

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM  
ON FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020 AT 6.30 PM**

**PRESENT**

**Councillor Mrs Nelson (in the Chair)  
and Councillors Bell, Bonner, Mrs Bonner, Clegg, Mrs Clegg, Chaplow, Hindmarch,  
Jamieson, Nelson, Mrs Rodgers, Sims and Turnbull**

**50. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of interest were received from the following:

Councillor Bell – Item no 8a – Christmas Donations – New Brancepeth Methodist Church, New Brancepeth Residents Group, New Brancepeth Primary School, St Andrews Methodist Church and St Andrew’s Youth Group.

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

**51. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

**52. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Catterson, Grantham, Mrs Leckenby, Rippin, Stoddart and Mrs Wharton.

**RESOLVED:** To receive the apologies.

**53. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16TH OCTOBER 2020**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**54. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS**

The following was included in the report:

- Grant for Covid-19 – Business rate – Youth and Community groups to submit an application.
- Coronavirus Testing Centre – Second testing centre to open in County Durham, car park at County Hall. Open 7 days a week 8am – 8pm.
- Local Council Reduction Scheme – Cabinet meeting on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020 – agreed to recommend to Council that the current Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme is continued into 2020/22. Approved the remaining Covid-19 hardship fund grant to continue to support vulnerable residents.
- County Durham Recycling Centre wins National Excellence Award – Stainton Grove Household Waste Recycling Centre in Barnard Castle has secured the award.

**55. REPORT FROM BRANDON CARRSIDE**

The report from Brandon Carrside was presented to Council

**RESOLVED:** To receive the very good report.

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

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

List of planning permissions and refusals had been received.

DM/20/02827/FPA	Miss Angela Ross	Erection of first floor rear extension 6 Valley Garth, Esh Winning, Durham, DH7 9LU
DM/20/02529/FPA	Mr Zahier Ahmed	Alterations to fenestration and openings to front, erection of 1no flue to side, 1no flue and single storey extension to rear (Part Retrospective) 1 Edward Terrace, New Brancepeth, Durham, DH7 7EN
DM/20/03002/FPA	Mrs H Charlton	Continued use of outbuilding as studio with retail element (previously approve on a temporary basis under planning application DM/18/03583/FPA). Bleach Green Farm, Alum Waters, New Brancepeth, Durham, DH7 7JP
DM/20/03093/LB	Mr Andrew Slater	Addition of a second ceiling light to the first floor landing Littleburn Farm, Langley Moor, Durham, DH7 8HL
DM/20/02882/FPA	Mr Nathan Dresser	First floor and two storey side extensions and single and two storey rear extensions to existing dwelling 29 West Farm Court, Broompark, Durham, DH7 7RN
DM/20/03132/FPA	Mr Richard Rushby	Two storey extension to side. 1 Coppice Hill, Esh Winning, Durham, DH7 9QQ
DM/20/03243/FPA	Mr Mark Nesbitt	Erection of fence to front 41 Brancepeth View, Brandon, Durham, DH7 8TT

**RESOLVED:** To receive the planning applications.

## 57. DONATIONS FOR APPROVAL

### a) Christmas Donations

To amend the following Christmas Donations:

New Brancepeth Primary School & Nursery to £150 and remove Christmas Party.

St Luke's Church and Baptist Church in Ushaw Moor to £100.

Ushaw Moor Action Group to £150.

Esh Winning Primary and Newhouse St Mary's School, Esh Winning, to £100 each.

To remove Sycamore Park, Brandon and Harry Carr House, Meadowfield as the groups had disbanded.

Brandon Community Hall would be holding a Santa's Grotto this year and not a Christmas party, due to Government advice regarding the Coronavirus.

To remove from this years list Browney Social Club and Meadowfield & District Social Club.

To contact the British Legion to find out if they are doing anything relating to Covid-19, as the Christmas donation in the past has been towards a Christmas Party.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the following donations:

#### New Brancepeth

New Brancepeth Primary School and Nursery	£150
Village Hall	£100
St Andrew's Methodist Church	£100
New Brancepeth Church	£100
New Brancepeth Residents Group	£100

#### Ushaw Moor

Baptist Church	£100
Ushaw Moor Catholic Club	£150
St. Joseph's Church	£100
2-4 Club St Joseph's Parish Hall	£100
St. Luke's Church	£100
Silver Trees Primary	£100
Pre-School Group	£100
St. Joseph's R.C.School	£100
Durham Community Business College	£100
Broompark WI	£100
Ushaw Moor Cricket Club	£100
Ushaw Moor Action Group	£150
Tea on Thursdays	£100

#### Esh Winning

Esh Winning Primary	£100
Newhouse St. Mary's School	£100
Esh Winning Residents Group	£100
Newhouse Church	£100
St. Paul's Church	£100
Baptist Church	£100
Methodist Church	£100
Esh Winning Banner Group	£100
Deerness Seniors	£100
Waterhouses Community Association	£100

Woodland Road Communal Hall - Coffee Morning	£100
Woodland Road Communal Group - Elderly Group	£100

**Brandon, Meadowfield and Langley Moor**

St. Andrew's Youth Group	£150 (£75 Brandon, £75 Meadowfield)
St. Andrews Church	£200
Brandon Primary School	£200
Browney Primary	£200
Langley Moor Primary	£200
Langley Moor Nursery	£200
St. Patrick's School	£200
St. Patrick's Church	£200
St. John's Church	£200
Murray Independent Church	£175 (£75 Brandon £75 Meadowfield, £25 L.Moor)
St. John Ambulance	£175 (£75 Brandon, £75 Meadowfield, £25 L.Moor)
5th Durham City Scouts	£50 (£25 Langley Moor, £25 Brandon)
Brandon Community Hall – Santa's Grotto	£350 (Brandon)
Salvation Army	£75 (£25 each L.Moor, Brandon & Meadowfield)
The Orchards	£75 (Brandon)
Meadowfield & Langley Moor Over 60's	£225 (£75 Brandon, £75 M.Field & £75 L.Moor)

**b) The Allotment Project**

A request from the above had been deferred from the September meeting.

**RESOLVED:** The Members requested to find out if the group were receiving any financial support from anyone else.

**c) Durham Cathedral**

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

**RESOLVED:** The Members requested the following: to find out if the person who had made the request for a donation works at the Cathedral or if they were from a group raising money for the Cathedral.

**d) Deric Youth & Community Project**

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

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

**58. APPROVAL OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION TO OPEN SPACES SOCIETY**

Approval is requested to pay the Annual Subscription of £45 to the Open Spaces Society.

**RESOLVED:** To approve to pay the Annual Subscription to the Open Spaces Society.

**59. DISPENSATION FOR COUNCILLORS**

Dispensation is requested for Councillors who are unable to join virtual meetings in times that a physical meeting is not appropriate due to the Coronavirus. This is due to the fact that they do not have the equipment to join a virtual meeting, or are unable to due to poor internet connections.

**RESOLVED:** To approve dispensation for Councillor who are unable to join virtual meetings, until face to face meetings can resume.

**60. APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF ANNUAL AUDIT RETURN 2019/20 FOLLOWING EXTERNAL AUDIT**

Approval and acceptance of the Annual Audit Return 2019/20 Section 1-3 is requested by Council, following the External Audit.

**RESOLVED:** To approve and accept sections 1-3 of the Annual Audit Return.

**61. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ASSISTANCE THE PARISH COUNCIL CAN PROVIDE TO GROUPS, TO HELP FEED CHILDREN DURING THE SCHOOLS HOLIDAYS**

Discussion took place regarding the above. As the Internal Auditor had not charged for work carried out this year, but requested for it to be donated to a charity of the Parish Councils choice. It was:

**RESOLVED:** To donate the £330 towards assisting groups who are helping families and the elderly during the Coronavirus pandemic.

: To contact Brandon Carrside to enquire if they are assisting families outside the youth club and the elderly.

: To contact The Salvation Army to enquire if they are assisting families and the elderly with food parcels.

**62. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL**

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts amounting to £13,259.07

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

**63. REPORT OF CLERK**

There were no issues arising from the report.

The meeting closed at 6.55pm

Signed S Nelson.....

Date 18/12/2020.....