

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 MARCH 2014 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT

Councillor J Grantham (in the Chair)
and Councillors Akins, Mrs Akins, Bell, Mrs Bonner, Clegg, Graham, Jamieson, Jones, Nelson, Rippin, Mrs Rodgers, Sims, Taylor, Turnbull and Mrs Wharton

188. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were submitted:

Councillor Turnbull – Item no 12 on Clerk’s Report – Brandon Carrside Youth & Community Project and Item no 15 on Clerk’s Report – Durham City Homes
Councillor Mrs Wharton – Item no 25 – Quotations for Grass cutting

RESOLVED: To record the interests.

189. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

190. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Chaplow, Mrs Gates, Mrs Leckenby, Mrs Nelson and Stoddart.

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

191. APPROVAL OF MINUTES HELD ON FRIDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2014

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 21st February 2014, be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

192. MINUTES OF ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 4TH MARCH 2014

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Allotment Committee held on 4th March 2014 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

193. MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 5TH MARCH 2014

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance Committee held on 5th March 2014 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

194. PRESENTATION OF DONATIONS

The Chairman presented donations to the following:

Durham Crimestoppers
Jessica Williams
Toma Fund

195. POLICE

There were no Police in attendance.

196. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

The Unitary Councillors' report included the following:

- Durham County Council awarded Council of the Year
- Park and Ride Scheme received award
- Budget for 2014/15 discussed
- Bus Lanes to be open to bicycles, motor bikes and taxis including Sundays.

RESOLVED: To receive the report.

197. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING –APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

Permission and refusals had been received.

CE/14/00045/FPA	R Stewart	Two storey extension to rear (revised and resubmitted, amended elevation plan and red line plan received 18.02.14) 27 Front Street, Broompark, Durham DH7 7QT
DM/14/00057/FPA	Mr N Anderson	Creation of vehicular access, road and hard standing Ivesley Lane Farm, Iversley Lane, Waterhouses, Durham DH7 9HB
DM/14/00070/FPA	Brandon Cricket Club	Change of use of public open space, cricket practice nets and extension to existing club House Brandon Cricket Club, Brandon Lane, Brandon, Durham DH7 8PG

197. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING –APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION
(Continued)

DM/14/00081/FPA	Mr M Dobson	First floor extension above existing garage 3 Penryn Way, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 8UU
DM/14/00103/FPA	Enterprise Inns Plc	Installation of sewage pumping station with associated pumping main, gravity connection and associated drainage works Stonebridge Inn, Stonebridge, Durham DH1 3RX
DM/14/00134/FPA	St Cuthberts Hospice	Change of use of unit to retail, storage and office accommodation Oakway Court, Meadowfield Industrial Estate, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 8XD
DM/14/00250/FPA	Mr A Ahmed	Erection of two storey pitched roof extension to side and rear of existing dwelling 153 Braunespath Estate, New Brancepeth, Durham DH7 7JQ
DM/14/00291/FPA	Mrs S McMahon- Walsh	Conversion and extension of stable building to provide 1 no. dwelling with new stables and ancillary buildings Flass Gardens, Cockhouse Lane, Ushaw Moor, Durham DH7 8QD
DM/14/00428/FPA	c/o Agent	Erection of a single storey dwelling Land East of Fair View Stables, Fair View, Esh Winning, Durham
DM/14/00421/FPA	Mr Paul Sta	Two storey side extension 81 Cavendish Court, Brandon, Durham DH7 8UL
DM/14/00429/FPA	Mr D Barker	Single storey front and rear extensions and chimney stack 7 Alston Way, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 8XF

RESOLVED: To take for information.

198. APPROVAL OF DELEGATES FOR FOLLOWING TRAINING COURSES:

- a) Conference ‘Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour’ 4th-6th April 2014 in Scarborough
- b) ‘Promoting Good Practice in Volunteering’ 28th March 2014 at Bowburn Community Centre

RESOLVED: a) To approve Councillors Mrs Bonner, Grantham and Mrs Rodgers to attend.

b) To receive the information.

199. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL – FIXED PLAY PROVISION CONSULTATION – INVITATION TO CONSULTATION MEETING – 8TH APRIL 2014 - 6.30 P.M. COUNTY HALL

Information had been received on the above. Two representatives are invited to attend the presentation event.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk and Councillor Stoddart attend.

200. DISCUSSION RELATING TO PURCHASE OF WORLD WAR 1 CENTENARY FLAGS AND BANNERS WITHIN VILLAGES

The Clerk explained that a flag and banner were priced at £100 per pair.

RESOLVED: To purchase the following:

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| 2 flags and 2 banners | - Brandon ward |
| 2 flags and 2 banners | - Meadowfield and Browney ward |
| 1 flag and 1 banner | - New Brancepeth ward |
| 1 flag and 1 banner | - Langley Moor ward |
| 2 flags and 2 banners | - Esh Winning and Waterhouses ward |
| 1 flag and 1 banner | - Ushaw Moor and Broompark ward |

201. LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME – DECISION REQUIRED ON HOW TO DETERMINE THE CONTRIBUTIONS BAND SCHEME MEMBERS WILL BE ALLOCATED

The Clerk informed Members that information had been received from Durham County Council regarding changes to the LGPS from 1st April 2014 including:-

- Changes to the Definition of Pensionable Pay
- New contribution bands
- Contributions during absence
- Retirement options
- Survivor Pensions

The Council was requested to decide what process to adopt when allocating employees to a contribution band if their hours and/or pay varies.

RESOLVED: That the Council allocate employees to contribution bands each April based on their contractual hours and that the Clerk be authorised to re-assess the contribution band if the employees rate of pay or hours changes mid-year.

202. DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

a) Durham County Brass Band Association

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

RESOLVED: To donate £250 in this instance (£50 each ward, Brandon, Meadowfield, Langley Moor, Ushaw Moor and Esh Winning)

b) Great North Air Ambulance

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

RESOLVED: To donate £350 in this instance (£60 per ward, Brandon, Meadowfield, Langley Moor, New Brancepeth and Ushaw Moor £50 Esh Winning ward)

c) Beautiful Durham Competition

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

RESOLVED: To donate £150 in this instance (£25 per ward, Brandon, Meadowfield, Langley Moor, New Brancepeth, Ushaw Moor and Esh Winning)

d) Durham Vineyard- Family Fun Day

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

RESOLVED: To donate £1400 in this instance (£1000 Brandon ward, £200 Meadowfield and £200 Langley Moor wards) - Provided the Fun Day goes ahead

e) St. Patrick's Social Committee

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

RESOLVED: To donate £300 in this instance (£150 Langley Moor, £100 Brandon and £50 Meadowfield wards)

203. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FOLLOWING POLICIES:

a) Anti-Fraud & Corruption Policy

b) Effectiveness of Internal Audit including appointment of Internal Auditor

The Council has previously agreed to appoint Gavin Bestford as Internal Auditor

RESOLVED: a) To approve the Policy.

b) To approve the Policy, terms of reference and audit plan and to appoint Gavin Bestford as Internal Auditor for 2013/14.

204. APPROVAL OF DISPENSATION FOR COUNCILLOR MRS GATES FROM ATTENDING COUNCIL MEETINGS DUE TO ILL HEALTH

Approval is requested under Local Government Act 1972 Sec.85 (i) to give dispensation to Councillor Mrs Gates from attending meetings of the council and its committees due to reasons of ill health.

RESOLVED: To approve the dispensation.

205. APPROVAL TO ALTER DATE OF APRIL COUNCIL MEETING WHICH FALLS ON GOOD FRIDAY TO THURSDAY 17TH APRIL 2014

RESOLVED: To re-schedule the meeting to Thursday 17th April 2014.

206. REQUEST FROM NALC TO LARGER LOCAL COUNCILS TO SUPPORT SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL'S SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACT SUBMISSION

A request has been received asking for support of other larger local councils for Sevenoaks Town Council's proposal to have a percentage of Business Rates paid direct to Parish & Town Councils for the benefit of local economic growth.

RESOLVED: To send a letter of support for the proposal.

207. ESH WINNING MINING MEMORIAL GROUP – REQUEST TO TAKE ON FUTURE MAINTENANCE OF MINERS' MEMORIAL

A letter has been received from Esh Winning Memorial Group regarding the above.

RESOLVED: To take on future maintenance of the memorial at such time when the Group are no longer able to insure it

208. CIVIC FUNCTIONS FOR APPROVAL

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

Spennymoor T.C.	Charity evening	28.3.14
Ferryhill T.C.	Charity evening	5.4.14
Shildon T.C.	Charity evening	10.4.14
Peterlee T.C.	Charity evening	14.4.14
Chilton T.C.	Civic Dinner	17.4.14
Seaham T.C.	Charity Ball	25.4.14
Hartlepool T.C.	Charity evening	26.4.14

RESOLVED: To approve attendance at the functions.

209. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts amounting to £7,303.79.

RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the accounts.

210. ALLOTMENT REPORT

Approval was requested for the quarterly allotment report.

RESOLVED: To approve the report.

211. GRASSCUTTING 2014/ 2015

Councillor Mrs Wharton declared an interest and left the meeting.

The following item was discussed in private.
Quotations for grass cutting 2014 and 2015.

RESOLVED: That the contract be awarded to A Max Services.

Councillor Mrs Wharton returned to the meeting.

212 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk presented a report to Council for information.

The following issues arose:

- **Defibrillators**

It was requested that a demonstration of a defibrillator be arranged with St. John Ambulance at Brandon Community Hall.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange a convenient date and time.

- **Beautiful Durham Schools' Painting Competition**

RESOLVED: That the theme of this year's competition would be The Durham Miners Gala.

The meeting closed at 7.15 pm

Signed

Date