

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS
6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM
ON FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 6.30 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor Bell (in the Chair)

**and Councillors Mrs Chaplow, Clegg, Mrs Gates, Grantham, Jamieson, Rippin, Mrs
Rodgers, Sims, Stoddart, Taylor, Turnbull and Wharton**

72. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from:

Councillor Turnbull – Item number 3 on Clerk’s Report – Carrside Youth & Community
Project – Commemorative Seats

Councillors Jamieson & Stoddart – Item number 13a Donation Ushaw Moor Cricket Club

RESOLVED: To receive the declarations of interest.

73. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

74. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

75. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15TH JULY 2016

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 2016 be confirmed as a
true record and signed by the Chairman.

**76. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 6TH
SEPTEMBER 2016**

RESOLVED: That the minutes be confirmed as a true record and signed by the
Chairman.

**77. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 7TH
SEPTEMBER 2016**

RESOLVED: That the minutes be confirmed as a true record and signed by the
Chairman.

78. POLICE

The Police gave a report of crime throughout the Parish.

RESOLVED: To receive the report.

79. ANDY COULTHARD – OVERVIEW OF DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL’S BUDGET PROPOSALS

Andy Coulthard gave an overview of Durham County Council’s Budget Proposals and asked each Member to complete and return the questionnaire to him. The Chairman thanked Andy on behalf of the Members.

80. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

The following was included in the report:

- Extraordinary meeting of the full Council
- Update on Teaching Assistants – final offer made to include two year’s salary compensation package
- Cabinet meeting
- Review of Youth support
- Strategy for children with Special Education Needs (SEN)
- Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP)
- Full Council meeting held on 21st September 2016
- Treasury outturn 2015/16
- Annual report of the Standards Committee
- Cabinet reports – 13th and 20th July 2016
- Council Budget Consultation
- Northumbria in Bloom – Gold Award – City of Durham in the Champion of Champions category
- New Age Concern Office on North Road – Head Office Belmont Industrial Estate
- New telephone number – 105 – for faults or anything to do with electricity

RESOLVED: To receive the report.

81. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING

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

Permission and refusals were available at the meeting.

DM/16/02920/FPA	Mr Conserva	Installation of new shop front and new attached garage to rear with balcony over serving first floor flat and installation of patio doors at first floor level. Pizza Holics and Marks Café, 23 High Street South, Langley Moor, Durham DH7 8JW
DM/16/02939/FPA	Mr & Mrs Burke	Single storey extension to rear of property 43 Brancepeth View, Brandon, Durham DH7 8TT
DM/16/03015/FPA	Mrs Gillian Strawbridge	Two storey rear lounge, bedroom, en-suite & bathroom extension and alterations to existing rear extension roof. Detached garage, stables & tack room with first floor accommodation (re-submission of DM/15/02713/FPA) Brancepeth Manor Farm, Brandon Lane, West Brandon, Crook, DL15 9AS
DM/16/03063/FPA	Mr Lokugamage Rohitha Jathunarachchi	Change of use of first floor from C3 (Dwelling House) to A1 (Post Office and Shop) and Three-Storey rear extensions, Denver House, 4 Broom Lane, Ushaw Moor, Durham DH7 7LQ
DM/16/03096/VOC	City Electrical Factors	Variation of condition 2 on planning permission: DM/15/02555/FPA to amend the siting and design of the office building by reducing its scale Bowden Court, St. Johns Road, Meadowfield Industrial Estate, Meadowfield DH7 8RE
DM/16/03115/FPA	Mr Wayne Crosby	Erection of first floor extension to side of existing dwelling 49 Whitehouse Court, Ushaw Moor, Durham DH7 7NH
DM/16/03126/FPA	Mr Moore & Mr Bennett	Erection of conservatory to front of existing dwelling Broom Hall Farm, Broom Crescent, Ushaw Moor, Durham DH7 7NB
DM/16/03140/FPA	Co-op Food Store - Care of WD Harley	Retail fit out of existing store including new and replacement plant equipment, shop front colour change and subdivision of shop to allow new unit and shop front (to be sub-let) The Co-operative Food, Lowland Road, Brandon, Durham DH7 8LL

RESOLVED: To receive the applications.

82. COUNTY DURHAM PLAN – ISSUES AND OPTIONS & DURHAM SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT STRATEGY – APPROVAL OF RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION DISCUSSED AT WORKING GROUP HELD ON 18TH JULY 2016

RESOLVED: To approve the response to the consultation.

83. DURHAM POLICE, CRIME AND VICTIMS' COMMISSIONER – CONSIDERATION OF RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION ON POLICE, CRIME AND VICTIMS' PLAN 2016 – 2021

RESOLVED: That Councillors respond individually and complete their own questionnaire.

84. DONATIONS FOR APPROVAL

a) Ushaw Moor Cricket Club Fireworks Display

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

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

b) Brandon Community Hall

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

RESOLVED: To donate £300 in this instance (Brandon Ward)

c) Meadowfield & Langley Moor Over 60's

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

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

85. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS (ENGLISH REGION AGM) – NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, SECRETARY & TREASURER REQUESTED

The Council is requested to make nominations for the above positions on NAC, which will be approved at the conference in Harrogate on 1st October 2016.

RESOLVED: To make the following nominations:

Chair	Councillor Brian Stephens
Vice Chair	Councillor Audrey Laing
Vice Chair	Councillor Eric Firth
Secretary	Councillor Eric Carter
Treasurer	Councillor David Bell

86. CONSULTATION ON REMOVAL OR OFFER OF PURCHASE PAYPHONE KIOSKS AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS: BROOM CRESCENT, USHAW MOOR AND RUSSELL STREET, WATERHOUSES

The Parish Council was given the offer to purchase the payphone kiosks or to have them removed at the following locations:-

- Broom Crescent, Ushaw Moor
- Russell Street, Waterhouses

RESOLVED: To agree to the removal of the payphone kiosks at Broom Crescent, Ushaw Moor and Russell Street, Waterhouses.

87. COUNCILLOR DEREK JONES – REVIEW OF APPROVED ABSENCE FROM MEETINGS

Review of approved absence from meetings by Councillor Derek Jones, due to ill health.

RESOLVED: To authorise the approval of absence from meetings for Councillor Jones and to review in 3 months time.

88. REVIEW OF FOLLOWING POLICY – PUBLIC FILMING, RECORDING OR REPORTING AT COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The following policy was presented to Council for review and approval:

Public Filming, Recording or Reporting at Council or Committee Meetings

RESOLVED: To approve the policy.

89. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS – APPROVAL OF DELEGATES FOR CONFERENCE 4TH – 6TH NOVEMBER 2016 ‘DEVOLUTION, THE NORTHERN POWERHOUSE & COMBINED AUTHORITIES, LIVERPOOL

Approval of delegates requested for the above.

RESOLVED: To approve Councillors Bell, Grantham and Mrs Rodgers.

90. APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF ANNUAL AUDIT RETURN 31ST MARCH 2016 FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF EXTERNAL AUDIT

RESOLVED: As the Annual Audit had not been returned by BDO Audit by this meeting, an extraordinary meeting will need to be called to approve the return.

91. CIVIC FUNCTIONS FOR APPROVAL

Chilton T.C.	Coffee morning	20.8.2016
Peterlee T.C.	Peterlee Show	3.9.2016
Seaham T.C.	Mayor at home	7.9.2016
Spennymoor T.C.	Brass Band Concert	24.9.2016
Durham County Council	Beautiful Durham Awards	5.10.2016
Durham County Council	Civic Dinner	7.10.2016
Sedgefield T.C.	Quiz	28.10.2016
Ferryhill T.C.	Quiz night	29.10.2016
Peterlee T.C.	Charity Ball	4.11.2016

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

92. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Authorisation was requested to pay the accounts amounting to £8,744.00.

RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the accounts.

93. REPORT OF CLERK

The Clerk presented a report to Council for information.

The following issues arose:

- **NALC Annual Conference**

NALC Annual Conference is to be held on 19th and 20th October 2016 in Birmingham

RESOLVED: To contact Lesley Swinbank to arrange for Councillor Nelson to attend the conference.

- **Centre of Ushaw Moor – Condition of Area**

Councillor Stoddart reported that the following areas in Ushaw Moor required attention as they are in poor condition:

- The Winnings
- The Old Workingmen's Club
- Station Hotel

RESOLVED: To arrange a site visit with Stuart Timmis from Durham County Council, the Parish Council Chairman, Ward Councillors and Unitary Councillors.

- **Brandon Village – Access to East Farm**

A meeting had been held on Monday 12th September 2016 to agree on alterations to the access across the Village Green following refurbishment of East Farm.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council had no objections as the proposed access would not affect the Village Green.

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm

Signed

Date