

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS
6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM
ON FRIDAY 17TH JULY 2015 AT 6.30 PM**

PRESENT

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

56. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from:

Councillor Grantham – Item no 11e Brandon & District Royal British Legion Branch
and item no 11h Brandon Carrside Youth & Community Project

Councillor Taylor – Item no 11g Brandon Community Association, item no 11h
Brandon Carrside Youth & Community Project and item no. 7 Brandon Community
Hall

Councillor Turnbull – Item no 11h Brandon Carrside Youth & Community Project and
item no 6 on Clerk's Report Brandon Community Partnership

RESOLVED: To receive the declaration of interest.

57. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

58. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

59. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19TH JUNE 2015

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 2015 be confirmed
as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

60. PRESENTATION OF DONATIONS

The Chairman presented the following donations:

St. Patrick's Social Club
County Durham Talking Newspaper

61. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES TO ART COMPETITION WINNERS

The Chairman presented trophies to the following:

Nursery	Luke Rowntree	Esh Winning Primary
Reception	Kara John	Browney Academy
Years 1 & 2	Digby Younger	Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Esh Winning
Years 3 & 4	Lily McMillan	New Brancepeth Primary
Years 5 & 6	Leah Vaudin	Silver Trees Primary, Ushaw Moor

62. POLICE

A written report had been received from the Police.

RESOLVED: To receive the report and arrange a meeting with Sgt. Mallatratt.

63. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

The following was included in the report:

- Durham County Council faced with further large cuts to budget, £13.9m of savings made in 2014.
- Fixed play consultation – resulting in Parish Council taking over responsibility for Broompark and Waterhouses Play areas.
- Prosecutions for flytipping offenders - £3,500 in fines issued.
- Youth Justice Plan 2015/17 approved at Cabinet meeting.
- Discussions taking place on relocation of County Hall

RESOLVED: To receive the report

64. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING

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

Permission and refusals had been received.

DM/15/01763/FPA	As Agent	Conversion of existing garage to form habitable room including the application of render, 57 Braunespath Estate, New Brancepeth, Durham DH7 7JG
DM/15/01901/FPA	Mrs L McGill	Erection of first floor extension to rear of existing dwelling, 6 Hedleyhill Terrace, Waterhouses, Durham, DH7 9BA

64. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (Continued)

DM/15/01/01933/FPA	Mr R Floreza	Erection of single storey extension at rear of dwelling, and retrospective consent for the conversion of garage to habitable room, 11 Stanhope Close, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 8XE
DM/15/01927/FPA	Mr P Solan	Erection of two storey extension at rear (south elevation) of dwelling, 25 Ashbrook Close, Brandon, Durham DH7 8TE
DM/15/01931/FPA	Mr & Mrs Melia	Erection of single storey to rear 8 Co-operative Terrace, New Brancepeth, Durham DH7 7HY
DM/15/01971/FPA	Mr R Corke	Change of use of existing building to café 1 St. Johns Road, Meadowfield Industrial Estate, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 8TZ
DM/15/01988/FPA	Mrs Sybil Mills	Construct timber summer house and garage/workshop 17 Burnell Road, Esh Winning, Durham DH7 9PB
DM/15/02054/FPA	Ms G Watson	Erection of part two-storey/part single-storey extension to rear of dwelling. 11 Goatbeck Terrace, Langley Moor, Durham DH7 8JJ
DM/15/02059/FPA	Mrs L English	Erection of first floor extension over existing garage/kitchen at side of dwelling 15 Beechcroft Avenue, Brandon, Durham DH7 8TF
DM/15/01969/AD	Mr R Corke	Proposed sign on wall of building 1 St. Johns' Road, Meadowfield Industrial Estate, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 8TZ
DM/15/01990/FPA	Durham City Golf Club	Detached outbuilding Durham City Golf Club, Langley Moor, Durham, DH7 8HL

64. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (Continued)

DM/15/01991/FPA

Mr I Corrigan

Erection of garage/workshop garden area to rear of 13 Brandon Road, Esh Winning, Durham, DH7 9PB

A letter had been received from Durham County Council regarding details of appeal by Jonathan Elmer against decision to refuse planning permission for proposed outline application for 5no. dwellings with all matters reserved except access at The Garth, Mill Road, Langley Moor.

RESOLVED: To receive the applications and make no further comments to the application at The Garth, Langley Moor.

65. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISH COUNCIL POLICIES

The following policies were presented to Council for review and approval:

- a) Training –Statement of Intent
- b) Members Allowances
- c) Community Engagement –Statement of Intent
- d) Equality & Diversity
- e) Health & Safety

RESOLVED: To approve the policies and to organise an Equality and Diversity training event through NAC.

66. DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

The following requests have been received:-

a) New Brancepeth Football Club

RESOLVED: To pay the pitch fee of £513.00 (New Brancepeth Ward)

b) Meadowfield & Langley Moor Over 60's

RESOLVED: To donate £300 in this instance (£100, Brandon, Meadowfield and Langley Moor Wards).

c) Silver Courts Over 60's, Brandon

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

d) County Durham Stroke Club

RESOLVED: To donate £600 in this instance (£100 per Ward).

66. DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION (Continued)

e) Brandon & District Royal British Legion Branch

Councillor Grantham left the meeting.

A letter had been received requesting a contribution to WW1 Centenary event on the 18th August 2015.

RESOLVED: To donate £400 in this instance (£100 Brandon and, Meadowfield, £50 Langley Moor, Esh Winning, New Brancepeth and Ushaw Moor Wards).

Councillor Grantham returned to the meeting.

f) Butterwick Hospice

RESOLVED: To donate £600 in this instance (£100 per ward).

g) Brandon Community Association

Councillor Taylor left the meeting.

A letter had been received from the above requesting a donation towards the re-launch event of the Hall. The Association also requested to be included in the Council's Christmas donation list for the Children's Christmas Party.

RESOLVED: To donate £300 to the re-launch event and to include the Christmas Party on the Christmas list of donations, but to enquire if the Party is open to the local community of Brandon or just for users of the Hall.

Councillor Taylor returned to the meeting.

h) Brandon Carrside Youth & Community Project

Councillors Grantham, Taylor and Turnbull left the meeting.

A letter had been received requesting funding towards a programme of Summer Activities.

RESOLVED: To donate £2,200 in this instance (£1,000 Brandon, Meadowfield and Langley Moor £250 each, Ushaw Moor and Esh Winning £300 each, £100 New Brancepeth Ward).

Councillors Grantham, Taylor and Turnbull returned to the meeting.

67. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL - CONSULTATION ON TAXI LICENSING POLICY REVIEW-INVITATION TO COMMENT

The Parish Council had received the above consultation for comment.

RESOLVED: To respond to the consultation with the following comments:

- Keep vehicle top signs simple
- Consider some form of dress code for hackney drivers

68. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL - CONSULTATION ON CONTAMINATED LAND INSPECTION STRATEGY- INVITATION TO COMMENT

The Parish Council had received the above consultation for comment.

RESOLVED: That the Council had no issues with the strategy and supported its content.

69. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL PENSION FUND - DRAFT FUNDING STRATEGY STATEMENT & STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT PRINCIPLES - INVITATION TO COMMENT

The above document was received for comment.

RESOLVED: That the Council has no issues with the content of the document.

70. APPROVAL OF DELEGATES FOR REGIONAL AGM 'REGENERATION & PARTNERSHIPS' 25-27TH SEPTEMBER 2015 AT BLACKPOOL

Delegates were requested for approval to attend the above conference.

RESOLVED: To approve Councillors Bell, Jones and Mrs Leckenby to attend.

71. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Authorisation was requested to pay the accounts amounting to £33,685.56.

RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the accounts.

72. CIVIC FUNCTIONS FOR APPROVAL

Seaham T.C.	Carnival	19.7.2015
Spennymoor T.C.	Charity evening	25.7.2015
Seaham T.C.	Mayoress at Home	12.8.2015
Great Aycliffe T.C.	Charity Golf Tournament	4.9.2015

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

73. **REPORT OF CLERK**

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

- **Larger Local Councils Forum**

Nominations for NALC Larger Local Councils Committee.

RESOLVED: That the Council support those delegates nominated at the LLCF on 24th July 2015

- **Boyne Place, Langley Moor**

The Official opening of Boyne Place in Langley Moor High Street took place on 15th July 2015. The Council expressed thanks to the Clerk for assisting local community group Friends of Langley Moor in progressing projects in Langley Moor.

- **Pear Technology – Digital Mapping System**

RESOLVED: To arrange a demonstration of the mapping system for the Council's allotment sites.

- **Empire Field Allotment Site**

RESOLVED: To refer the issues of clearance of plot 3A following fly tipping to the next Allotment Committee in September

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm

Signed

Date