

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS
6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM
ON FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2014 AT 6.30 PM**

PRESENT

**Councillor T Akins (in the Chair)
and Councillors Mrs Akins, Bell, Mrs Bonner, Mrs Chaplow, Mrs Gates, Clegg, Graham,
Grantham, Jamieson, Jones, Mrs Nelson, Nelson, Rippin, Sims, Taylor and Turnbull**

69. WAIVER OF STANDING ORDER 68

It was proposed and seconded to waive Standing Order 68 pending amendments regarding the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations.

RESOLVED: To waive Standing Order 68.

70. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from:

Councillor Jamieson – Item no 18 Durham County Council, Consultation on Children’s Centres review and Item no 21d Donations, Ushaw Moor Cricket Club Fireworks Display

RESOLVED: To receive the declarations of interest.

71. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

72. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Leckenby and Stoddart. Councillor Mrs Wharton was attending a Civic function on behalf of the Council.

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

73. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18TH JULY 2014

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 18th July 2014 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

74. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES – SCHOOLS ART COMPETITION

The Chairman presented trophies to Joel Cairns and Lucy Donnelly from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs School, Esh Winning

75. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 2ND SEPTEMBER 2014

To record Councillor Jamieson's apologies then

RESOLVED: That the minutes be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

76. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 3RD SEPTEMBER 2014

RESOLVED: That the minutes be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

77. POLICE

There were no Police in attendance.

78. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

The following was included in the report:

- Housing Stock Transfer – 82% of tenants voted in favour of transfer of ownership and management of homes to existing housing service providers
- Medium Term Financial Plan 4 – savings targets for 2014/15 is £23m.
- Northumbria in Bloom – County Durham received several awards
- Garden Waste Collections – From 2015 charges for the garden waste collection will be imposed.
- Review of Children's Centres in County Durham
- Consultation on Smoking in Play Areas
- Work progressing to mark out site at Honest Lawyer for roundabout.

RESOLVED: To receive the report

79. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING

Plans had been received for proposed 5 no. detached dwellings at Land at Folds Close, New Brancepeth for Ms H Kell. The Parish Council objected to the application on the grounds of highway safety.

DM/14/02072/FPA	Trustees of Diocese Of Hexham and Newcastle	Extension to existing outdoor decking area and canopy, St. Patrick's R.C. Church, Goatbeck Terrace, Langley Moor, Durham DH7 8JJ
DM/14/02175/FPA	Mrs R Dunhill	First floor side extension And rear single storey Extension, 42 Halliday Grove, Langley Moor, Durham DH7 8LT

79. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (Continued)

DM/14/02266/FPA	Mrs M Bussey	Conservatory to rear 42 Church Square, Brandon, Durham DH7 8EE
DM/14/02357/FPA	Restless North East Ltd	Change of use from a place of worship, (D1, non-residential institutions) to D2 Assembly and Leisure. Skillion Business Centre, Littleburn Industrial Estate, Langley Moor, Durham DH7 8HG
DM/14/02321/FPA	CTS Shoptfitting Limited	Alterations to shop front comprising installation of roller shutter doors. Replacement security doors, installation of air conditioning unit and external condenser unit and erection of timber fencing to compound area to rear Co-Operative Retail Services Ltd, Newhouse Road, Esh Winning, Durham DH7 9JX
DM/14/02344/FPA	Ms H Kell	5 no. detached dwellings Land at Folds Close Farm, New Brancepeth, Durham DH7 7HZ
DM/14/02138/FPA	Esh Winning School	Installation of 4 lighting Primary columns to existing MUGA Esh Winning Primary School, The Wynds, Esh Winning, Durham DH7 9BE
DM/14/02217/VOC	Mr T B Patterson	Variation of Condition 5 of Planning Permission 4/10/00408/FPA change to approved replacement dwelling Land of 2 Eshwood Gardens, Eshwood Estate, New Brancepeth, Durham DH7 7HG
DM/14/02646/FPA	Mr & Mrs J Kahn	Erection of detached dwelling including demolition of existing garage. Land to Rear of the White House, 34 Brandon Village, Durham DH7 8SU

Permission and refusals had been received.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

80. APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF ANNUAL AUDIT RETURN 31ST MARCH 2014 FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF EXTERNAL AUDIT

The annual audit has been completed and no matters were raised for the Parish's attention by the external auditor.

RESOLVED: To approve and accept the Annual Return for year ending 31st March 2014.

81. THE OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS- APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS AND DRAFT POLICY FOR APPROVAL

The Clerk presented a report on the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations which has amended the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960 to allow the press and public to photograph, film and audio record proceedings at a meeting. The Council's Standing Order 68 will now require amendment to take account of this.

The Clerk also presented a draft policy regarding Public Filming, Recording or reporting at Council meetings

RESOLVED: a) To amend Standing Order 68 to read:

'A person may not orally report or comment about a meeting as it takes place if he is present at the meeting of the parish council or its committees but otherwise may:

- a) film, photograph or make an audio recording of a meeting;
- b) use any other means for enabling persons not present to see or hear proceedings at a meeting as it takes place or later;
- c) report or comment on the proceedings in writing during or after a meeting or orally report or comment after the meeting.'

and b) To approve the Policy on Public Filming, Recording and reporting at Council meetings.

c) To obtain information on audio and visual recording of meetings by the Parish Council.

82. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDER 77 REGARDING GRANTING OF DONATIONS TO COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

Approval was requested to amend Standing Order 77 regarding the granting of donations.

RESOLVED: To amend the Standing Order as advised and to insert 'with the exception of Christmas donations'.

83. CDALC - APPROVAL OF NOMINATION OF PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENTS, HONORARY TREASURER AND HONORARY AUDITOR

The Council was invited to give nominations for the above.

RESOLVED: To confirm Councillor Bell's nomination for Vice President and to nominate the existing holders for the remaining posts.

84. COUNTY DURHAM COMMUNITY FOUNDATION- INVITATION TO AGM ON 7TH NOVEMBER 2014, 12 - 2P.M. AT SHILDON RAILWAY MUSEUM

An invitation to the above had been received.

RESOLVED: To receive the invitation.

85. ST. JOHN'S CHURCH HALL, MEADOWFIELD- REQUEST TO PAY PLANNING FEES ON BEHALF OF THE FUNDRAISING GROUP

Fundraising is ongoing by the local community to replace St. John's Church Hall at Meadowfield following the fire earlier this year. The Parish Council has received a request to pay the planning fees as the Council is eligible for 50% discount on the full cost of the fees.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council pay the planning fee.

86. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION ON CESSATION OF SMOKING IN PLAYGROUNDS INVITATION TO COMMENT

Durham County Council is currently carrying out a consultation on the above.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council support the proposal to promote smoke free play areas. If necessary the Parish Council would provide signage for its own sites.

87. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL, CONSULTATION ON CHILDREN'S CENTRES REVIEW - INVITATION TO COMMENT

The County Council is consulting on the future of Children's Centres across County Durham. The Council's proposal would be to reduce the number of Children's Centre buildings and instead focus on a more targeted way of providing effective front line services, using local community buildings for delivery of services.

RESOLVED: To support the County Council's proposal to deliver service in community buildings which would bring the service closer to families and concentrate resources for families living in areas most in need.

: To urge Durham County Council to make service affordable for all families

: To suggest that Hamsteels Village Hall and St Mary's Parish Centre at Esh Winning and Waterhouses Village Hall are added to the list of proposed community buildings.

**88. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS (ENGLISH REGION AGM)-
NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, SECRETARY & TREASURER
REQUESTED**

RESOLVED: To nominate the following:

Chair	-	Brian Stephens
Vice Chair	-	Audrey Laing
Vice Chair	-	Eric Firth
Secretary	-	Parish Council's delegate to make nomination at AGM
Treasurer	-	David Bell

**89. COUNTY DURHAM TRAINING PARTNERSHIP - TRAINING COURSES AND
DELEGATES FOR APPROVAL:**

- a) **Delegation, Terms of reference, Financial Regulations & Standing Orders - 30th
September 2014, Billingham 6 - 8pm**

RESOLVED: To receive for information.

- b) **Setting & Controlling Budgets, Precepts and Grants 15th October 2014, County
Hall 6-8pm**

RESOLVED: That the Clerk and Allotment Officer attend.

- c) **Policies, Social Media & The Press, Health & Safety & Risk Assessments, 10th
November 2014, Shildon Town Council 9am - 4pm**

RESOLVED: That the Allotment Officer attend.

90. DONATIONS FOR APPROVAL

The following requests have been received:-

- a) **HPPL Canine Services**

RESOLVED: To refuse the request in this instance.

- b) **Brandon Sports Club F.C.**

RESOLVED: To donate £200 in this instance (Brandon Ward)

- c) **Esh Winning C.C.F.C.**

RESOLVED: To donate £200 in this instance (Esh Winning Ward)

- d) **Ushaw Moor Cricket Club Fireworks Display**

RESOLVED: To donate £400 in this instance (Ushaw Moor Ward)

90. DONATIONS FOR APPROVAL (Continued)

e) Brandon United F.C. Under 18's

RESOLVED: To donate £400 in this instance (£250 Brandon, £50 each Ushaw Moor, Meadowfield and Langley Moor Wards)

91. CIVIC FUNCTIONS FOR APPROVAL

Hartlepool B.C.	Reception for Freeman & Honorary Aldermen	4.9.14
Durham C.C.	Charity event Bowes Museum	19.9.14
Spennymoor T.C.	Civic Service	28.9.14
Durham C.C.	Beautiful Durham Awards	1.10.14
Spennymoor T.C.	Charity evening	3.10.14
Seaham T.C.	Charity evening	6.10.14
Hartlepool B.C.	Civic Dinner	31.10.14
Hornden P.C.	Charity evening	8.11.14

RESOLVED: To approve attendance by the Chairman or Vice Chairman to the above.

92. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Authorisation was requested to pay the accounts amounting to £13,712.98

RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the accounts.

93. ALLOTMENTS

a) Quarterly Allotment Report for approval.

RESOLVED: To approve the report.

b) Langley Grove- request for gate at entrance to allotments

RESOLVED: To refuse the request but to make enquiries regarding installation of a mobile camera.

94. REPORT OF CLERK

The Clerk presented a report to Council for information.

The following issues arose:

- **Holliday Park**

RESOLVED: To arrange a meeting with Durham County Council, Area Action Partnership and Parish Council to discuss progress on refurbishment of the above.

94. **REPORT OF CLERK (Continued)**

- **PACT Meetings**

Concern had been raised about timing of some of the PACT meetings and the lack of publication.

RESOLVED: To contact the Police regarding the issue.

- **Provision of Mobile Football Cages**

Councillor Nelson gave a report on the above which had been raised at a recent NAC Conference. Choppington Parish Council had provided mobile football cages in their area and this had the effect of reducing anti-social behaviour. Choppington Parish Council had invited the Parish Council to visit the area.

RESOLVED: To organise a visit to Choppington Parish Council.

The following item was discussed in private.

95. **QUOTATIONS AND DESIGNS FOR BROOMPARK PLAY AREA**

The Clerk informed Members that the design by HAGS had been an outright winner of the consultation in the local Primary Schools.

RESOLVED: To approve acceptance of the quotation from HAGS and to arrange to meet with their representative to discuss final arrangements prior to installation.

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm

Signed

Date