	
Woodland Road Communal Hall	£100 each (Coffee Morning and Elderly Group)
Waterhouses Community Association	£100

Brandon, Meadowfield and Langley Moor

St.Andrew's 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)

Brandon, Meadowfield and Langley Moor (Continued)

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)

e) 5th Durham Scout Group

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

RESOLVED:- To donate £400 in this instance (Brandon Ward) (General Power of Competence)

125. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL - TREE WEEK - INVITATION TO APPLY FOR GRANT

Parish Council's are once again invited to apply for a Tree Week Grant.

RESOLVED: That New Brancepeth Ward apply for the grant to plant trees at the entrance to New Brancepeth.

126. CIVIC FUNCTIONS FOR APPROVAL

Bishop Auckland T.C.	Christmas lights switch on	22.11.13
Spennymoor T.C.	Mayors Civic Dinner	6.12.13
Sildon T.C.	Civic Carol Service	8.11.13
Ferryhill T.C.	Civic Carol Service	9.11.13
Seaham T.C.	Civic Carol Service	11.12.13
Sildon T.C.	Charity evening	13.12.13
Spennymoor T.C.	Civic Carol Service	15.12.13
Hartlepool B.C.	Civic Carol Service	20.12.13
Durham County Council	Civic Carol Service	22.12.13

RESOLVED: To approve attendance at the functions.

127. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts amounting to £31,298.76

RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the accounts and to review transport costs to Civic functions.

128. ALLOTMENTS

A draft agreement regarding proposed occupation of land on Empire Field allotments by tenant of Ushaw Villas was presented to Council. The resident had requested that a tree located on the land be cut down.

- RESOLVED:**
1. To approve the agreement
 2. Set a rent of £10 per year
 3. Arrange the tree to be cut down by Community Highways Worker
 4. Erect a suitable boundary fence, accepting the lowest quotation.

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

- **Waterhouses Play Area**

The Clerk informed the meeting that the lease on the above land was due to expire in January 2014.

RESOLVED: To contact Durham County Council regarding the renewal of the lease and future maintenance of the area.

- **Meadowfield Cemetery**

A proposal to purchase a mower and strimmer for use by the Community Highways Worker in Meadowfield cemetery was discussed.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk report back to the Council with details of the feasibility of the proposal and to further discuss at the Council's budget setting meeting.

- **Request for Salt bin, Walton's Buildings, Ushaw Moor**

The request for a salt bin at the above location had failed the assessment criteria. However Durham County Council could provide a 'dumpy bag' of salt at a cost of approximately £100.

RESOLVED: To purchase the 'dumpy bag'.

The meeting closed at 7.15 pm

Signed

Date