

**BRANDON AND BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM**

**ON FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER 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, Nelson, Mrs Nelson, Rippin, Mrs Rodgers, Sims, Stoddart, Taylor, Turnbull and Mrs Wharton**

**130. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of interest were received from:

Councillor Mrs Rodgers and Turnbull - Item No 14d Brandon Carrside Youth & Community Project

Councillor Turnbull - Item No 9 Town & Country Planning (Planning Application for Brett Homes) and Item No 8 on Clerk's Report Friends of Langley Moor

**RESOLVED:** To receive the declarations of interest.

**131. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

**132. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Gates, Jones and Mrs Leckenby.

**RESOLVED:** To receive the apologies.

**133. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15TH NOVEMBER 2013**

To include Councillor Mrs Rodgers in the attendance then

**RESOLVED:** To approve the minutes as a correct record and sign by the Chairman.

**134. MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 3RD DECEMBER 2013**

To amend the attendance to read Councillors Akins, Mrs Gates, Grantham and Turnbull then

**RESOLVED:** To approve the minutes as a correct record and sign by the Chairman.

**135. PRESENTATION OF DONATION**

The Chairman presented a donation to 5th Durham Scouts Group.

### 136. POLICE REPORT

A written report had been received from the Police on crime throughout the Parish.

**RESOLVED:** To receive the report.

### 137. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

The Unitary Councillors report included the following:-

- 2014/15 Durham County Council's Budget and 2014/15 to 2016/17 Medium Term Financial Plan - Durham County Council have further savings of £63.1m to be delivered in 2014/15 and 2015/16. Consultations taking place with the public on how these savings can be made.
- Consultation on draft countywide tree policy
- Creation of Combined Authority for Durham, Northumberland and Tyne & Wear - response to Secretary of State consultation indicated support for creation of a combined Authority from all stakeholders
- Proposals to make savings in Council's Care Connect Service including changes in customers assessments, improvements and efficiencies such as on vehicle sharing and telephoning costs.
- Fly-tipping campaign
- Fire Authority - consultation on Integrated Risk Management Plan
- Holliday Park, Langley Moor - Direct Services awarded tender for drainage scheme

### 138. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING – APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

Planning permissions and refusals had been received.

CE/13/00752/OUT	Brett Bros	Proposed residential accommodation for over 55's and care home/ EMI facilities and access road Land to the East of Aldridge Court, Ushaw Moor, Durham.
CE/13/01408/FPA	Mr & Mrs H Brunskill	Two storey rear extension 43 Coppice Hill, Esh Winning, Durham DH7 9QQ
CE/13/01444/FPA	Mr P Blake	First floor pitched roof extension to side and erection of pitched roof porch to front including forward projection to garage 9 Wooley Drive, Ushaw Moor, Durham DH7 7QP
CE/13/01434/FPA	Mr W M Hook	Rear garage extension 106 High Street North, Langley Moor, Durham DH7 8JH

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

CE/13/01475/FPA	Mrs Wilby	Single storey front, side, rear extensions and boundary wall 35 Winchester Drive, Brandon, Durham DH7 8UG
CE/13/00752/OUT	Brett Bros Developments	Proposed residential accommodation for over 55's and care home/ EMI facilities and access road Land to the East of Aldridge Court, Ushaw Moor, Durham

**RESOLVED:** That the Council submit their concerns that the proposed development by Brett Homes, Application Number CE/13/00752, at Ushaw Moor is outside the settlement boundary and on green belt land.

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

Approval was requested for renewal of Clerk's annual subscription of £184 to SLCC.

**RESOLVED:** To approve renewal of subscription.

**140. APPROVAL OF DELEGATES TO ATTEND THE FOLLOWING:**

a) **Data Protection & Freedom of Information Event -27<sup>th</sup> March 2014, Shotton Hall, Peterlee**

**RESOLVED:** To approve three delegates to attend, the Chairman, the Clerk and one other.

b) **'Police, Crime Commissioners & The Emergency Services' 10<sup>th</sup> -12 January 2014, Carlisle**

**RESOLVED:** To approve Councillors Bell, Grantham and Mrs Nelson to attend the Conference.

**141. REQUEST FROM CONTRACTOR TO BE CONSIDERED FOR USE BY THE PARISH COUNCIL ON LANDSCAPING AND GROUNDWORK MAINTENANCE**

A letter had been received from Makepeace Landscapes regarding the above.

**RESOLVED:** To make further enquiries about the company before adding to the list of Contractors.

**142. APPROVAL OF FIELDS IN TRUST ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION**

Approval was requested to renew the annual subscription of £25 per year.

**RESOLVED:** To renew the subscription.

143. **DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**a) Lourdes Pilgrimage**

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

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

**b) Open Spaces Society**

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

**RESOLVED:** To receive the request.

**c) Holocaust Memorial Day**

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

**RESOLVED:** To donate £50 in this instance (Central Fund)

**d) Brandon Carrside Youth & Community Project**

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

Councillors Mrs Rodgers and Turnbull left the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** To donate £2,000 in this instance (Central Fund) and to encourage the group to work with youngsters in New Brancepeth.

Councillors Mrs Rodgers and Turnbull returned to the meeting.

**e) Brandon Football Club**

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

**RESOLVED:** To donate £300 in this instance (Brandon Ward £200, Meadowfield and Langley Moor Wards £50 each)

**f) Acton Road Playgroup**

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

**RESOLVED:** To donate £300 in this instance (Esh Winning Ward)

**143. DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION (Continued)**

**g) Real Choice College**

A request for a donation had been received from the above.  
The Clerk informed the Members that no further information had been received from the College.

**RESOLVED:** To receive the request.

**144. CIVIC FUNCTIONS FOR APPROVAL**

Mayor of Durham	Civic Carol Service	10.12.13
Peterlee T.C.	Civic Carol Service	18.12.13
Seaham T.C.	Charity Night	15. 1.14
Hartlepool B.C.	Burns Night	25. 1.14

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

**145. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL**

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts amounting to £13,207.18.

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

**146. ALLOTMENTS**

The quarterly allotment report was submitted for approval.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the report.

**147. BRETT BROTHERS – CONSIDERATION OF OFFER TO PASS LAND OWNED BY MR BRETT AT HIGH STREET SOUTH, LANGLEY MOOR TO THE PARISH COUNCIL**

A letter had been received from Michael Brett regarding the above. The Clerk informed the meeting that the land was not registered with the Land Registry and in order for Mr Brett to convey the land to the Parish Council, he would have to make an application to the Land Registry to register the land through adverse possession. If this was successful the land could then be transferred to the Parish Council by agreement.

**RESOLVED:** To inform Mr Brett to proceed with an application for adverse possession of the land before any further progress could be made.

#### 148. CLERK'S REPORT

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

- **COMMUNITY HIGHWAYS WORKER**

**RESOLVED:** To arrange a meeting with Durham County Council to progress proposals to utilise the Community Highways Worker on winter maintenance on selected areas in the Parish e.g. doctors surgeries.

- **BROOMPARK AND WATERHOUSES PLAY AREAS**

The Clerk informed the Members that a request to renew the lease on Waterhouses Play Area had been instigated with Durham County Council. With regard to the Broompark site, no progress could be made until the results of the Play Strategy had been issued in February 2014.

**RESOLVED:** To re-agenda at February 2014 meeting.

- **PROW 11, WATERHOUSES**

The Clerk informed members that Durham County Council had confirmed that the issue regarding the blocking off of part of this PROW was not a priority as it was still accessible over Durham County Council land.

**RESOLVED:** To raise the concerns of the local Ward Members over this issue.

- **WORLD WAR 1 COMMEMORATION**

The Chairman had requested that Members consider options to commemorate the Centenary of World War 1 in 2014.

**RESOLVED:** That each ward consider options for their own areas e.g. installation of a commemorative garden. Langley Moor Ward is progressing suggestions through Friends of Langley Moor.

The following issue was discussed in private:

#### 149. REPAIRS TO KITCHEN AREA AND CHAMBER

Quotation for repairs to dampness issues in the downstairs kitchen area and chamber. The Clerk explained that a number of Contractors had looked at the problem but only one quote had been received.

**RESOLVED:** That in order to progress with a solution to the dampness problem, the quotation be accepted.

The meeting closed at 7.15 pm

Signed .....

Date .....