

BRANDON AND BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN NEW BRANCEPETH VILLAGE HALL, DURHAM
ON FRIDAY 15TH JANUARY 2016 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs C Wharton (in the Chair)
and Councillors Bell, Mrs Chaplow, Mrs Gates, Grantham, Jamieson, Rippin, Mrs Rodgers, Stoddart, Sims, Taylor, Turnbull

147. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from:

Councillors Mrs Chaplow, Jamieson and Stoddart – Item number 15a Ushaw Moor Cricket Club

148. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

149. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Akins, Mrs Akins, Mrs Bonner, Clegg, Graham, Jones, Mrs Leckenby, Nelson and Mrs Nelson.

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

150. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18TH DECEMBER 2015

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

151. MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5TH JANUARY 2016

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

152. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 6TH JANUARY 2016 AND APPROVAL OF PRECEPT FOR 2016/17

RESOLVED: To confirm the minutes of the Finance Committee as a true record and signed by the Chair

: To declare a precept of £163,290 for 2016/17.

153. PRESENTATION OF DONATIONS

The Chairman presented donations to the following:-

Samantha Beck – World Challenge
Esh Winning Football Club
Lourdes Fund

154. POLICE REPORT

There were no Police in attendance, however a written report had been received.

RESOLVED: To receive the report and thank the Police for a comprehensive report.

155. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

The Unitary Councillors report included the following:-

- Government’s Local Government Finance Settlement confirmed that funding cuts to local Government would continue until 2019/20. Total reduction in Revenue Support Grant for Durham County Council forecast to be £85m. Further savings of around £135m would be required between 2016/17 and 2019/20.
- Review of Day Care agreed by Cabinet
- Consultation to take place on future of Youth Services
- Durham Devolution Poll taking place
- Works to begin to improve links to Durham Station for cyclists and pedestrians
- Traffic lights to be installed on the Gilesgate and Leazes Bowl roundabouts during 2016
- Fire Authority consultation

RESOLVED: To receive the report.

156. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING – APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

Permissions and refusals had been received.

DM/15/03732/FPA	Regent Decorators Limited	Single storey extension to existing industrial unit to accommodate a showroom for an expanding business Unit 1, Langley Moor Industrial Estate, Langley Moor, Durham DH7 8JE
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156. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING – APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION (Continued)

DM/15/03855/FPA	Mr & Mrs G & L Blenkinsopp	Change of use of paddock to residential garden, erection of new garage and re-instatement of outbuilding Brancepeth Manor Farm, Brandon Lane, West Brandon, Crook, DL15 9AS
DM/15/03899/PNC	Mr & Mrs G & L Blenkinsopp	Prior notification for the change of use of an agricultural building into 1no. dwelling. Lake View, Brancepeth Manor Farm, Brandon Lane, West Brandon, DL15 9AS
DM/15/03584/FPA	Mr Simon Dixon	Widening an existing access to a classified road, single storey side extension with pitched roof over this and the existing extension and a retaining wall Langley Crag, Sleetburn Lane, Langley Moor, Durham DH7 8LQ
DM/16/00004/FPA	Mr Dagou Zeze	Erection of part two-storey/part single-storey extension at rear of dwelling 40 Thornley Close, Ushaw Moor, Durham DH7 7NN
DM/16/00022/PNT	WHP Wilkinson Helsby	Prior notification for the replacement of existing telecommunications mast (0.2m overall increase in height to top of pole) and installation of additional internal equipment cabinet and associated works. St. Marys Church, Newhouse Road, Esh Winning, Durham DH7 9LF
DM/16/00047/PNT	Mr Matthew Waugh Arqiva Ltd	Prior notification for the provision of a 15m high slimline lattice mast, 1 no. omni antenna located at the top of the slimline mast (overall height of the

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installation with the slimline antenna is 17.75m) with associated equipment cabinets and ancillary works including a fenced compound. Gas Distribution Station, Woodland Road, Bearpark, DH7 7PW

RESOLVED: To receive the applications.

157. NOMINATIONS REQUESTED FOR ATTENDANCE AT ROYAL GARDEN PARTY ON TUESDAY 24TH MAY 2016

Up to four nominations can be made to attend the Royal Garden Party.

RESOLVED: To nominate Councillors Nelson and Mrs Nelson.

158. APPROVAL OF ATTENDEES TO THE NORTH EAST REGIONAL TRAINING EVENT HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH 2016 AT SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

Approval of delegates was requested for the above. The cost of the event is £30 per delegate.

RESOLVED: To book 6 delegates on the training event.

159. APPROVAL OF DELEGATES FOR CONFERENCE ‘TACKLING FAMILY POVERTY’ 26TH – 28TH FEBRUARY 2016 IN WAKEFIELD

Approval of delegates was requested for the above conference.

RESOLVED: To book Councillor Bell and to bring item to next meeting.

160. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL’S BUDGET CONSULTATION – RATIFICATION OF RESPONSE FROM WORKING GROUP HELD ON 5TH JANUARY 2016

RESOLVED: To send the following comments in response to the consultation:

- The County Council had managed reductions in the budget extremely well, minimising the impact on front line services. The Parish Council would give a score of 8 out of 10.
- The County Council’s approach for 2016/17 was felt to be appropriate given the level of savings that had to be made. To suggest that concessionary bus fares be protected if possible, and to consider outsourcing libraries.

160. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL'S BUDGET CONSULTATION – RATIFICATION OF RESPONSE FROM WORKING GROUP HELD ON 5TH JANUARY 2016 (Continued)

- The County Council should introduce the 2% social care precept. Services to support elderly and people with disabilities in their own homes should be given particular support.

161. DONATIONS FOR APPROVAL

a) Ushaw Moor Cricket Club F.C.

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

RESOLVED: To donate £500 in this instance (Ushaw Moor Ward).

b) Durham Youth F.C. Under 18's

RESOLVED: As the financial information had not been received from the Club to defer until information received.

162. APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF FIELDS IN TRUST ANNUAL MEMEBERSHIP

Annual membership for the above is due for renewal at a cost of £50.

RESOLVED: To renew the annual membership.

163. CIVIC FUNCTIONS FOR APPROVAL

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

Sedgefield T.C.	Charity Evening	9.1.2016
Durham County Council	Afternoon Tea	18.1.2016
Bishop Auckland T.C.	Charity Evening	25.1.2016
Hartlepool B.C.	Charity Evening	26.1.2016
Peterlee T.C.	Charity Evening	27.1.2016
Hartlepool B.C.	Civic Service	31.1.2016
Sedgefield T.C.	Charity Evening	13.2.2016
Great Aycliffe T.C.	Civic Ball	19.2.2016

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

164. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts amounting to £5,990.32.

RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the accounts.

165. REPORT OF CLERK

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

- **County Durham Poverty Action Plan**

RESOLVED: To receive the document.

- **Mid Durham AAP**

Overview of Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The Clerk informed the meeting comments on the above were to be returned to the AAP co-ordinator by 29th January 2016.

RESOLVED: To receive the document and Members wishing to raise any particular issue to contact AAP co-ordinator.

The meeting closed at 7.25 pm.

Signed

Date