

BRANDON AND BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM
ON FRIDAY 15TH JANUARY 2021 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs S Nelson (in the Chair)

And Councillors Bell, Beasley, Bonner, Mrs Bonner, Mrs Catterson, Chaplow, Grantham, Jamieson, Mrs Leckenby, Nelson, Sims, Turnbull and Wharton

81. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from the following:

Cllr Bell - Agenda item no 5 - Brandon Carrside Youth & Community Project

Cllr Grantham - Agenda item no 5 - Brandon Carrside Youth & Community Project

Cllr Turnbull – Agenda item no 5 - Brandon Carrside Youth & Community Project

82. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

83. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Clegg, Mrs Clegg, Rippin and Stoddart.

84. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18TH DECEMBER 2020

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 18th December 2020 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

85. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6TH JANUARY 2021 AND APPROVAL OF PRECEPT 2021/22

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance Committee held on 6th January 2021 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

: To approve the precept for 2021/22 - £218,319 i.e £41.90 per Band D property.

86. BRANDON CARRSIDE YOUTH & COMMUNITY PROJECT

The report from Brandon Carrside was presented to Council.

RESOLVED: To receive the report.

87. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

The following was included in the report:

- Council services - In line with government guidelines to stay at home this week the council has decided to close the pick and collect library service – instead offering several online services.
- Since September 2020 when local and national restrictions were introduced - further support has been made available for retail, hospitality, accommodation and leisure sector via the Local Restrictions Support Grant - grant support payments have been made totalling almost £14 million.
- The Business Rates team have now processed applications from 212 pubs, clubs and bars entitled to additional support during December as part of the Governments Christmas Support Payment scheme - The Council has agreed to enhance the Governments scheme.
- The Cabinet agreed to establish a Durham Business Recovery Grant Scheme of £5 million - open to all businesses located in the county in all sectors, in order to provide financial support for the implementation of business recovery plans.
- The Council is providing support to licensed Hackney Carriage and Taxi Drivers in the form of a one off payment of £500.
- Vaccinations - All NHS Staff will be vaccinated by their employers. The Durham Room at County Hall will be used as a vaccination hub providing Covid19 vaccines for frontline social care workers in the council, private and voluntary sector. This includes domiciliary care, supported living and care home staff. It will operate from 8am to 8pm seven days a week.

RESOLVED: To receive the report

88. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING – APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

DM/20/03810/FPA	Mr M Miah	Change of use to Hot Food Takeaway (sui generis) and new flue extraction to the rear. 5 Station Road, Ushaw Moor, Durham DH7 7PX
DM/20/03677/FPA	Mr Paul Morland	Proposed front and side single storey extensions 33 Briar Avenue, Brandon, Durham, DH7 8AL

DM/21/00007/FPA Mr Paul Barker

Single storey rear extension
and conversion of loft space
into habitable dwelling space
19 Holby Garth, Browney,
Durham, DH7 8LE

RESOLVED: Planning application DM/20/01084/FPA Extension to Chalet Park, erection of Farm Shop / Café and two residential dwelling houses, Brancepeth Manor Farm, Brandon Lane, West Brandon, Crook. It was approved that a letter would be sent to Durham County Council from the Parish Council, objecting to the above planning application due to the following reasons:

- Access onto the site is not satisfactory – single track road, consequently will impact upon road safety.
- The Farm Shop / Café would generate traffic, which would be detrimental to highway safety and have a significant effect on occupiers of neighbouring properties.
- The drainage plans encroach onto land not owned by the developer and not complying with environmental requirements.

89. REQUEST FROM ESH WINNING RESIDENTS GROUP TO MOVE EXISTING PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARD OR TO HAVE AN ADDITIONAL BOARD

A request from Esh Winning Residents Group had been received, to move the existing Parish Council Notice board or to have an additional board erected. Discussion took place and the following was decided:

RESOLVED: To ascertain where the group would like the notice board.
: To ascertain who owns the land and to seek permission.
: To ascertain if any costs would be involved – from the land owner.

90. REQUEST FROM ESH WINNING RESIDENTS GROUP, FOR THE POSSIBILITY TO HAVE STREET LIGHTING ALONG THE PATH IN THE VILLAGE GREEN

A request from Esh Winning Residents Group had been received, as they had been approached by a number of residents, to have street lighting along the path in the Village Green.

RESOLVED: To notify the Residents Group that the path and the Village Green does not belong to the Parish Council. The land has not been adopted by the Parish Council, Durham County Council maintain the land. To go back to Durham County Council to discuss this matter.

91. **REQUEST FROM RESIDENT IN NEW BRANCEPETH AS INTERNET CONNECTION POOR, FOR PARISH COUNCIL TO ASSIST IN OBTAINING BETTER BROADBAND CONNECTION**

A request had been received from a resident in New Brancepeth, enquiring if the Parish Council could assist in obtaining a better broadband connection, as their internet connection is very poor.

RESOLVED: To notify the resident that this is not the Parish's responsibility, but that the Parish Council would seek advice and notify the resident.

92. **ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL**

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts amounting to £4,631.89

RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the accounts.

93. **REPORT OF CLERK**

The Clerk presented a report to Council for information.
The following was decided:

- **COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES IN COUNTY DURHAM**

Durham County Council were requesting assistance to seek if there were any blue or otherwise plaques in our Parish area.

RESOLVED: To notify the Clerk if anyone could assist with this request.

- **PRIORITY SERVICE REGISTER**

Information had been received from Citizens Advice County Durham regarding the Priority Service Register. The register is a free service provided by energy suppliers, network operators, water and communication companies for the vulnerable, who would be put at risk by a service failure.

RESOLVED: To circulate the above information to anyone who may benefit from being put onto the register.

The meeting closed at 6.50pm

Signed *S Nelson*

Date *26/4/21*