

BRANDON AND BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM
ON FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2020 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs S Nelson (in the Chair)

And Councillors Bell, Bonner, Mrs Bonner, Mrs Catterson, Chaplow, Clegg, Mrs Clegg, Grantham, Hindmarch, Jamieson, Mrs Leckenby, Nelson, Rippin, Sims and Turnbull

Mrs V Beasley

64. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from the following:

Cllr Turnbull – Agenda item no 6- Brandon Carrside Youth & Community Project

65. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

66. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Stoddart and Mrs Wharton.

67. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20TH NOVEMBER 2020

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2020 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

68. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1ST DECEMBER 2020

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Allotment Committee held on 1st December 2020 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

69. BRANDON CARRSIDE YOUTH & COMMUNITY PROJECT

The report from Brandon Carrside was presented to Council.

RESOLVED: To receive the very good report.

70. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

The following was included in the report:

- Covid-19 vaccinations were being given to the over 80's – with 6 new sites opening soon.
- Climate Change – Durham County Council had the best action initiatives last year with 53% carbon reduction
- Aycliffe Secure Centre received an award from Ofsted as it was outstanding in all areas
- Garden Waste Collection for 2021 would be £35, but if already on the list would only pay £30.90
- 100 Christmas food parcels have been given to families from DCC, spending £21,000 to assist families
- 700 hampers have also been given out – with volunteers going out and delivering them
- Brandon Unitary Councillors have managed to secure the funding for the Christmas tree at Meadowfield for next year.
- Brandon Sports Club have new facilities – which will enable them to expand the club
- New bus shelter opposite Aspen House

RESOLVED: To receive the report

71. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING – APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Extracts from planning application lists had been forward to the Councillors.

DM/20/03392/FPA	Mr David Gray	Single storey rear extension 43 Hedley Hill Terrace, Waterhouses, Durham, DH7 9AZ
DM/20/03393/FPA	Mr David Gray	Single storey rear extension and detached garage on land to rear 44 Hedley Hill Terrace, Waterhouses, Durham, DH7 9AZ
DM/20/03475/RM	Mr & Mrs Field	Matters associated with appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of dwelling – Plot 3 only Plot 3 Deerness Villa, Sleetburn Lane, Langley Moor, Durham, DH7 8LQ

DM/20/03433/FPA	L Robinson	Two-storey extension and extend decking to rear, convert garage to habitable room, alterations to porch, double garage/store and new entrance gate to front and rendering of dwelling High View House, Brandon Village, Durham, DH7 8SU
DM/20/03610/OUT	Matthew, Mark And Anna Wass	Outline application for three industrial units (B1, B2, B8) with ancillary offices including access and layout (with appearance, landscaping and scale reserved for later consideration) (revised application).
DM/20/03606/FPA	N Johnson	First floor extension over garage including Juliet balcony to rear and porch extension to front. 17 Halliday Grove, Langley Moor, Durham DH7 8LT
DM/20/03613/FPA	Mrs Fiona Sugden	Construction of garage, Fairview, 11 Brancepeth Manor Farm, Brandon Lane, West Brandon, Crook, DL15 9AS
DM/20/03651/VOC	Mr K Firby	Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) to include 2 bedrooms and ensuite in the loft space, in relation to DM/19/02508/FPA for erection of dwelling. North View Cottage, 160 Angus Street, Langley Moor, DH7 8LF

RESOLVED: To receive the planning applications.

72. DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

a) **Durham Cathedral**

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

RESOLVED: To receive the request.

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b) **Mayor's Appeal 2020**

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

RESOLVED: To donate £600 in this instance (£100 from each ward)

c) **Open Spaces Society – Saving our lockdown spaces**

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

RESOLVED: To receive the request.

73. **DOUBLE TAXATION IN COUNTY DURHAM**

The issue of Double Taxation was discussed at CDALC's Larger Councils forum in November. A motion was put forward from Great Aycliffe Town Council, for Councils to submit their views on the motion, whether they agree or not.

RESOLVED: That the Members did not support the motion.

74. **VACANCY FOR ESH WINNING WARD**

As the requisite number of requests to call an election for the above vacancy had not been received, the Parish Council may co-opt, to fill the vacancy.

RESOLVED: Mrs Victoria Beasley was co-opted to fill the vacancy for Esh Winning ward and would be on the committees, working groups and outside bodies that the previous Councillor had been appointed to.

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

The Clerk's Membership to the Society of Local Council Clerks is due for renewal.

RESOLVED: To pay the subscription.

76. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY**

The following policy was presented to Council for approval:

Single Use Plastics Policy

RESOLVED: To approve the policy.

77. HEART OF BRANDON PROJECT

Martin Briscoe from Durham County Council, had enquired if the Parish Council would take on the on-going maintenance of the floral tubs requested in the above project. This would be absorbed into the three-year Agreement with Durham County Council which expires in 2022. The cost would then have to be added to the new agreement.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that the Parish Council would take on the on-going maintenance of the floral tubs.

78. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts amounting to £9,201.97.

RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the accounts.

79. ALLOTMENTS

- ❖ A quarterly Allotment Report was presented to Council for approval.

RESOLVED: To receive the report

- ❖ The meeting was notified that the Allotments Officer had displayed signs at sites (where livestock was allowed), regarding Bird Flu (Avian influenza). The information had also been posted on Facebook and the Parish Council website.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

- ❖ A letter had been compiled regarding advice to help prevent rats on the allotment sites.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that the letter should go out with the rent invoices in January 2021.

80. REPORT OF CLERK

The Clerk presented a report to Council for information, there were no issues arising

The meeting closed at 6.55pm

Signed *S. Nelson*

Date *26/4/21*