

BRANDON AND BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL

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

6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM

ON FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2014 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT

**Councillor Grantham (in the Chair)
and Councillors Bell, Mrs Bonner, Mrs Chaplow, Clegg, Graham, Jamieson, Mrs Leckenby,
Mrs Nelson, Nelson, Rippin, Mrs Rodgers, Sims, Stoddart, Turnbull, Mrs Wharton**

168. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from:

Councillors Bell, Chaplow and Turnbull – Item number 14 - County Durham & Darlington
Fire & Rescue Service

Councillors Grantham and Turnbull – Item number 17 on Clerk's report – Durham City
Homes

169. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

170. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

171. APPROVAL OF MINUTES HELD ON FRIDAY 17TH JANUARY 2014

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2014, be confirmed as
a true record and signed by the Chairman.

172. PRESENTATION OF DONATIONS

The Chairman presented donations to the following:-

Brandon & District Royal British Legion
County of Durham School Benevolent Fund

173. POLICE

There were no Police in attendance.

174. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

The local Unitary Councillors reported the following:

- Full Council meeting would be held on 26th February 2014
- Council Tax – 1.99% increase proposed for Durham County Council and Fire Authority
- Honest Lawyer Roundabout – work commencing to remove trees before construction of new roundabout commences.
- Possibility of Browney Lane Bridge being closed again, Network Rail and Durham County Council are sharing costs of work required on landslide under the bridge.

175. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING –APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

Stoneacre's appeal to the Planning Inspectorate was successful, therefore planning permission was granted for the redevelopment of the existing body shop to create a new car showroom and the formation of a new parking area.

Permission and refusals had been received.

CE/14/00045/FPA	R Stewart	Two storey extension to rear (revised and resubmitted) 27 Front Street, Broompark, Durham DH7 7QT
CE/14/00039/FPA	Ms K Redhead	Replacement of a flat roof with a pitched roof and new entrance canopy St. Catherines House, Benville Terrace, New Brancepeth, Durham DH7 7HZ
DM/14/00039/FPA	Mr W M Hook	Two storey rear extension creating 1 no. self contained residential unit 106 High Street North, Langley Moor, Durham DH7 8JH
DM/14/00071/FPA	Mr P Dawson	Erection of single storey pitched roof extension to front of existing dwelling 10 Broom Hall Drive, Ushaw Moor, Durham DH7 7NU
DM/14/00076/FPA	Mr N Burnett	Erection of conservatory to front of existing dwelling 16 Co-operative Terrace, New Brancepeth, Durham DH7 7HY

RESOLVED: To take for information.

176. CDALC LOCAL AREA COMMITTEES – COMMENTS REQUESTED ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Information had been received on proposed changes to the CDALC Local Area Committee Structure. Comments were requested by the end of February.

RESOLVED: That the delegates on the Parish Council Committee respond to the proposal.

177. NALC ONE DAY CONFERENCE ‘WHAT NEXT FOR LOCALISM ON 26TH MARCH 2014 IN LONDON – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF INTERESTED DELEGATES

RESOLVED: To receive the information.

178. COUNTY DURHAM COMMUNITY FOUNDATION – APPROVAL REQUESTED TO RENEW SUBSCRIPTION

The above subscription was due for renewal at a cost of £20.

RESOLVED: To authorise renewal of the subscription.

179. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION ON TREE MANAGEMENT POLICY – APPROVAL OF RESPONSE

A working group was held on 7th February 2014 to discuss a response to the consultation.

RESOLVED: To respond to the consultation with the comments raised at the working group.

180. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL – CONSULTATION ON CUSTOMER FIRST STRATEGY – COMMENTS REQUESTED

The above consultation has been received.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk liaise with members to formulate a response

181. COUNTY DURHAM & DARLINGTON FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE – REQUEST FOR COMMENT ON INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN 2014/15

The above consultation has been received.

RESOLVED: To liaise with Councillors to respond to the consultation.

182. WATERHOUSES PLAY AREA – DISCUSSION RELATING TO LEASE AND FUNDING OF NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT

The Clerk informed the meeting that Durham County Council had contacted the Parish Council proposing a 6 year lease for the site at a rental of £75 per annum with the Parish Council responsible for maintenance of the site. If the Parish Council used Durham County Council for site inspections it could cost in the region of £3,500 per year for a weekly inspection. The Clerk suggested approaching Lanchester Parish Council with a request to use their staff to undertake the inspection.

- RESOLVED:** a) To request that the lease be for a period of 12 – 15 years.
b) To approach Lanchester Parish Council regarding the site inspections

183. DONATIONS

a) Durham Miners Gala Brochure

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

RESOLVED: To take out a full page advert in the brochure - £630 (Central Fund)

b) Esh Winning Library Easter Egg Competition

A request for a donation had been received from the above and an invitation for the Ward Members to present the prizes

RESOLVED: To donate £250 in this instance (Esh Winning Ward) and for the Ward Members to present the prizes.

c) Crimestoppers

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

RESOLVED: To donate £150 in this instance (£25 each Ward)

d) Lionmouth Rural Centre

The Clerk reported that the Centre was experiencing problems obtaining clients at present and Councillor Mrs Bonner was arranging to meet with staff at the centre to determine the issues surrounding this.

RESOLVED: To agree to support the Centre in principle, but to defer until the issues at the Centre are resolved.

e) Jessica Williams

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

RESOLVED: To donate £400 in this instance (Esh Winning Ward) and to request that Jessica give a report on her trip.

183. DONATIONS (Continued)

f) Brandon Cricket Club

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

RESOLVED: To arrange a meeting with the Club.

g) Greater Durham Citizens Advice Bureau

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

RESOLVED: To donate £1980 in this instance (£500 between Brandon, Meadowfield & Langley Moor, £250 each New Brancepeth, and Ushaw Moor, £500 Esh Winning and £480 Central Fund)

h) Toma Fund 'Some Time of Our Own Appeal'

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

RESOLVED: To donate £100 in this instance (Central Fund)

184. USHAW MOOR WAR MEMORIAL

Councillor Stoddart explained that he had been approached by St. Luke's Church regarding the condition of the War Memorial plaque. St. Luke's had obtained a quotation for the renewal of the War memorial as 2014 was the centenary year of World War 1. The stonemason advised that the existing marble was too thin to repaint and recommended renewal in granite.

RESOLVED: That, as the Parish Council had responsibility for the memorial, that the project be progressed.

:That financial regulations be waived, and the quotation be accepted because of the timescale of the project and given that the contractor was a reputable local firm.

185. CIVIC FUNCTIONS FOR APPROVAL

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

Chilton T.C.	Charity evening	14.2.14
Shildon T.C	Presentation of awards Sid Chaplin short	
	Story competition	26.2.14
Hartlepool B.B.	Charity quiz night	26.2.14
Ferryhill T.C.	Charity Quiz night	1.3.14
Mayor of Durham	Charity dinner	21.3.14

RESOLVED: To approve attendance at the functions.

186. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts amounting to £16,608.36.

RESOLVED: To recommend approval of the accounts.

187. REPORT OF CLERK

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

- **Floral Containers Summer 2014**

RESOLVED: To add a further 2 planters to Esh Winning and Waterhouses specification.

- **Training Course – Data Protection and Freedom of Information on 27th March 2014**

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs Susan Nelson also attend the course.

- **Hartlepool Borough Council**

A request had been received from the above to support the Hartlepool Living Wage.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council convey their support.

The meeting closed at 7.05 pm.

Signature

Date