

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS
6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM
ON FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2019 AT 6.30 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs S Nelson (in the Chair)

And Councillors Bell, Bonner, Mrs Bonner, Mrs Catterson, Chaplow, Grantham, Hindmarch, Mrs Leckenby, Nelson, Rippin, Mrs Rodgers, Turnbull, Walter and Mrs Wharton

A minutes silence was held for the following, who recently passed away, Councillor Mrs Pauline Gates, Pat Elliott (Former Consort) and Ron Hogg (Police & Crime Commissioner).

131. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

132. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

133. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Clegg, Jamieson, Sims, Spencer and Stoddart

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

134. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15TH NOVEMBER 2019

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 15th November 2019 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

135. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 3RD DECEMBER 2019

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Allotment Committee held on 3rd December 2019 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

136. VISIT FROM BRANDON UNDER 16'S

A visit from Brandon under 16's took place to show Members the new football strip that the Parish Council recently contributed towards. The Chair thanked the visitors for attending the meeting.

137. BRANDON CARRSIDE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY PROJECT

The report from Brandon Carrside was presented to Council.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

138. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

Due to the General Election on Thursday 12th December there was no report from the Unitary Councillors.

139. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING – APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

DM/19/03835/FPA	W Cairns	Erection of two-storey extension at rear of dwelling (revised application). 2 Holliday Close, Langley Moor, Durham, DH7 8JQ
DM/19/03839/FPA	Mr Ross Wilby	Single storey rear extension, 31 Brancepeth View, Brandon, Durham, DH7 8TT
DM/19/03919/TPO	George	Crown reduce by 1m of one Birch tree (T1) and one Plum tree (T2) both protected by a tree preservation order. 2 Falcon Way, Esh Winning, Durham, DH7 9JW
DM/19/03888/TPO	Kieth Salmon	Felling of one Laurel tree (G2), crown reduce and reshape by 1.5-2m of two Alder trees (T1 and T2) and reduce and reshape by 1.5m of one Beech cherry (G1). All trees protected by a tree preservation order. 5 Falcon Way, Esh Winning, Durham, DH7 9JW

Application DM/19/03475/OUT - Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of 1no. care home development (C2) for 50 residents. Land opposite 1 to 9 South View, Ushaw Moor, DH7 7PS

RESOLVED: To send a letter of support to Durham County Council.

Application DM/19/03357/FPA - Change of use from class C3 (dwelling) to use class C2 (supported accommodation for 16-25 year old). White House, Broom Lane, Ushaw Moor, Durham, DH7 7LQ

RESOLVED: To write a letter to Durham County Council objecting to the above application.

140. APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF CLERK'S MEMBERSHIP TO SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS

The Clerk's Membership to SLCC is due for renewal.

RESOLVED: To pay the subscription.

141. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING POLICIES

The following policies were presented to Council for approval:

a) Code of Conduct for Local Council

RESOLVED: To approve the above policy.

b) Freedom of Information

RESOLVED: To approve the above policy and to include street lighting in Class 7 (when the street lights have been installed).

c) Single Use Plastics Policy

RESOLVED: To approve the above policy.

142. DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

a) North of England Brass Band Championships

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

RESOLVED: To donate £500 in this instance (£100 each Brandon, Meadowfield, Langley Moor, Esh Winning, £50 each New Brancepeth and Ushaw Moor wards).

b) Deerness Valley Hurricanes

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

RESOLVED: To donate £300 in this instance (Ushaw Moor Ward).

c) Meadowfield & Langley Moor Over 60's Association

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

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

d) Open Spaces Society

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

RESOLVED: To receive the request.

e) **New Brancepeth Jazz Band**

The Jazz Band had assisted at the Remembrance Service on Sunday 10th November 2019.

RESOLVED: To donate £300 in this instance (£100 each Brandon, Meadowfield and Langley Moor wards) and to send a thank you letter to the Jazz Band.

143. **LAND ADJACENT TO HOLBORN CLOSE, ESH WINNING – REQUEST TO PURCHASE LAND**

Durham County Council had received a request to purchase land, to be used as garden land, adjacent to Holborn Close, Esh Winning. Comments/objections were to be received by Friday 27th December 2019.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that the Parish Council had no objections to the land being sold as garden land, but would be grateful if there was a covenant stating that the land is to remain as garden land.

144. **APPROVAL OF TRAINING CONFERENCES PROGRAMME 2020**

A programme of conferences for 2020 was presented to Council for approval.

RESOLVED: To approve the programme of conferences.

145. **APPROVAL OF DELEGATES FOR CONFERENCE ON 24TH – 26TH JANUARY 2020 ‘ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE’ IN RIPON**

Approval of delegates for the above conference was requested.

RESOLVED: To approve Councillors Bell, Mrs Bonner and Grantham to attend.

146. **CIVIC FUNCTIONS FOR APPROVAL**

Approval was requested for Chairman or Vice Chairman’s attendance at the following:

Seaham T.C.	Christmas Dinner	3.12.2019
St. Patrick’s R.C. Church	Christmas Party	7.12.2019
Stanley T.C.	Civic Carol Service	8.12.2019
Ferryhill T.C.	Mayor’s Carol Service	9.12.2019
Hartlepool B.C.	Celebration of Christmas	17.12.2019
Darlington B.C.	Civic Carol Service	22.12.2019

RESOLVED: To authorise the Chairman or Vice Chairman to attend the functions.

147. **ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL**

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts amounting to £36,513.18

RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the accounts.

148. **ALLOTMENTS:**

A quarterly Allotment Report was presented to Council for approval.

RESOLVED: To receive the report.

149. **REPORT OF CLERK**

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

- **Unauthorised encampment further consultation – consultation ends on 5th March 2020**

RESOLVED:- Members to let the Clerk know, if they are aware of any problems.

- **Mid Durham Area Action Partnership (AAP)**

Notification had been received from Pam Sinclair that she was leaving her post at the AAP.

RESOLVED: To send a letter to Pam thanking her for all of her hard work.

The meeting closed at 7.00pm

Signed S Nelson.....

Date 17/1/20.....