

**BRANDON AND BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM**

**ON FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016 AT 6.30 PM**

**PRESENT**

**Councillor Mrs C Wharton (in the Chair)**

**and Councillors Akins, Mrs Akins, Mrs Bonner, Bell, Mrs Chaplow, Clegg, Mrs Gates, Grantham, Jamieson, Nelson, Mrs Nelson, Sims, Taylor and Turnbull**

**215. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received from Members.

**216. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

**217. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

**RESOLVED:** To receive the apologies.

**218. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18TH MARCH 2016**

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

**219. PRESENTATION OF PROCEEDS OF CHAIRMAN'S CHARITY EVENING TO PARKINSONS UK NORTH EAST**

As the representative from Parkinson's UK was unable to attend the Parish Council meeting, a meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 11.00 am, all Councillors are invited to attend.

**220. PRESENTATION OF DONATIONS**

The Chairman presented donations to the following:-

Great North Air Ambulance  
Hannah Cutmore – The Rangers

## **221. POLICE REPORT**

There were no Police in attendance.

## **222. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS**

The Unitary Councillors report included the following:-

- County Durham Plan – consultations commencing and to be completed by December 2017
- Highways Department – top 2 in Country
- Don Robson – Memorial service on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2016, at 2.30 pm, in Durham County Cricket Club, Riverside, Chester le Street.
- Britain in Bloom – Champion of Champions category
- Work on Leases Bowl roundabout commencing soon – work on Gilesgate roundabout almost completed
- Bridge at New Brancepeth had to be closed as it was very dangerous. Traffic has been diverted, the work may take a month providing there is no more work found.
- Broadgate Ford Road, New Brancepeth – no Heavy Goods Vehicles allowed to use bridge restriction in force. Thanks to Durham County Council for getting things sorted quickly- free Shuttlebus from New Brancepeth to Durham. Councillor Turnbull in media regarding the cost of the bridge repairs.

## **223. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING –APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

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

Planning application number DM/16/00156 Mr P Fullard, 2 detached bungalows, land South of New Brancepeth between Plantation View and School House, Durham DH7 7EY has been approved.

Permission and refusals had been received.

DM/16/00723/FPA	Pets 4 U	Proposed change of use of residential flat over pet shop to pet shop storage and dog groomers. 3A Station Road, Ushaw Moor, Durham DH7 7PX
DM/16/00894/TPO	Ms Hindmarch	Felling of one lime tree (T1) protected by a tree preservation order. 8 Barley Rise, New Brancepeth, Durham DH7 7EF
DM/16/00908/FPA	Mr George Justice	Erection of single-storey extension at rear of dwelling. 5 Woodland Terrace, Esh Winning, Durham DH7 9NL

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

DM/16/00983/FPA	Mr Simon Raine	Two storey extensions to side and rear and internal alterations. 4 Anns Place, Durham Road, Langley Moor, Durham DH7 8JY
DM/16/01032/FPA	Mr Newby	Erection of two and single storey extensions and provision of pitched roof over existing off shoot to rear, 25 Station Avenue, Brandon, Durham DH7 8QQ

**RESOLVED:** To receive the applications.

**224. APPROVAL OF PROGRAMME OF CONFERENCES FOR 2016/17**

The conference programme for 2016/17 was presented for approval. The date for the AGM is to be confirmed.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the programme of conferences for 2016/17.

**225. DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

a) **County of Durham School Benevolent Fund**

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

**RESOLVED:** To donate £340 in this instance (£60 each Brandon, Meadowfield, Langley Moor, New Brancepeth, £50 each Ushaw Moor and Esh Winning).

**226. LAND AT BRANDON VILLAGE**

A request for grant of easement across Parish Council owned land at Brandon Village had been received.

**RESOLVED:** To go ahead with the grant of easement and contact Durham County Council's Solicitor to make the necessary arrangements.

**227. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT POLICIES FOR APPROVAL**

The draft Grant Awarding policy was presented for review and approval.

**RESOLVED:** To insert the following paragraph and then approve the policy:

- Regarding the exception of Community Fund.

**228. REQUEST FOR APPROVED ABSENCE FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

A request for approved absence from Parish Council meetings by Councillor Mrs Sylvia Akins had been received. As Councillor Mrs Akins was in attendance at the Parish Council meeting this request was to be cancelled.

**RESOLVED:** To approve that the request be deleted.

**229. PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAY AT 36 COPPICE HILL, ESH WINNING**

A draft order for the proposed stopping up of highway at 36 Coppice Hill, Esh Winning had been received, with an invitation to comment.

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council had no objections to the proposed stopping up of the highway.

**230. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL**

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts amounting to £28,530.98.

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

**231. REPORT OF CLERK**

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

- **Premises Licence Application – Meadowfield Filling Station**

The Parish Council were disappointed with the result of the above application. The Members thanked the Clerk and Councillor Turnbull for the work they had done.

**RESOLVED:** To monitor the situation.

- **Holliday Park**

The official opening was to be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 2.00pm.

**RESOLVED:** To notify all Councillors of the official opening date and to send a letter to Councillor Mrs Sarah Leckenby inviting her to the opening.

- **Broompark Play Area**

A letter had been received from residents in Alderdene Close, which had previously been sent to Durham County Council, enclosing a petition regarding people using the play area and parking their cars in Alderdene Close.

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council investigate and monitor over the next few months.

- **Brandon Village Green**

A letter had been received from residents in Brandon Village regarding issues with the village green boundaries.

**RESOLVED:** To reply to the letter.

- **Public Footpath Diversion Order**

Confirmation had been received from Durham County Council to divert Footpath 79 on the Deerness Valley Walkway west of Gutter Gill.

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council has no objection to the diversion order.

- **Brandon Primary School**

The children who attended the Flag ceremony had enjoyed the experience and the Head teacher has asked if possible to get the children involved in other events or in Council work.

**RESOLVED:** To invite the children to the Allotment Committee meeting when there is a small Agenda.

The meeting ended at 7.45 pm

Signed .....

Date .....