

BRANDON AND BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL

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

**6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM
ON FRIDAY 16TH JANUARY 2015 AT 6.30 PM**

PRESENT

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

153. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

154. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

155. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Akins, Nelson, Mrs
Nelson and Rippin.

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

156. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19TH DECEMBER 2014

RESOLVED: To add Councillors Graham and Sims apologies, then approve the
minutes as a true record.

157. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 7TH JANUARY 2015

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes as a true record and to set a precept of
£149,760 for 2015/16.

**158. ATTENDANCE OF MAYOR OF DURHAM TO SAY PERSONAL THANK
YOU FOR DONATION TO HIS CHARITY**

The Mayor and Mayoress of Durham were in attendance and thanked the Chairman
and Members for their kind donation to his charity which was presented to him at the
switch on of the Christmas lights in Langley Moor. The Chairman thanked the Mayor
and Mayoress for their attendance.

159. PRESENTATION OF DONATIONS

The Chairman presented donations to the following:-

Brandon Carrside Youth & Community Project
The Hive
Holocaust Memorial Day
Lourdes Fund
St. Luke's Church

160. POLICE REPORT

There were no Police in attendance

161. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

The Unitary Councillors report included the following:-

- £16.82m saving required from Durham County Council's 2015/16 budget
- £10m had been used from reserves to minimise effect on public services
- Consultation taking place on 20mph limit around 33 schools in the area – none of these in Parish area. Councillor Turnbull has put himself forward as a Member of Overview and Scrutiny's working group so will feed in views from Parish Council
- Durham County Council's and Fire Authority precept increased by 1.98%.
- Housing Group currently based at Seaham, in the long term will be relocated centrally around Durham City
- Further representations being made to the Government by the Fire Authority regarding members' pensions
- Breast screening services most likely reduced from 4 locations to 2 i.e. Durham and Darlington

Councillor Jamieson requested that the Unitary Councillors push for 20 mph around schools, particularly at St. Joseph's and Silver Trees in Ushaw Moor.

RESOLVED: To receive the report.

162. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING – APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

Application for proposed reserved matters for 271 dwellings at Land South of Browney Lane went to Planning Committee on 6th January 2015 and was approved.

Permissions and refusals had been received.

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

DM/14/03719/WAS	Northumbrian Water Ltd	Resubmission of planning application DM/14/01984/FPA for upgrade and refurbishment of existing sewage treatment works to incorporate proposals for CoMag unit Esh Winning Sewage Treatment Works, Esh Winning, Durham
DM/14/03738/VOC	c/o Agent	Variation of condition 2 of permission DM/14/00793/FPA to allow for design and layout changes. Site of Former Dairy and Premises, Stonebridge, Durham DH1 3RX
DM/15/00003/FPA	Mr & Mrs R Stirling	Erection of single-storey extension at rear of dwelling 2 Woodland Terrace, Esh Winning, Durham DH7 9NL
DM/15/00018/FPA	Mr R Adams	Erection of two and single storey pitched roof extension to rear of existing dwelling 23 Langley Crescent, Langley Moor, Durham DH7 8LU
DM/14/03722/FPA	Wear Rivers Trust	Environmental Improvement comprising Fish Easement Holliday Park, Durham Road, Langley Moor, DH7 8JT
DM/14/03773/FPA	Mrs G Davies	Single storey pitched roof rear extension and external insulation to existing brick garage. 15 Alfreton Close, Brandon, Durham DH7 8UE

RESOLVED: To take for information.

163. NOMINATIONS REQUESTED FOR ATTENDANCE AT ROYAL GARDEN PARTY ON TUESDAY 12TH MAY 2015

RESOLVED: To nominate Councillors Jones and Nelson.

164. APPROVAL OF DELEGATES FOR CONFERENCE ‘CHAIRMANSHIP AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ON 27TH FEBRUARY 2015 – 1ST MARCH 2015 AT HARROGATE

RESOLVED: To approve Councillor Mrs Bonner, Bell and Grantham.

Councillors Bell and Grantham gave a report on the Conference in Carlisle.

RESOLVED: To receive the report.

165. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL’S BUDGET CONSULTATION 2015 – 16 INVITATION TO COMMENT

Comments were invited on the above.

RESOLVED: To respond to the consultation with particular reference to concerns over removal of school crossing patrols in the area particularly with an increase in volume of traffic due to a number of large new developments.

166. POLICE AND CRIME PLAN 2015 - 17 REFRESH – INVITATION TO RESPOND TO CONSULTATION

An invitation to comment on the proposed local priorities for 2015 – 17 had been received. The Clerk also informed the meeting that the consultation on the proposed increase in the Police precept had also been received.

RESOLVED: That Councillors respond individually to the consultation and that the Parish Council respond indicating their agreement to the priorities and the increase in precept.

167. CIVIC FUNCTIONS FOR APPROVAL

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

Durham County Council	Civic Service	15.2.2015
Great Aycliffe T.C.	Civic Dinner	20.2.2015
Seaham T.C.	Charity Event	25.2.2015

RESOLVED: To approve attendance of the Chairman or Vice Chairman at the functions.

168. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts amounting to £5,834.98.

RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the accounts.

169. REPORT OF CLERK

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

- **Local Council Award Scheme**

The Clerk explained that the present Quality Status Scheme was to be replaced by the Local Council Award Scheme. The Council was currently eligible for the Foundation Award.

RESOLVED: To progress to the Quality award within the next year.

- **Land at Whitehouse Lane – Silver Trees**

The Clerk informed the meeting that Durham County Council had confirmed that no budget was available for the maintenance of the Silver Trees area, although Durham County Council would continue to cut the grass to the rear of the site.

RESOLVED: To contact the original blacksmith/sculptor of the sculpture for advice on the safety of the remaining 5 silver trees.

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm.

Signed

Date