

BRANDON AND BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM
ON FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2017 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT

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

A minutes silence was held for former Councillor Colin Beswick who died recently
Councillor Nelson gave a short tribute to Mr Beswick.

169. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from:

Councillor Bell – Item number 2g on Clerk’s Report – Royal Garden Party
Councillors Grantham and Mrs Rodgers – Item number 5 on Clerk’s Report – Youth
Provision

RESOLVED: To receive the declarations of interest.

170. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

171. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jamieson and Mrs Leckenby.

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

172. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20TH JANUARY 2017

RESOLVED: To add Councillor Mrs Bonner’s attendance then approve the minutes
as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

173. PRESENTATION OF DONATION

The Chairman presented a donation to the following:-

North of England Brass Band Championship

174. POLICE REPORT

A report of crime throughout the Parish had been received.

RESOLVED: To receive the report.

175. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

The following items were included in the report:-

- Durham County Council Medium Financial Plan 2017/18 to 2019/20 – outlook remains extremely challenging. Government funding reductions will continue until 2019/20 and possibly further.
- Government's Autumn Statement confirmed a significant deterioration in public finances. Government borrowing would be £122b higher than was forecast at the March 2016 Budget – the national budget would still have a £21b deficit in 2020/21.
- Savings required for Durham County Councils Medium Term Financial Plan (7) up to 2019/20 is forecast to be £59.6m resulting in total savings since 2011/12 of £245.3m
- Durham County Council has set its Council Tax for a Band D property at £1,443.04 – an increase of 3.99% which includes an Adult Social Care precept of 2%
- Council Tax at Band D including Fire and Police precepts is £1,709.93.
- No changes have been proposed for the current admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools for 2017/18. All Governing Bodies/Trusts have considered the proposed admission number for their school
- Review of Teaching Assistants terms and conditions continues
- School budgets – The National Funding Formula is being altered which will mean reductions in budgets for some schools in our area.
- Durham County Council awarded best Local Authority and best campaign in the keep Britain Tidy Awards. Operation Stop It won Campaign of the Year.
- Prince Bishops Durham City Run to take place on 19th July

RESOLVED: To receive the report.

176. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING – APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

Permission had been granted for the proposed erection of single storey, brick clad building to form a boxing club at Brandon Cricket Club

Permission and refusals were available at the meeting.

DM/17/00133/FPA	Berendsen UK Ltd	Installation of plant equipment and Intermediate Bulk Container store (41 cubic metres) Berendsen UK Ltd, 1 Butterby Court, St. Johns Road, Meadowfield Industrial Estate, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 8XN
DM/17/00153/VOC	Berendsen UK Ltd	Minor amendments to the external area that includes relocation of cycle parking shelter and reduction in spaces, van and truck parking layout amendment (north of site), reduction in car parking spaces from 51 to 32 (south of site), increase in size of substation (south west of site), various alterations to landscaping. 1 Butterby Court, St. John's Road, Meadowfield Industrial Estate, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 8XN
DM/17/00189/FPA	Mr J Lynn	Erection of porch to front of existing dwelling. 35 Grey Ridges, Brandon, Durham DH7 8QL
DM/17/00184/FPA	Mr Glyn Rowell	Partial change of use from Dwelling (C3) to Tattoo Studio (Sui Generis). 38 Frederick Street North, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 8NB
DM/17/00185/AD	Mr Glyn Rowell	Advertisement consent for the display of 1 no. Fascia and 1 no. Window Decal. 38 Frederick Street North, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 8NB
DM/17/00289/FPA	Office of the Durham Police Crime and Victim's	Modular office and training classroom extension classroom extension. Durham Constabulary Police Training Facility, Commissioner Edwardson Road, Meadowfield Industrial Estate, Meadowfield Industrial Estate, Durham DH7 8RL
DM/17/00412/FPA	Ms Natasha Stirrat	Two storey extension to rear of end terraced house. 10 Alum Waters, New Brancepeth, Durham DH7 7JL

RESOLVED: To receive the information on applications

177. APPROVAL OF DELEGATES FOR TRAINING SESSION ON 'USE AND HOLDING OF RESERVES AND ANNUAL RETURNS' ON 15TH MARCH 2017 AT 6.00P.M IN COUNTY HALL

Approval of delegates was required for the above.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk and the Allotments Officer attend.

178. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO FILL PLANTERS ON ‘LITTLE FREE LIBRARY’ OUTSIDE WATERHOUSES VILLAGE HALL

A letter had been received regarding the above.

RESOLVED: To add the planters to the Parish Council’s annual planting programme.

179. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL’S OPERATION SPRUCE UP- CONSIDERATION OF AREA TO BE INCLUDED IN THE INITIATIVE

The Council had submitted 3 areas for inclusion in Operation Spruce Up. A response had been received from Durham County Council which indicated that the Council is required to choose one area which they think would benefit the most from the clean-up.

RESOLVED: To put forward both sides of A690 between the end of Langley Moor and the junction of Sawmills Lane, Meadowfield and to ask the County Council for an indication of costs associated with the clean up of an area.

180. APPROVAL OF SUBSCRIPTION TO COUNTY DURHAM COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The above subscription is due for renewal at a cost of £20.

RESOLVED: To renew the subscription.

181. PROVISION OF SPEED VISORS AT BROOMPARK & USHAW MOOR- APPROVAL OF CONTRIBUTION TO MAINTENANCE COSTS

A meeting had been held with the Ushaw Moor Ward Members and Unitary Councillors to discuss the maintenance of 2 speed visors in Ushaw Moor and Broompark. The cost would be £775 per year for 8 years.

RESOLVED: To approve that the Parish Council would pay the maintenance costs of the speed visors.

182. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLY OF FLOWER BEDS IN THE BRANDON AREA

A cost had been received from Durham County Council for planting of additional flowerbeds in the Brandon area.

RESOLVED: That Brandon Ward Members confirm the areas where flowerbeds are required and the Clerk would then inform Durham County Council.

183. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO LEASE AREA OF LAND CONTAINING ESH WINNING MINING MEMORIAL FROM COUNTY DURHAM HOUSING GROUP

This item was removed from the agenda until further information had been received.

184. PARISH PRECEPT 2017/18

The request for the precept was sent to the County Council on 23rd January 2017. Durham County Council confirmed the precept at £176,295, £36.37 per Band D, a 4.99% increase. At the Council meeting on 20th January 2017 the Parish had approved a precept of £176,295, £36.36 per Band D, a 4.97% increase. Durham County Council had interpreted a figure of £36.365 as £36.37. In order to keep the Council tax at £36.36 the precept request would be £176,290.

RESOLVED: To approve a precept of £176,290 for 2017/18.

185. REQUEST FOR APPROVED ABSENCE FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS BY COUNCILLOR DEREK JONES DUE TO ILL HEALTH

Councillor Jones's approval of absence from meetings is due for approval.

RESOLVED: To approve Councillor Jones' absence which would be valid until the election on 4th May 2017.

: To send a letter to Councillor Jones thanking him for his service to the Council.

186. CIVIC FUNCTIONS FOR APPROVAL

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

Bishop Auckland T.C.	Irish Night	18.3.2017
Spennymoor T.C.	Charity Race Night	18.3.2017
Sildon T.C.	Charity quiz night	31.3.2017
Hartlepool B.C.	Male Voice & Ladies Choir	1.4.2017
Hetton T.C.	Mayor's Charity night	7.4.2017
Hetton T.C.	Civic Dinner	14.4.2017
Seaham T.C.	Civic Ball	21.4.2017

RESOLVED: To approve attendance at the functions.

187. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts amounting to £10,594.45

RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the accounts.

188. REPORT OF CLERK

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

- **Elections Training Session 1st March 2017**

RESOLVED: That the Chairman, Mrs Howe and possibly Councillor Turnbull, depending on his diary commitments attend.

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

The Clerk informed the meeting that confirmation had been sent to Brandon Carrside Youth & Community project that the Parish Council would contribute £34,300 to the continuation of the Project from 1st April 2017. The Council were asked to consider how the funds should be paid to the Club.

RESOLVED: To pay the funds on a quarterly basis commencing on 1st April 2017.

- **Commemorative Seats**

The Clerk informed the meeting that the WW1 Commemorative Seats were now installed apart from the one at Meadowfield which will be installed on Commonwealth Day.

RESOLVED: To send a letter of thanks to the Youth Club for their part in the project and that the Parish Council offer to take on maintenance of the seats.

- **Brandon Community Hall – Flagpole**

The Parish Council had received a letter from Brandon Community Hall indicating that the Committee would ask Councillor John Grantham to raise their flag on specific days.

RESOLVED: To write back to the Community Hall indicating that the Parish Council' offer of financing a new flagpole still stood.

- **Bearpark Neighbourhood Area Designation**

Information had been received on the above.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council be aware of any developments which may be proposed on the boundary of Brandon and Byshttles Parish Council.

188. REPORT OF CLERK (Continued)

- **Auckland Castle**

An e-mail had been received offering the Parish Council the opportunity to receive a presentation on proposals for Auckland Castle.

RESOLVED: To thank Mr Brownson for the offer but to request that the Parish Council is kept updated by e-mail.

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm

Signed

Date