

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS
6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM
ON FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2016 AT 6.30 PM**

PRESENT

**Councillor Mrs Susan Nelson (in the Chair)
and Councillors Akins, Mrs Akins, Bell, Mrs Chaplow, Mrs Gates, Grantham,
Jamieson, Mrs Leckenby, Nelson, Mrs Rodgers, Sims, Stoddart and Mrs Wharton**

94. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from:

Councillor Jamieson – Item number 13 Silver Trees Primary School - signs to deter parking outside of school

Councillors Grantham and Mrs Rodgers – Item numbers 14a and 14b Donation - Poppy Appeal and Remembrance Service reception

RESOLVED: To receive the declarations of interest.

95. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

96. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Bonner, Clegg, Graham, Jones, Rippin, Taylor and Turnbull

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

97. PRESENTATION OF DONATIONS

The Chairman presented donations to the following:

Meadowfield & Langley Moor Over 60's

Ushaw Moor Cricket Club – Fireworks Display

Brandon Community Hall did not attend the meeting.

98. POLICE

The Police gave a report of crime throughout the Parish.

RESOLVED: To receive the report.

99. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

The following was included in the report:

- Consultation on North Road Bus Station
- Durham County Council taking shares in Durham County Cricket Club
- Patient Reference Group
 - ❖ New Model for delivery of Community - Diabetic Services
 - ❖ Physiotherapy services coming back into surgeries at Ushaw Moor and Esh Winning
 - ❖ Consultation at present on possibility of closing some chemists.
 - ❖ North Durham Clinical Commissioning Group has awarded a contract to a private company to decide whether G.P's patient referral should be sent on to a specialist. There apparently has been no public consultation on this.

100. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING – APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

Permission and refusals were available at the meeting.

DM/16/03262/FPA	Mr & Mrs Gregory Roberts	Erection of extension to rear of dwelling including dormer window in roof space, basement area and external staircase 42 Russell Street, Waterhouses, Durham DH7 9AR
DM/16/02989/FPA	Mr Trevor Marshall	Change of use of grassed area into hardstanding area (retrospective application).2 Angus Square, Langley Moor, Durham DH7 8XX
DM/16/03172/VOC	Raebro Developments Ltd	Variation of condition 2 pursuant to DM/16/00892/FPA for the addition of an external fire escape and internal alterations to replace3 1no. 2 bed apartment with 2 no. 1 bed apartments Land to the East of 74 High Street South, Langley Moor, DH7 8EX

RESOLVED: To send a letter of support for application number DM/16/03063 Proposed change of use of First Floor from C3 (Dwelling house) to A1 (Post Office and Shop) and 3 Storey rear extensions at Denver House, Broom Lane, Ushaw Moor.

101. CONSULTATION ON DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL'S PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER FOR DOG CONTROL -INVITATION TO COMMENT

The above consultation had been received for comment before 5th December 2016.

RESOLVED: To agree with the proposals in Public Space Protection Order for Dog Control and to request that all Play areas and Parks in the Parish Council area are subject to the conditions.

102. CONSULTATION ON THE GOVERNMENT'S 2017/18 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE SETTLEMENT- INVITATION TO COMMENT

The above consultation had been received for comment before 28th October 2016.

RESOLVED: To strongly object to the proposals to extend referendum principles to Parish and Town Councils

103. CONSULTATION ON DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL'S PROPOSED PARKING AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS AT LANGLEY MOOR, MEADOWFIELD, BRANDON AND BROWNEY PARKING WAITING RESTRICTIONS

The above consultation had been received.

RESOLVED: To accept the proposed Parking and Waiting Restrictions.

104. APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF SECTIONS 1-3 OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT RETURN 2015/2016 FOLLOWING EXTERNAL AUDIT

The Annual Audit Return was received on 3rd October therefore could not be published by 30th September. Approval and acceptance of Section 1-3 of the Return along with the issues arising report is now requested by Council. No action was required by the Council.

RESOLVED: To approve and accept Sections 1-3 of the Audit Return together with the issues arising report.

105. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM SILVER TREES PRIMARY SCHOOL TO PURCHASE SIGNS TO DETER PARKING OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL

A letter had been received from the Deputy Head of Silver Trees Primary requesting funding for the purchase of signs to deter parking outside the school. The local parish and Unitary Councillors had met with Durham County Council Officers and the Police regarding the issue of cars parking outside the school at peak times. The County or the Police had no objections to these signs as long as they were placed in a position where they were not causing a hazard to pedestrians. It would also be the responsibility of the school for insurance. A speed survey would be carried out in the area.

105. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM SILVER TREES PRIMARY SCHOOL TO PURCHASE SIGNS TO DETER PARKING OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL (Continued)

RESOLVED: To provide £400 funding for purchase of the signs stipulating the above conditions and to await results of survey.

106. DONATIONS FOR APPROVAL

a) Poppy Appeal

RESOLVED: To donate £500 to this year's British Legion Poppy Appeal (Central Fund).

b) Remembrance Service reception and provision of Durham University Band

RESOLVED: To approve a payment of £300 to Durham University Band for Remembrance Sunday and to pay for the reception for the ex-servicemen following the service (Brandon, Meadowfield and Langley Moor wards)

c) Brandon Sports Club F.C.

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

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

d) Durham Stroke Club

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

RESOLVED: To donate £600 in this instance (£100 from each ward)

e) Esh Winning Residents Association

This request was withdrawn.

f) Salvation Army Toy Appeal

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

RESOLVED: To donate £800 in this instance (£300 Brandon, £200 Ushaw Moor, £100 each Meadowfield and Esh Winning, £50 each New Brancepeth and Langley Moor wards).

g) Nepacs

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

RESOLVED: To receive the letter.

106. DONATIONS FOR APPROVAL (Continued)

h) St. Patrick's School

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

RESOLVED: To donate £150 in this instance (£100 Brandon, £50 Meadowfield)

i) Durham Money Advice- Drop in at Brandon Community Hall

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

RESOLVED: To support the request but to request further information from the group.

j) Lourdes Fund

A letter had been received from the organiser of the Lourdes Project which indicated that the event had not taken place earlier this year following the Council's donation.

RESOLVED: To request that the organiser pays back the funding to the Parish Council and inform her that a further request can be made next year if the project goes ahead.

107. CONSIDERATION OF PROVISION OF INSURANCE COVER FOR ELECTRICAL KIOSK FOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AT USHAW MOOR

The Council had been informed by Durham County Council that the kiosk which is in place at Ushaw Moor doesn't belong to the County Council therefore is not covered by their insurance. DCC apparently installed the kiosk on behalf of Ushaw Moor Together which has now disbanded. Ushaw Moor Ward Councillors request the Council to consider providing insurance cover for the kiosk and the Christmas lights. The Clerk informed the Council that cover would cost £8.26 + tax per annum.

RESOLVED: That the Council provide Insurance cover for the kiosk and the new Christmas lights.

108. CIVIC FUNCTIONS FOR APPROVAL

Darlington B.C.	Charity night	21.9.2016
Spennymoor T.C.	Charity night	14.10.2016
Darlington B.C.	Mayor's Charity	26.10.2016
Spennymoor T.C.	Charity night	14.11.2016
Seaham T.C.	Civic Service	7.12.2016
Durham C.C.	Christmas celebration	8.12.2016
Shildon T.C.	Charity night	9.12.2016
Shildon T.C.	Civic Carol Service	11.12.2016
Ferryhill T.C.	Civic Carol Service	12.12.2016
Peterlee T.C.	Civic Carol Service	14.12.2016
Hartlepool B.C.	Civic Carol Service	19.12.2016

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

109. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts amounting to £12,049.02

RESOLVED: To authorise payments of the accounts amounting to £12,049.02.

110. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL – INVITATION TO COMMENT ON CONSULTATION ON PROPOSAL TO REMOVE STREET LIGHTS

The Street Lighting Policy had already been approved by Cabinet therefore comments were only invited which may be relevant to the risk assessment.

RESOLVED: To make no further comments.

111. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL- INVITATION TO COMMENT ON CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS FOR NEW BUS STATION IN DURHAM CITY

The above consultation had been received. Comments to be returned by 4th November 2016.

A public exhibition displaying the plans would be taking place on 20th & 21st October between 11am and 6pm in North Road Methodist Church.

RESOLVED: a) To respond to the consultation stating that the Parish Council fully supports the plans to regenerate North Road including provision of a new bus station. To point out that a new bus station is very important to our local communities.
b) To send a copy of the response to Roberta Blackman-Woods M.P.

112. REPORT OF CLERK

The following issues arose:

- **New door entry system**

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of a new door entry system at a cost of £658 excluding VAT as the existing system was beyond repair.

- **Alder Park Allotments**

The Clerk informed the meeting that evidence had been found in the skip on the above site which had identified the person responsible for depositing household rubbish in the skip. Neighbourhood Wardens had been informed and advised the Parish Council the three possible options to pursue the issue.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council ask the Neighbourhood Warden to investigate and prosecute for fly tipping which in this event would probably result in a duty of care letter being issued.

112. REPORT OF CLERK (Continued)

- **Fly Tipping – Deerness Picnic area**

Correspondence had been received from a resident requesting provision of cameras at the above area due to continuous fly tipping.

RESOLVED: To inform the resident that the Parish Councils, within the AAP are looking at issues of fly tipping over the AAP area and are considering appropriate action to deter the practice.

- **Esh Winning Noticeboard**

A new noticeboard had been ordered for Esh Winning at a cost of £678 excluding VAT.

RESOLVED: To approve the order.

- **Carrside Youth & Community Project – Youth Strategy**

The Clerk informed the meeting that an invitation had been received from Durham County Council to attend a forthcoming Management Committee meeting of the Youth Project. A date for the meeting would be confirmed in due course.

RESOLVED: To attend the meeting in order to obtain information on Durham County Council's proposed approach to the new youth strategy and to arrange a separate meeting with Durham County Council if Parish Council feel it is necessary.

- **Commercial Street Allotment Site – Fencing**

The Clerk informed the meeting that boundary fencing and gates had been ordered for 2 plots at Commercial Street.

RESOLVED: To approve the fencing.

The meeting closed at 7.20pm

Signed

Date