

BRANDON AND BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM ON FRIDAY 23RD APRIL 2021 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs Nelson (in the Chair)
and Councillors Bell, Mrs Catterson, Clegg, Mrs Clegg, Hindmarch, Jamieson, Leckenby, Nelson, Rippin, Rodgers, Turnbull and Mrs Wharton

A minute's silence was held for the recent passing of His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh.

134. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from:

Cllr D Bell – Item number 5 – Brandon Carrside
Cllr J Grantham – Item number 5 – Brandon Carrside
Cllr Mrs J Rodgers – Item number 5 – Brandon Carrside
Cllr J Turnbull – Item number 5 – Brandon Carrside

RESOLVED: To receive the declarations of interest.

135. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

136. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bonner, Mrs Bonner, Mrs Chaplow and Stoddart.

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

137. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19TH MARCH 2021

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

138. REPORT FROM CARRSIDE YOUTH & COMMUNITY PROJECT

A report had been received from the above.

RESOLVED: To receive the excellent report.



139. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS

The following items were included in the report:

- Covid -19 lateral flow testing sites open across County Durham
Residents will be able to check if they have coronavirus without showing any symptoms as lateral flow testing centres open across County Durham.
Durham County Council has launched its Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Community Testing programme, where regular rapid Covid -19 tests are now available to people without symptoms of coronavirus.
Residents who wish to take part in regular tests can book a slot at one of 14 new LFD sites across the county. Walk-in slots are available.
The tests can be taken at: Annfield Plain Library, Belmont Library, Brandon Library, Chilton Library, Easington Colliery Library, Lanchester Library, Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre, Pelton Library, Spennymoor Leisure Centre, Teesdale Hub, Trimdon Library, Willington Library, Wolsingham Library, Woodhouse Close Library.
Home testing kits can also be ordered for residents who would prefer to take a test from home. These can be delivered to home or collected from the nearest Community Collect site.
Those who wish to take part in the scheme are encouraged to take a test twice a week. Residents who will be taking their tests at home can take their first at one of the LFD testing sites, where staff will be on hand to give helpful guidance to feel more confident testing at home.
Residents are also advised to take a test even if they already received their Covid-19 vaccination.
- Computer Services reopening in Libraries - 37 of the councils 39 libraries have opened for access to computer facilities, Brandon being one of them.
- Cabinet agreed to the proposal to amalgamate a school and nursery so that pupils can attend a new multimillion pound facility to accommodate rising demand for school places. Plans to house Ox Close Primary and Ox Close Nursery school in one primary school at a replacement new building on Durham Road. The new school which Durham County Council has allocated the necessary funding of £13.1 million towards will be built on the former site of Tudhoe Grange Comprehensive School and could be open to staff and pupils by September 2024.

140. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING – APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Extracts from planning application lists had been forwarded to the appropriate Ward Councillors. Planning permissions and refusals had also been forwarded to the Members.

DM/21/00798/FPA	Alum Waters Guest House	Demolition of single storey lean-to structures to front and replacement with two storey and single storey extensions.
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Alum Waters Guest House,
Unthank Farmhouse, Alum
Waters, New Brancepeth,
Durham, DH7 7JJ

DM/21/00979/FPA Mr Chris Johnston

Rear single storey
extension 129 High Street North,
Langley Moor, Durham,
DH7 8JH

DM/21/00989/FPA Gregg Cathrae

Partial infill below
existing archway and
balcony to existing flat
roof 5 Brandon Village,
Durham DH7 8ST

DM/21/01102/FPA M and K Reed

4 bedroomed detached house.
Land to Rear No 32 and 33
John Street North, Meadowfield,
Durham, DH7 8RS

DM/21/01092/OUT Rowland Bros

Outline planning permission with
all matters reserved for residential
accommodation.
Land to the West of The Former
Uthank Garage, Fairfalls Terrace,
New Brancepeth, DH7 7HP

RESOLVED: To receive the planning applications.

141. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Annual Parish Meeting had to be arranged before the 7th May 2021 if it was to be held virtually.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk would arrange the date for the Annual Parish Meeting to take place before the 7th May 2021.

142. DATA PROTECTION

Approval was requested to pay the Data Protection fee which is due for renewal on 4th May 2021 at a cost of £40.

RESOLVED: To approve payment of renewal of registration for Data Protection fee.

143. PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS – REFRESHER TRAINING

Information had been received that playground inspection training had been arranged for Thursday 29th April 2021. The Community Highways Worker would be carrying out the training. The Clerk informed the meeting that the training would be funded by Durham County Council.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

144. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts amounting to £29,469.75.

RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the accounts.

145. ALLOTMENTS

a) Empire Field, Ushaw Moor - Request for skip

A request had been received from a tenant at the above mentioned allotment site for provision of a skip.

RESOLVED: To authorise the provision of a skip.

a) Durham Road, Esh Winning - Request for skip

A request had been received from a tenant at the above mentioned allotment site for provision of a skip.

RESOLVED: To authorise the provision of a skip.

b) Black Road, Langley Moor - Request for skip

A request had been received from a tenant at the above mentioned allotment site for provision of a skip.

RESOLVED: To authorise the provision of a skip.

c) Station Avenue, Brandon - Request for skip

A request had been received from a tenant at the above mentioned allotment site for provision of a skip.

RESOLVED: To authorise the provision of a skip.

d) Alder Park, Brandon – Request for skip

A request had been received from a tenant at the above mentioned allotment site for provision of a skip.

RESOLVED: To authorise the provision of a skip.

e) Broompark - Request for Fence Repair / Replacement

A request had been received from two tenants on the above mentioned allotment site to pay for / contribute towards the repair / replacement of the boundary fence which divides the allotment site and the residential houses.

RESOLVED: To refuse to repair / replace the fence, as the fence belongs to the residents and therefore the fence is their responsibility.

146. REPORT OF THE CLERK

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

• **The Basics of Cybersecurity**

The Allotments Officer has received a certificate in recognition of completing training, in creating strong personal and corporate passwords and steps to take in the case of a breach.

RESOLVED: The Chairman congratulated the Allotments Officer on receiving the certificate.

• **Pre Planning Consultation**

Information had been received from WHP Telecoms Ltd regarding a proposed telecommunication installation at Broom Lane, Durham. The Clerk informed the meeting that a letter of objection had been sent regarding the location of the mast, but not the purpose or need of it. It was also suggested to site the mast away from the public domain and not next to a cycle path and footpath. A reply had been received that the Parish Council concerns would be viewed by the planning team.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

The meeting closed at 6.45pm

Signed 

Date 21/5/21