

BRANDON AND BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN NEW BRANCEPETH VILLAGE HALL,
ON FRIDAY 16TH JULY 2021 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT

Councillor Mrs Bonner (in the Chair)

and Councillors Bell, Bonner, Mrs Catterson, Mrs Chaplow, Clegg, Mrs Clegg, Darby-Villis, Mrs Gibson, Elmer, Mrs Elmer, Grantham, Hindmarch, Jamieson, Mrs Leckenby, Nelson, Mrs Nelson, Sims, Stoddart, Turnbull and Mrs Wharton

One minutes silence was held for Joe Anderson who had recently passed away. Joe had been a former Durham City Councillor, Alderman and twice been Mayor.

48. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

49. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

50. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from County Councillor Dan Nichols.

51. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18TH JUNE 2021

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 2021, be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Councillor Turnbull and seconded by Councillor Grantham.

52. REPORT FROM BRANDON CARRSIDE

A report had been received from the above.

RESOLVED: To receive the report.

53. REPORT FROM UNITARY COUNCIL MEMBERS

A report was given by County Councillors Elmer and Mrs Chaplow.

RESOLVED: To receive the report.

54. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING –APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

DM/21/01871/FPA	Mr Paul Eilles	Two-storey, first floor extensions to side and conversion of garage 21 Chalfont Way, Meadowfield, Durham, DH7 8UP
DM/21/02192/FPA	Mrs Kaye Horner	To extend existing rear decked area to incorporate hot tub, and to install pre built sauna pod and gravel path to rear garden My Way Guest House, Front Street, Broompark, Durham, DH7 7QT
DM/21/02195/TPO	Mr Gerard Towns	Fell 2no. Birch trees (T1 + T2) 9 Swallow Close, Esh Winning, Durham, DH7 9JN
DM/21/02252/FPA	Mr Ralph Brown	Erection of 2no. Industrial Units (B2 use class) with 6no. associated car parking spaces. Browns Yard, Edwardson Road, Meadowfield Industrial Estate, Meadowfield, DH7 8RL
DM/21/02216/VOC	Mr JD Crosby	Variation of condition 1 (approved plans) pursuant to DM/20/02475/FPA to re-position detached garage to rear with new access, to alter ground floor layout and to install 2 dormer window to front roof slope to accommodate 2 bedrooms in loft. The ground floor layout of the dwelling and use the loft space to add 2 Bedrooms and En-suite. Plot 4 Land to the West of Waltons Building and North of St Luke's Mews Cockhouse Lane, Ushaw Moor
DM/21/02158/FPA	C Harle and Sons	Erection of two agricultural buildings and associated landscape works Standalone Farm, Esh Winning, Durham, DL15 9AU
DM/21/02127/FPA	Placefirst	Development of 89 no dwellings including hard and soft landscaping, public open space, highways and associated works. Land at Rowen Court and The Oaks Esh Winning

DM/21/02175/FPA	Mr Anthony Bimbi	Demolition of existing single storey element and construction of single storey kitchen/snug Old Bridge House, Croxdale, Durham, DH6 5JL
DM/21/02358/FPA	Mr Vincenzo Marino	Vehicular access and driveway to front 87 Pringle Place, New Brancepeth, Durham, DH7 7JD
DM/21/02373/FPA	Network Rail Ltd	Change of use to operational railway land to facilitate the construction of a new feeder station to enable upgraded power supply to the East Coast Main Railway Line Land to the East of Lanchester Valley Walk and East of Relley Steading, Broompark, DH7 7RJ
DM/21/02439/FPA	Miss Andrea Gourley	Erection of extension to rear of dwelling, new vehicular entry point to field and change of use from stable block to holiday let guest house (Use Class C1) Woodside, Sleetburn Lane, Langley Moor, Durham, DH7 8LQ

RESOLVED: To receive the planning applications.

55. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING PARISH COUNCIL POLICIES

- a) Anti- Fraud and Corruption
- b) Health and Safety
- c) Document Retention

RESOLVED: To approve the above policies a), b) and c), no amendments were made.

56. DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

a) Mayor of Durham – Appeal Fund

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

RESOLVED: To donate £300 in this instance (£50 each ward).

b) St John’s Ambulance

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

RESOLVED: To donate £300 in this instance (£50 each ward).

c) **Broadmeadows, Browney**

A request for a donation had been received from the above toward purchasing a defibrillator for Broadmeadows estate in Browney.

RESOLVED: To obtain more information from the group and once obtained discuss at a later meeting

57. **REQUEST FOR A MEMORIAL BENCH, BURNIGILL, MEADOWFIELD**

A request from a resident for a memorial bench at Burnigill, Meadowfield had been received. The memorial bench would be for Tommy Akins, a former Chairman and Councillor for the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: The request was agreed in principle. To obtain permission from the land owner for the installation of the bench.

58. **REQUEST FOR A SWING SUITABLE FOR A DISABLED CHILD AT WATERHOUSES PLAY AREA**

A request had been received from a resident at Waterhouses, for a swing suitable for a disabled child at Waterhouses play area.

RESOLVED: The request was agreed in principle. The Clerk should arrange a meeting with the AAP and County Councillors for funding towards the swing, which requires to be suitable for all ages and disabilities.

59. **REQUEST FOR 'NO PARKING' SIGN, TO USE PLAY AREA AT BROOMPARK PLAY AREA**

A resident in Alderdene Close had requested a 'no parking' sign to be erected, to use the play area at Broompark.

RESOLVED: That the request was to be transferred to Durham County Council.

60. **PROPOSAL FROM RESIDENT IN ESH WINNING – A VISION FOR ESH WINNING AND BEYOND**

A proposal for a new project in Esh Winning had been received from a resident. The project is to introduce residents closer to one another with a Front Gardens Trail with a wildlife theme.

RESOLVED: It was agreed to arrange a meeting with the residents, Esh Winning Ward Councillors and the AAP, to obtain further information and possible funding towards the proposed project.

61. URBAN TREE CHALLENGE FUND – TEMPERANCE TERRACE, USHAW MOOR

Information had been received from Durham County Council that they are putting together a funding application under the Urban Tree Challenge Fund. The County Council are proposing to plant five Golden Alder trees on the land at Temperance Terrace, if the Parish Council are in agreement with this proposal.

RESOLVED: That Brandon and Byshottles Parish Council do not agree to the proposal and therefore do not want the trees planted on the land at Temperance Terrace.

62. GALA THEATRE STAGE SCHOOL

A request had been received, for support to ensure that the Gala Theatre Stage School does not get closed.

RESOLVED: It was agreed to obtain more information regarding the theatre stage school and defer until the information requested is received.

63. REQUEST FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR FOR PARISH COUNCIL TO PAY FOR ELECTRICITY COSTS FOR THE PROPOSED CHRISTMAS TREE AT MEADOWFIELD / BROWNEY

A request from a County Councillor had been received for the Parish Council to pay for the electricity costs for the proposed Christmas tree at Meadowfield / Browney.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay the electricity cost for the Christmas tree at Meadowfield / Browney.

64. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts amounting to £17,130.85.

RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the accounts.

65. CIVIC FUNCTIONS FOR APPROVAL

Approval was requested for Chairman or Vice Chairman's attendance at the following:

Sunderland City Council	27.7.2021	Indian Restaurant
Spennymoor Town Council	14.8.2021	Mayor at Home

RESOLVED: To approve attendance at the functions.

66. ALLOTMENTS

a) Empire Field – Request for second skip

A new tenant had requested the provision of a second skip.

RESOLVED: To approve provision of a second skip.

b) Broompark – Request for permission to erect shed

A new tenant had requested permission to erect a shed.

RESOLVED: To grant permission to erect a shed on the understanding that the tenant keeps the shed in good condition and removes it at the of their tenancy.

c) Commercial Street – Request for skip

The Allotments Officer requested the provision of a skip for the above mentioned site.

RESOLVED: To approve provision of a skip.

67. REPORT OF CLERK

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

• **Durham County Council Code of Conduct**

RESOLVED: It was agreed that Brandon and Byshottles Parish Council adopts Durham County Councils Code of Conduct.

• **Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Beacons 2nd June 2022**

RESOLVED: It was agreed to defer until the September meeting and suggest ideas.

• **Letter of Commendation from Durham County Council**

The Parish Councils cleaner had recently received a letter of commendation from Durham County Council for her work as a school crossing patrol warden.

RESOLVED: To send a letter from the Parish Council congratulating the cleaner, on receiving her award.

• **Notification for Proposed Installation of Telecommunication Equipment**

Information had been received from Durham County Council that Netomnia (a fibre broadband provider) would be installing telegraph poles in the Parish area.

RESOLVED: It was agreed to write to Netomnia to express concerns from the Parish Council and residents, as poles were being erected outside their premises.

The meeting closed at 7.20pm

Signed *Amel Francis*

Date *17/9/21*