

BRANDON AND BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM
ON FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2020

PRESENT

**Councillor S Nelson (in the Chair),
and Councillors Bell, Bonner, Mrs Bonner, Mrs Catterson, Chaplow, Clegg, Mrs Clegg,
Grantham, Hindmarch, Jamieson, Nelson, Mrs Rodgers, Spencer, Stoddart, Turnbull and
Mrs Wharton**

166. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from the following:

Councillor Mrs Catterson – Item number 8b - County Durham Stroke Club
Councillor Grantham – Item number 8d - Brandon & Meadowfield R.B.L Club
Councillor Jamieson – Item number 8c - Ushaw Moor Cricket Club
Councillor Stoddart – Item number 8c - Ushaw Moor Cricket Club

RESOLVED: To receive the declarations of interest.

167. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

168. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Leckenby, Rippin and Walter.

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

169. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17TH JANUARY 2020

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

170. REPORT FROM CARRSIDE YOUTH & COMMUNITY PROJECT

The report from Brandon Carrside was presented to Council by a staff member and young person.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

171. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

The following items were included in the report:

- Big tree planting project taking place in Brandon area - Trees are being planted near to Co-op, Blackthorn Close and at the Ponderosa.
- Durham County Council Tax 2020/20201 – Council Tax increase of 1.99% and 2% on Adult Social Care = 3.99% which equated to £1.22 per week on Band D and 81p on Band A.
- The Council has committed to protect and fund front line services – Including maintaining local roads and repairs to pot holes, tackling climate change, leisure facilities, libraries, tackling poverty, children’s services, support to town and villages.
- The Council has set up 4 new multi-disciplinary neighbourhood teams to focus on sprucing up communities and tackling anti-social behaviour and recruitment of 11 additional neighbourhood wardens
- Garden Waste Scheme – to continue beginning in April to November with a total of 17 collections - cost £35

172. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING – APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

DM/20/00141/FPA	Mr Stephen Pears	Change of use of building to allow mixed use as retail/tea room and conversion of flat at first floor to independent retail unit. 29 High Street South, Langley Moor, Durham, DH7 8JW
DM/20/00174/FPA	CVMR Properties Ltd	Change of use from furniture showroom/warehouse to children’s play hall (Class D2) Unit G1 Durham Business Centre, Littleburn Road, Littleburn Industrial Estate, Langley Moor, Durham, DH7 8HG
DM/20/00004/FPA	Mr Andrew Cooper	Formation of new vehicular access and driveway to front. 6 Newhouse Avenue, Esh Winning, Durham, DH7 9JH
DM/20/00408/FPA	Mr & Mrs Rose	Single storey rear extension. 59 Brancepeth View, Brandon, Durham, DH7 8TU

DM/20/00375/FPA Office of the Durham
Police, Crime and
victims' Commission

Additional modular office and training
classroom facilities.
Durham Constabulary, Police Training
Facility, Edwardson Road,
Meadowfield Industrial Estate,
Meadowfield, Durham, DH7 8RL

RESOLVED: To receive the applications

173. DONATIONS FOR APPROVAL

a) Waterhouses Community Association

A request for a donation, to assist with roof repairs, had been received from the above.

RESOLVED: To request the Association provides a current bank statement and costings for estimates received.

b) County 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)

c) Ushaw Moor Cricket Club

A request for a donation had been received from the above to assist towards a new fence around the recreation ground.

RESOLVED: To agree to pledge £1,000 towards the above (Community Fund)

d) Brandon & Meadowfield Royal British Legion Club

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

RESOLVED: To arrange a meeting with the Chairman of the Club and Brandon and Meadowfield ward Councillors to discuss further. Councillor Nelson would arrange the meeting.

174. REQUEST FROM NEW TENANT FOR PARISH COUNCIL TO PAY PLANNING APPLICATION FEES FOR NEW GARAGE

A request from a new tenant on Langley Grove site to pay the Planning Application fees for a new garage, had been received.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that the Parish Council were not prepared to pay the Planning Application fees, but would submit the planning application on his behalf if the Parish Council could get the cost to half the price. If so, the tenant would then have to pay to the Parish Council the cost of submitting the Planning Application and a contract drawn up.

175. ELECTION – VACANCY FOR USHAW MOOR WARD

As the requisite number of dignitaries to call an election were not received for the above, the Parish Council could now co-opt to fill the vacancy.

RESOLVED: It was agreed to co-opt Mrs Lynne Clegg as Councillor for Ushaw Moor ward.

176. CHRISTMAS TREE FOR MEADOWFIELD

A request had been received from Unitary Councillor, for the Parish Council to get involved in obtaining a Christmas tree for Meadowfield. The Chairman notified the meeting that she had attended a recent meeting and the Christmas tree had been discussed, ie the cost and a mature fixed tree proposed for the area.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

177. NEW NOTICE BOARD FOR LANGLEY MOOR

A request for a new notice board for Boyne Place, Langley Moor has been received from Friends of Langley Moor. Further information had been requested from the group at the January Parish Council meeting.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that the Parish Council would like to assist the group by purchasing a notice board, but would require joint ownership of the notice board.

178. REMOVAL OF TELEPHONE BOX AT BRAUNSPATH ESTATE, NEW BRANCEPETH

BT has decided to remove a phone box at the above location. The Parish Council had been offered to take ownership of the kiosk.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that the Parish Council is not interested in taking ownership of the kiosk.

179. CIVIC FUNCTIONS FOR APPROVAL

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

Hartlepool B.C.	Civic & Community Service	9.2.2020
Shildon T.C.	Mayor's Charity Ball	14.2.2020
North Tyneside Council	Charity Dinner	15.2.2020
Gateshead Council	Social Evening	23.2.2020
Great Aycliffe T.C.	Civic Dinner	28.2.2020
Hartlepool B.C.	Fundraising Event	4.3.2020
Sedgefield T.C.	Mayor's Ball	6.3.2020

RESOLVED: To approve attendance at the functions.

180. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts amounting to £11,865.19

RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the accounts.

181. REPORT OF CLERK

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

- **Play area Training Programme on 21st April 2020, at Murton**

Approval of two delegates for the above training is requested.

RESOLVED: That Alderman Stoddart and the Community Highways worker attends the above training programme.

- **Mazars audit update on 7th April 2020, at County Hall**

RESOLVED: That the Clerk attends the above, if available to do so.

- **Far Right Extremism – Training Session**

To find out if Councillors were interested in attending the above training session.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council would be willing to send representatives, if the session was to go ahead.

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- **Scarlet Band**

Notification had been received that the no 52 bus, which normally runs from Durham to East Hedlyhope, had not gone to East Hedleyhope on two occasions, 4pm and 5pm on the same day, as it had turned around at the Black Horse, Waterhouses. The Members wanted to know the day this incident occurred.

RESOLVED: The meeting was notified that this took place on Tuesday 4th February 2020. An email has been sent to Scarlet Band, regarding the above, but a reply has not been received.

- **Chairman's Charity Evening**

Councillor Mrs Susan Nelson's Charity evening will be held on Friday 13th March 2020 in Meadowfield British Legion Club.

RESOLVED: The Chair's chosen charities are County Durham Stroke Club and the Salvation Army Toy Appeal.

182. The following was discussed in private.

Recommendations from Personnel Committee held on Tuesday 18th February 2020.

RESOLVED: To agree to the recommendations made by the Committee.

The meeting closed at 7.10pm

Signed S Nelson.....

Date 31/7/2020.....