

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS  
6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM  
ON FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016 AT 6.30 PM**

**PRESENT**

**Councillor Mrs Susan Nelson (in the Chair)  
and Councillors Akins, Mrs Akins, Bell, Mrs Bonner, Mrs Chaplow, Clegg, Mrs Gates,  
Grantham, Nelson, Rippin, Sims, Stoddart, Taylor, Turnbull and Mrs Wharton**

**113. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of interest were received from:

Councillor Bell – Item number 9b Christmas Donations - New Brancepeth Village Hall, New Brancepeth Methodist Church, New Brancepeth Primary School and New Brancepeth Residents Group

Councillor Stoddart – Item number 9b Christmas Donations – Ushaw Moor Cricket Club, Ushaw Moor Catholic Club and Ushaw Moor Tea on Thursdays

**RESOLVED:** To receive the declarations of interest.

**114. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

**115. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

**RESOLVED:** To receive the apologies.

**116. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2016**

Councillor Rippin's apologies were omitted from the list.

**RESOLVED:** To amend the minutes and then approve as a true record and sign by the Chairman.

**117. PRESENTATION OF DONATIONS**

The Chairman presented donations to the following:

Brandon Sports Club F.C.  
County Durham Stroke Club  
Durham University Band  
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal  
Salvation Army Toy Appeal  
St. Patrick's School Football Team

**118. POLICE**

There were no police in attendance but a written report had been received.

**RESOLVED:** To receive the report.

**119. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS**

The following was included in the report:

- Operation Spruce Up – initiative being launched to spruce up front street and town centres across County Durham
- Preparation for winter underway - £5.2m budget
- DCC looking at problems within Addison Park
- Land being sold near St. Agatha's Close
- Safer and Stronger Working Group looking at Health, Safety and Wellbeing in residents homes.

**120. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING – APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

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

Permission and refusals had been received.

DM/16/02480/AD	Mrs Louise McAllister	Replacement of existing free standing church notice board. St. John The Evangelist Church, John Street South, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 8RP
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DM/16/03519/FPA	Mr D Oliver	Erection of garage to side of existing dwelling, 5 North View, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 8SQ
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DM/16/03568/FPA	Galliford Try Partnerships North Ltd	Residential development of 50 two and three bedroom 1 and 2 storey affordable dwellings for rent, Land to the South of The Wynds, Esh Winning.
DM/16/03573/FPA	Northumbrian Water Ltd	Installation of screens handling skip building, inlet works MCC building and FST4 starter MCC building, Northumbrian Water Sewage Treatment Works, River View, Browney, DH7 8HW
DM/16/03536/FPA	Mrs Pauline Mickle	Retention of boundary wall to front of dwelling (total height of 1m 31cm) 56 Bracken Court, Ushaw Moor, Durham DH7 7NF

**RESOLVED:** To receive the applications.

**121. DONATIONS FOR APPROVAL**

**a) Durham Money Advice – Brandon Food bank Drop-in**

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

**RESOLVED:** To donate £400 in this instance (Brandon ward)

**b) Christmas Donations**

**RESOLVED:** To approve the following 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. Luke's 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	
<b><u>Esh Winning</u></b>	
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
<b><u>Brandon, Meadowfield and Langley Moor</u></b>	
St. Andrews Church	£200 each
St. Andrew's Youth Group	(£75 Brandon, £75 Meadowfield)
Brandon Primary School	£200 each
Browney Primary	
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  
Meadowfield & District Social  
Club

£75 Brandon  
£75 each party (Children's and  
Over 60's)

**122. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL – INVITATION TO COMMENT ON CONSULTATION ON PROPOSAL TO REMOVE STREET LIGHTS BETWEEN ESH WINNING AND WATERHOUSES AND BROOMLANE, USHAW MOOR**

The Street Lighting Policy has already been approved by Cabinet so comments are only invited which may be relevant to the risk assessment.

**RESOLVED:** To convey the Council's concerns to Durham County Council in relation to safety of residents.

**123. 'FLY A FLAG FOR THE COMMONWEALTH' 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017- DECISION REQUESTED ON WHETHER TO TAKE PART IN THE EVENT**

The Council would need to register by 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in order to take part in next year's event.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council take part in next years event.

**124. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE- CONSIDERATION OF TAKING OUT SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT WITH DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Clerk reported that he County Council will no longer host the Parish Council website after 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 unless the Parish Council purchases the SLA proposed by the County costing £575 per annum. The Clerk gave costs for a website from 2 alternative providers.

**RESOLVED:** To clarify the information provided by Transcendit and bring back to next meeting.

**125. TRAINING SESSION ON ELECTIONS 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2017- DELEGATES FOR APPROVAL.**

**RESOLVED:** To book 4 places on the training course, names to be confirmed later.

**126. PROPOSAL TO REDUCE SPEED LIMIT FROM 30MPH TO 20MPH OUTSIDE LANGLEY MOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The above proposal would be in effect during the school drop off and pick up times. A permanent speed visor would also be installed at Brandon Lane. Views on this proposal are to be sent by 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

**RESOLVED:** To convey the Parish Council's full support for the scheme.

**127. BRANDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

A letter has been received requesting permission to raise their own flag promoting Brandon Community Hall, on the Parish Council's flagpole situated in the grounds of the Community Hall.

**RESOLVED:** To inform the Community Association that the Parish Council wish to retain responsibility for raising the flags, but would support the Community Association if they wished to purchase their own flagpole.

**128. 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 above functions.

**129. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL**

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts amounting to £12,705.22.

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

**130. REPORT OF CLERK FOR INFORMATION**

The Clerk presented a report to Council for information.

**RESOLVED:** To take for information.

The Chairman agreed to take the following item as a matter of urgency:

**131. DISPENSATION FOR COUNCILLOR DEREK GRAHAM**

A letter had been received from Councillor Graham requesting dispensation from attending meetings due to ill health.

**RESOLVED:** To approve Councillor Graham's absence from meetings due to ill health.

132. The following was discussed in private.

**DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF QUOTATIONS FOR REMOVAL AND REPLANTING OF TREES AT BRANDON VILLAGE**

The Clerk informed the meeting that permission had been granted by Durham County Council for the above work.

The meeting discussed the 3 quotations.

**RESOLVED:** To award the contract to Olivers Tree Services.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm

Signed .....

Date .....