

BRANDON AND BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
ON FRIDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2021

PRESENT

**Councillor S Nelson (in the Chair),
and Councillors Bell, Bonner, Mrs Bonner, Mrs Catterson, Chaplow, Clegg, Mrs Clegg,
Hindmarch, Nelson, Rippin, Sims, Turnbull and Mrs Wharton**

94. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from the following:

Councillor Bell – Item number 5 – Brandon Carrside
Councillor Turnbull – Item number 5 – Brandon Carrside

RESOLVED: To receive the declarations of interest.

95. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

96. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Beasley, Jamieson, Mrs Leckenby and Stoddart.

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

97. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15TH JANUARY 2021

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2021 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

98. REPORT FROM BRANDON CARRSIDE YOUTH & COMMUNITY PROJECT

The report and also a Proposal Plan (January – March 2021) from Brandon Carrside was presented to Council.

RESOLVED: To receive the very good report.

99. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

The following items were included in the report:

- Council Tax 2021 - A total increase for Band D property of 95 pence a week and an increase of 63 pence a week for the majority of Council Tax payers in County Durham who live in the lowest value property (Band A).
The 2021 /22 budget includes - investment in highways, investment to support the development of new social housing, investment in Clean and Green and other Neighbourhood initiatives. Additional investment to support - Council's approach to tackling climate change, Welfare Assistance and Discretionary Housing Payments in support of the Poverty Action Plan, library and leisure services, to improve access and the digital offer in particular within these services, Children and Young people's services and £5 Million for Towns and Villages investment.
This brings the total value of funding committed for this local investment to £25 Million of which £4.2 Million (£300,000 each) will be allocated to Local Area Action Partnerships in support of local schemes to enhance Town and Villages across the County.
- Fire Authority - The fire Authority has set a 1.96% Council Tax which is £107.55 for Band D properties and £71.70 Band A properties.
- Vaccinations - A third Large Vaccination Centre for the region will open at Durham's Arnison Centre on Monday 22nd February 2021, adding additional capacity for local people to get their vaccination.

100. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING – APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

DM/21/00144/FPA	Mr Carl Thompson	Erection of 4 No. detached dwellings Land To Rear Of John Street North, Meadowfield, DH7 8RS
DM/21/00250/FPA	Mr Michael Drane	Rear single storey extension 11 Stanhope Close, Meadowfield, Durham, DH7 8XE
DM/21/00305/FPA	Miss Joanne Finley	Two storey and single storey extension to rear, portico to side, loft conversion and detached triple garage with home office above. Honey Pot Cottage, Newhouse Road, Esh Winning, Durham, DH7 9LG

DM/21/00362/TPO	Mr Paul Brannigan	T1 Alder – Fell. Extensive decay at the base and throughout the stem. T2 Oak – Remove deadwood and broken branches, Sympathetically prune branches back from the property. T3 Alder – Fell Extensive decay at the base and dieback. T4 Apple – Fell. Small tree of poor form. T5 Norway Maple – Fell. Multiple stem from ground level with bark inclusion. G1 Leyland Cypress. Fell group. Poor specimens overcrowding native species.10 Swallow Close, Esh Winning, Durham, DH7 9JN
DM/21/00404/FPA	Mr & Mrs Norman & Janette Chapman	Retention of 2.1m high fence to rear garden area. 18 Castle Field, Esh Winning, Durham, DH7 9NQ
DM/21/00435/FPA	Mr Alex Baxter	Proposed single storey rear and two storey side extension. 33 Stack Garth, Brandon, Durham, DH7 8QR

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. An email had been received from Wayne Baister from Initial Group, requesting a meeting regarding this application.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that the Chairman and Ward Councillors did not want a meeting and to notify Mr Baister.

101. PROPOSED PROJECT AT THE FLASS, USHAW MOOR

Ushaw Moor Action Group are proposing a new project for artwork to be carried out on The Flass Public House in Ushaw Moor. The artwork would be a mining themed mural. The design has not yet been agreed. The residents group would like the Parish Council to commit that they would put the wall back to whitewash, whenever the Brewery requested and pay any costs incurred.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that the Parish Council would commit to paying the costs to put the wall back to whitewash, whenever deemed necessary by the Brewery.

: It was agreed that the Clerk should ensure that Health and Safety guidelines were adhered to.

: To ensure permission has been sought to carry out the project.

102. LAND OF THE FORMER RED OAK PUB, BRANDON

Information had been received from Oaktree Living that they are acquiring the land of the former Red Oak pub just off Lowland Road. The land is being acquired to build twelve, two and three bedroomed homes. The Parish Council had been given the opportunity to comment regarding this development.

RESOLVED: The Members have no concerns regarding this development.

103. DONATIONS FOR APPROVAL

The Allotment Project

A request for a donation had been received from the above, this request was previously discussed at the Parish Council meeting in November 2020. It was agreed that further information was required from the group, and this information had been received.

RESOLVED: It was agreed to arrange a virtual meeting with the Chairman, Ward Councillors and any other Members wishing to attend.

104. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY

Freedom of Information

The above policy was presented to Council for review and approval.

RESOLVED: To approve the policy, no amendments were made.

105. ALLOTMENTS

Folds Close

A new tenant on plot number 24 had requested provision of a skip. A skip had already been provided for the site in May 2020.

RESOLVED: It was agreed for the provision of a skip at the above site, to be utilised by all tenants.

106. REQUEST FOR RAISED FLOWER BEDS AT VILLAGE ENTRANCE MARKERS AT USHAW MOOR AND BROOMPARK

A request had been received for raised flower beds at the Village entrance markers at Ushaw Moor and Broompark using railways sleepers.

RESOLVED: That permission should be obtained from the County Council for the raised flower beds.

107. SPACIAL POLICY CONSULTATIONS

- Minerals and waste development plan document
- Parking and accessibility supplementary planning documents

The above consultations had been received from Durham County Council. Comments are to be received by Friday 26th February 2021.

RESOLVED: There were no comments from Brandon & Byshottles Parish Council.

108. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts amounting to £47,896.61

RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the accounts.

109. REPORT OF THE CLERK

The report of the Clerk was presented to Council. The following arose:

- **NHS and Frontline Workers Day – 5th July 2021**

RESOLVED: It was agreed to purchase 3 flags for the NHS and Frontline Workers Memorial Day on 5th July 2021.

- **Elections Training**

The Clerk and Councillor Mrs Bonner had expressed an interest in attending the Elections training on Tuesday 9th February 2021.

RESOLVED: The Clerk attended the Elections training and informed the meeting that it had been worthwhile and informative.

- **Staff Training**

The Allotments Officer has completed and passed the ILCA (Introduction to Local Council Administration). The Chairman congratulated the Allotments Officer on her achievement.

The meeting closed at 6.55pm

Signed S. Nelson.....

Date 26/4/21.....

