

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS  
6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM  
ON FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2014 AT 6.30 PM**

**PRESENT**

**Councillor Mrs C Wharton (in the Chair)  
and Councillors Bell, Mrs Chaplow, Mrs Gates, Grantham, Jamieson, Jones, Mrs  
Leckenby, Nelson, Mrs Nelson, Rippin, Sims, Taylor and Turnbull**

**Councillor Akins and Councillor Mrs Akins were attending an approved civic function.  
The Vice Chairman, Councillor Mrs C Wharton, was nominated to take the Chair.**

**114. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of interest were received from:

Councillor Bell – Item no 10b Christmas Donations for New Brancepeth Ward and  
Item no 9 County Durham & Darlington Fire & Rescue Service  
Councillor Grantham – Item no 16 on Clerk’s Report Durham City Homes  
Councillor Turnbull – Item no 9 County Durham & Darlington Fire & Rescue Service,  
item no 11 on Clerk’s report Brandon Carrside Youth & Community Project, item no  
12 on Clerk’s report Mid Durham Area Action Partnership and item no 16 on Clerk’s  
report Durham City Homes  
Councillor Taylor – Item no 16 on Clerk’s report Durham City Homes

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

**115. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Ms Fiona Birnie had previously requested permission to speak regarding planning  
application 4/12/01023 Proposed reserved matters (details of appearance, landscaping,  
layout, scale) for 271 dwellings at land south of Browney Lane, Browney, Durham

Ms Birnie read out a statement regarding the proposed development which highlighted  
the concerns of the residents regarding highway and road safety issues, size of the  
development, and the style of the development in relation to the local character of the  
village.

**RESOLVED:** To invite Ms Birnie to a meeting with the local Ward and Unitary  
Councillors regarding her concerns, and the decision made at that meeting would be  
conveyed to Durham County Council.

**116. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Bonner, Clegg, Graham, Mrs Rodgers and Stoddart.

**RESOLVED:** To receive the apologies.

**117. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17TH OCTOBER 2014**

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

**118. PRESENTATION OF DONATIONS**

The Chairman presented the following donations:

Durham City Golf Club  
Royal British legion Poppy Appeal  
Ushaw Moor Cricket Club F.C.

**119. POLICE**

There were no Police in attendance and no report was received.

**120. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS**

The following was included in the report:

- Durham County Council to discuss proposals for a Durham Living Wage
- Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme approved to continue in 2015/16.
- Wharton Park £3m restoration project to commence in Spring 2015 – information boards will be displayed at North Road entrance and in the car park
- Restless N.E. located on Langley Moor Industrial Estate – games stations and flat screen TVs with a capacity for 30 – 40 players and a dining area. Aims to bring people together in a social environment.

**121. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING –APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

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

The application for the proposed Passivhaus development at The Garth, Mill Road, Langley Moor had been refused by Durham County Council.

Plans had been received for proposed reserved matters (details of appearance, landscaping, layout, scale) pursuant to planning permission ref 4/12/01023/OUT for 271 dwellings at land south of Browney Lane for Bett Homes.

Planning permissions and refusals had been received.

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

Councillor Taylor made no comment on application 4/12/01023 for Bett Homes

DM/14/03166/FPA	Mrs S McMahon-Walsh	Two-storey extension, ground floor veranda and first floor balcony Flass Gardens, Esh Winning, Durham DH7 9QD
DM/14/03180/FPA	Mr W Hall	Change of use to garden curtilage and erection of detached garage block 16 The Paddock, Waterhouses, Durham DH7 9AW
DM/14/03067/RM	Bett Homes	Reserved Matters (details of appearance, landscaping, layout, scale) pursuant to planning permission ref: 4/12/01023/OUT for 271 dwellings. Land to the South of Browney Lane, Browney, Durham DH7 8HU
DM/14/03339/LB	Mr W Baister	Improvement and alteration of two dwellings with listed building consent plus the conversion of former farm buildings to create 4 no. new dwellings Brancepeth Manor Farm, Brandon Lane, West Brandon, Crook, DL15 9AS
DM/14/03412/FPA	Ms T Hosler	Two storey rear extension 1 Station Street, Waterhouses, Durham DH7 9AS
DM/14/03255/FPA	Berendsen UK Ltd	Erection of an industrial building for use as a commercial laundry with associated offices, access and landscaping. Land to the East of Whitfield Court, St Johns Road, Meadowfield Industrial Estate, Meadowfield, DH7 8XL

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

DM/14/03264/FPA Arbor Timber

Construction of new entrance porch/showroom and demolition of existing conservatory (Re-submission) Arbor Timer, Mill Road, Langley Moor, Durham DH7 8HE

DM/14/03324/FPA Mr & Mrs N Whitton

Proposed insertion of window to first floor level, 27 Cookes Wood, Broompark, Durham DH7 7RL

Esh Winning Ward Councillors objected to application number 14/03180 16 The Paddock, Waterhouses, Durham

**RESOLVED:** To send a letter of objection regarding the proposed development at The Paddock, Waterhouses on the following grounds:-

- Outside local plan
- Excessive size of proposed garage given property already has a double garage
- Effect on wildlife
- Concerns that, as applicant owns a commercial motor business, development could be used for this purpose, therefore having an impact on highway safety.

**122. COUNTY DURHAM & DARLINGTON FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE - INVITATION TO COMMENT ON 3 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN.**

Following a meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014, the questionnaire had been completed and returned.

**RESOLVED:** To take for information.

**123. DONATIONS FOR APPROVAL**

a) **Acton Road Play Group**

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

**RESOLVED:** To donate £50 in this instance (Esh Winning Ward).

## 123. DONATIONS FOR APPROVAL (Cont.)

### a) Christmas Donations

To make the following donations :-

#### 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.Lukes 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	

#### Esh Winning

Esh Winning Primary	£200
Newhouse St.Mary's School	£200
Wednesday Afternoon Club	£100 each
Esh Winning Residents Group	
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

## 123. DONATIONS FOR APPROVAL (Cont.)

### Brandon, Meadowfield and Langley Moor

St.Andrews 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)
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)

**RESOLVED:** To remove Brandon Teddy Bear Club and Brandon Community Hall Christmas Party from the Christmas donations as the Teddy Bear Club no longer exists and the Parish Council is unaware of any plans to hold a Christmas Party at Brandon Community Hall.

**124. APPLICATION FOR S106 MONIES BY ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, USHAW MOOR FOR STORYTELLING CHAIR AND WORKSHOPS- INVITATION TO COMMENT**

The above application had been received for comment.

**RESOLVED:** To inform Durham County Council that the Parish Council fully supports the application.

**125. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION POLICY**

The current policy was presented for review

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk amend the policy as necessary and bring to the December meeting for approval.

**126. BRANDON CRICKET CLUB- CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO PAY PLANNING APPLICATION FEE FOR PROPOSED CHANGING ROOMS**

A letter had been received from Brandon Cricket Club requesting the Parish Council pay the planning fees of £335 on behalf of the Club for the proposed changing rooms.

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council pay the fee.

**127. CIVIC FUNCTIONS FOR APPROVAL**

Durham County Council	Masquerade Ball	21.11.2014
Spennymoor T.C.	Civic Ball	5.12.2014
Barnard Castle T.C.	Civic Carol Service	6.12.2014
Shildon T.C.	Charity evening	6.12.2014
Ferryhill T.C.	Civic Carol Service	8.12.2014
Seaham T.C.	Civic Carol Service	10.12.2014
Spennymoor T.C.	Civic Carol Service	14.12.2014

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

**128. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL**

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts amounting to £7,901.27

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

## 129. REPORT OF CLERK

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

- Draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk respond to the above.

- Local Council Award Scheme

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Quality Parish Scheme was to be replaced by the Local Council Award Scheme. The new scheme was due to be launched next year.

**RESOLVED:** To monitor the progress of the new scheme.

- Waterhouses Play Area

**RESOLVED:** To approve repairs to the gate at a cost of £90.

- St. Luke's War Memorial

The Clerk informed Members that the cleaning of the memorial had to be undertaken with water rather than chemicals (initially proposed by the stonemason) because of the poor condition of the marble and stonework.

**RESOLVED:** To write to the War Memorial Trust to express the Parish Council's concern and disappointment that the Trust would not support the replacement of the memorial in granite.

- Friends of Langley Moor

The Clerk informed Members that the Mayor of Durham was performing the Christmas light switch on at Langley Moor on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

**RESOLVED:** To make a donation of £200 to the Mayor's charity as a gesture of goodwill.

- Mid Durham AAP Open Day

The above open day would be held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2014 and would consist of 3 workshops held between 9.30 am and 3 pm. Two Parish representative were invited to attend.

**RESOLVED:** That interested Members inform the Clerk.



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

• **Visit to Choppington Parish Council**

A report was given by Councillor Nelson on the recent visit to Choppington Parish Council to find out more information on the provision of mobile football cages.

**RESOLVED:** To invite the Clerk to Choppington Parish Council to a meeting to discuss the issue further and to invite the 2 local youth leaders and other Parish Councils in the Mid Durham Area Action Partnership area.

The following items were discussed in private.

**130. WATERHOUSES PLAY AREA**

Quotations had been received for Waterhouses Play area and consultation had taken place with the local primary schools and village hall.

**RESOLVED:** That the quotation and design from the Play Practice be approved.

**131. BROOMPARK PLAY AREA**

A quotation had been received for adult fitness equipment as an extension to the playsite refurbishment project.

**RESOLVED:** To accept the quotation from Hags.

**132. HIGHWAYS MEETING**

The Clerk gave a verbal report on the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

**RESOLVED:** To monitor the issue.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Signed .....

Date .....