

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS
NEW BRANCEPETH VILLAGE HALL
ON FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2015 AT 6.30 PM**

PRESENT

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

115. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from:

Councillor Bell – Item no 9d Christmas Donations New Brancepeth Village Hall, New Brancepeth Methodist Church, New Brancepeth Primary School and New Brancepeth Residents Group and Item no 9d Christmas Donation St. Andrews Church, Brandon
Councillor Taylor – Item no 13 Coxhoe Parish Council – Inspector’s report on the County Durham Plan.

RESOLVED: To receive the declarations of interest.

116. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

117. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Akins, Mrs Akins, Graham, Jones, Mrs Leckenby, Rippin, Mrs Rodgers and Stoddart.

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

118. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18TH OCTOBER 2015

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 18th October 2015 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

119. PRESENTATION OF DONATIONS

The Chairman presented the following donations:

Friends of Browney Academy
North of England Brass Band Championships
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

120. POLICE REPORT

Sgt Mallatrat, the new sergeant for the area, introduced himself to the meeting and the Council Members reciprocated. Sgt Mallatrat expressed his desire to work closely with the Council to address crime issues within the area.

PCSO Dunn gave a report of crime throughout the Parish.

The Chairman thanked Sgt Mallatrat for his attendance and the report was received for information.

121. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

The report included the following:

- Durham County Council currently working on the Budget taking into account the massive cuts to grants received from the Government
- Future of DLI Museum – proposals being considered to close the Museum and store some of the collection at Sevenhills in Spennymoor and possibly create a display at Palace Green
- Teaching Assistant Consultation – proposed revision to the Local Collective Agreement 2004
- North East Combined Authority (NECA) – Provisional agreement signed between the Government and the leaders of north east councils enabling NECA to create an Investment Fund focused on supporting the North East to compete in international markets. An initial allocation of revenue funding for capital financing of £30m a year for 30 years
- Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme will be continued into 2016/17 and be continuously reviewed.
- New Chief Executive, Terry Collins, endorsed at Full Council meeting on 28th October 2015
- Garden Waste Scheme – residents invited to sign up for March 2016
- Lumiere Festival – estimated 200,000 attended event
- Potterhouse Lane recycling centre closed for repairs 23rd November – 4th December 2015

122. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING –APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

Planning permissions and refusals had been received.

DM/15/02903/FPA	Hungry Caterpillar Café	Change of use from office (B1) to café (A3) and conference meeting room and provision of outdoor seating 1 St. Johns Road, Meadowfield Industrial Estate, Meadowfield DH7 8TZ
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122. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING –APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION
(Continued)

DM/15/03133/VOC	Trustees of the Dioceses Of Hexham and Newcastle	Variation of Condition 2 (Compliance with Approved Drawings) Newcastle pursuant to DM/15/03133/VOC St. Patrick's Roman Catholic School, Goatbeck Terrace, Langley Moor, Durham DH7 8JJ
DM/15/03247/FPA	Mr M Rad	Change of use from Retail (A1) to Hot Food Takeaway (A5) 13 Frederick Street, South, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 8LZ
DM/15/03141/FPA		Construction of 22 no holiday lodges with associated infrastructure and landscaping Brancepeth Manor Farm, Brandon Lane, West Brandon, Crook, County Durham DL15 9AS
DM/15/03248/FPA	Mrs J Smith	Apply render to dwelling, Watergate Farm, Brandon Village, Durham DH7 8ST
DM/15/03250/FPA	Home Improvement Agency	Access ramp, 1 Winchester Drive, Brandon, Durham DH7 8UG
DM/15/03369/FPA	Mrs E Jackson	Demolition of existing garage and erection of two storey side and single storey rear extensions 12 Alfreton Close, Brandon, Durham DH7 8UE
DM/15/03397/TPO	Mr Graham	Crown reduce and reshape 1 no. Cherry Tree by 2m, 18 Falcon Way, Esh Winning, Durham, DH7 9JW
DM/15/03432/FPA	Mrs V Brown	Single storey extension to rear of property and two storey extension to side of property 6 Victoria Avenue, Brandon, Durham DH7 8QH

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

DM/15/03448/FPA	Brandon & Byshottles Parish Council	Replacement community centre and associated works including additional car parking. St. John's Hall, John Street South, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 8RP
DM/15/03383/FPA	Mr K Lynn	Single-storey rear Extension 26 Ash Avenue, Ushaw Moor, Durham DH7 7ND

Application for proposed erection of 22 holiday cottages was discussed. Members felt that there was little in the way of actual planning conditions that the Council could comment on.

RESOLVED: That no objection be made.

Representatives of Brandon Reds Under 14's team came into the meeting. Standing orders were suspended to take a photograph of some of the team following the donation to the Club for new strips.

123. DONATIONS FOR APPROVAL

a) New Brancepeth Revellers Jazz Band

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

RESOLVED: To donate £500 in this instance (£200 New Brancepeth, £100 each Brandon and Ushaw Moor, £50 each Esh Winning and Meadowfield wards)

b) Samantha Beck – World Challenge 2016

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

RESOLVED: To enquire how much Samantha had raised so far and to reiterate that any donation given would be paid to the school.

c) Esh Winning Cricket Club

A letter had been received requesting funding for a new roof.

RESOLVED: To donate £2,500 (£1,000 Esh Winning ward, £1,500 Community Project Fund)

123. DONATIONS FOR APPROVAL (Continued)

d) Christmas Donations

RESOLVED: To donate the following amounts for Christmas 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
Ushaw Moor Action Group	£100 each
Tea on Thursdays	

Esh Winning

Esh Winning Primary	£200
Newhouse St.Mary's School	£200
Esh Winning Residents Group	£100
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 (Continued)

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 Academy	
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, £50 Meadowfield
Harry Carr House	£100 (£50 Luncheon Club, £50 Over 60's)
St.Andrew's Playgroup	£150 (Brandon £75, Meadowfield £75)
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)

The Chairman agreed to take a request for a donation from the Salvation Army for their Toy Appeal.

RESOLVED: To donate £650 in this instance (£300 Brandon, £100 each Meadowfield, Ushaw Moor, and Esh Winning and £50 New Brancepeth wards). As no Langley Moor ward Councillors were present, the Clerk to consult with the Councillors regarding a donation from Langley Moor ward which could be added to the amount.

124. APPROVAL OF DELEGATES FOR CONFERENCE ‘COHESIVE COMMUNITIES’ 8-10TH JANUARY 2016 AT THE HALLMARK HOTEL, CARLISLE

Delegates were requested for the above conference.

RESOLVED: To approve Councillors Bell, Mrs Bonner and Mrs Chaplow to attend.

125. BRANDON BOXING CLUB - REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR FUNDING PURPOSES FOR RELOCATION OF CLUB TO NEW PREMISES WITHIN BRANDON CRICKET CLUB GROUNDS

Brandon Boxing Club has gone from strength to strength and has outgrown its present location at Carrside Youth Club. Discussions are taking place to erect a new purpose built hall within the grounds of Brandon Cricket Club and the Club has requested a letter of support from the Parish to accompany applications for grants.

RESOLVED: To send a letter of support for the new facility

126. SUMMER FAMILY ACTIVITY SCHEMES - CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO SUPPORT THE SCHEME FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS

A request for support for the next 2 years had been received from the Area Action Partnership for provision of the above scheme which is delivered by OASES, Leisurework and DCC Leisure. The Parish Council had supported the scheme during the summer with a contribution of £600.

RESOLVED: To verify whether the contribution to the scheme would remain at £600.

127. COXHOE PARISH COUNCIL - CORRESPONDENCE REQUESTING THE COUNCIL’S VIEWS ON THE IMPLICATIONS FOR VILLAGES FOLLOWING THE INSPECTOR’S REPORT ON THE COUNTY DURHAM PLAN

The above item was discussed.

RESOLVED: To inform Coxhoe Parish Council that the Parish Council had already formed a working group to consider the Plan when consultation begins.

128. CIVIC FUNCTIONS FOR APPROVAL

Approval was requested for the Chairman or Vice Chairman’s attendance at the following functions.

Spennymoor T.C.	Civic Dinner	4.12.2015
Barnard Castle T.C.	Charity evening	4.12.2015
Hartlepool B.C.	Civic Carol Service	7.12.2015
Durham County Council	Civic Carol Service	10.12.2015

128. CIVIC FUNCTIONS FOR APPROVAL (Continued)

Sedgefield T.C.	Civic Carol Service	10.12.2015
Shildon T.C.	Civic Carol Service	13.12.2015
Ferryhill T.C.	Civic Carol Service	14.12.2015
Seaham T.C.	Civic Carol Service	16.12.2015
Great Aycliffe T.C.	Civic Carol Service	20.12.2015

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

129. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Authorisation was requested to pay the accounts amounting to £11,742.34

RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the accounts.

130. REPORT OF CLERK

The Clerk's report was presented for information.

The following issues arose:

- **Delivering Differently Scheme**

The Clerk confirmed that the Council had been awarded £12,000 to make further improvements to Broompark Play area. Durham County Council would carry out the work.

RESOLVED: To accept the award of the grant.

- **Tree Week**

The Council had been successful in obtaining £150 grant from Durham County Council's Tree Week Scheme on behalf of Silver Trees Primary School. 10 Scots Pine Trees had been ordered.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Signed

Date