

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 6, GOATBECK TERRACE,
LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM, DH7 8JJ
ON FRIDAY 25th APRIL 2025 AT 6.30 PM**

Agenda Item 15

PRESENT:

Councillor F Bonner (Chair)
Councillors D Bell, A Bonner, L Catterson, J Chapman, P Elmer, J Grantham,
D Hindmarch, J Jamieson, S Leckenby, G Moore, B Nelson, S Nelson, D Simpson, B Sims,
P Stoddart and C Wharton.

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs S J Shippen – Locum Clerk and four members of the public.

184. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Clegg, L Clegg and J Turnbull.

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the apologies.

185. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Declarations of interest were received from the following:

Item 5 – Councillor J Grantham Brandon Carrside - Committee Member;
Item 5 – Councillor S Leckenby - Brandon Carrside - Committee Member;
Item 9b - Councillor D Simpson - Trustee of Esh Winning Residents' Association.

RESOLVED: To **RECEIVE** the declarations of interest.

186. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no representations from the public.

187. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21st MARCH 2025

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2025 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

188. BRANDON CARRSIDE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY PROJECT

A written report from Brandon Carrside Youth and Community Project was circulated to Council.

RESOLVED: To **RECEIVE** the report.

189. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning application lists relevant to the parish between 10th March 2025 and 13th April were considered.

DM/25/00539	Brandon Pharmacy	Relocate entrance way furth north on the same elevation. Brandon Pharmacy, Manchester House, 35 Commercial Street, Brandon, Durham, DH7 8PL
DM/25/00658/FP A	Carole Morgan	First floor forward extension and single storey rear extension. 7 Elder Close, Ushaw Moor, Durham, DH7 7RS.
DM/25/00670/FPA	Willmott Dixon (on behalf of the	Full planning application for the demolition of existing buildings (EFAA and EFAD) and

	Department of Education)	re-development of Durham Academy, to deliver a new school building with associated landscaping works and internal refurbishment works to retained buildings.
DM/25/00762/FPA	Barratt Homes and Trustee Owners	Hybrid application comprising full planning permission for the construction of 140 dwellings, primary site access and associated SuDS and landscaping; and outline planning permission with all matters reserved for the construction of up to 260 dwellings, secondary access, local centre incorporating retail (up to 4,000 sqft) (Use Class E) and mini-mobility hub, and associated SuDS and landscaping. Land at Red Barns, Brandon, Durham, DH7 8DA
DM/25/00242/FPA	Woodlands Nursery School	Single storey nursery extension. Woodlands Day Nursery, 2 Artemis Court, St Johns Road, Meadowfield Industrial Estate, Meadowfield, Durham, DH7 8XQ
DM/25/00793/TPO	Acton Lodge	Removal of clump of 12 Norway spruce trees protruding from northern edge of compartment – TPO-PN1-325. Acton Lodge, Acton Road, Esh Winning, Durham, DH7 9PN
DM/25/00909/FPA	Mr Craig Coates	Two storey pitched roof rear extension. Re-site existing sun room from rear to gable, new pavement crossing and car parking space to front, new windows to bathroom and en-suite. 54 Brancepeth View, Brandon, Durham, DH7 8TT

RESOLVED:

1. to convene a task and finish Working Party, consisting of any Member wishing to take part, to meet on Tuesday 29th April 2025 to consider comments from Councillors and formulate a series of points in respect of application DM/25/00762/FPA and submit a report to the Clerk. Further, to **DELEGATE** authority to the Locum Clerk to submit comments on behalf of the Council to the Planning Authority;
2. to raise no objection to any of the remaining applications.

190. CIVIC FUNCTIONS

RESOLVED: To **NOTE** there were no functions attended by Chair/Vice Chair.

191. INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts for £17,547.62, additional list of £25,351.80 plus travel expenses of £124.90.

RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the accounts amounting to £43,024.32 to be checked and verified by Councillors D Bell and P Stoddart.

192. DONATIONS

Council considered requests for donations:

a) **St Cuthbert's Hospice Durham**

RESOLVED: to award a donation of £600 being £100 per ward.

b) **Esh Winning Residents' Association – Annual Funday**

RESOLVED: to award a donation of £500 from Esh Winning ward budget.

c) **Brownie Residents' Association – Attendance of Brownie Lodge Banner at Durham Miners Gala.**

RESOLVED: DEFER the consideration to a future meeting and request a breakdown of the £3,200 cost estimate.

193. BRANCEPETH PARISH COUNCIL DRAFT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Council considered whether to make any written representations.

RESOLVED: that the information be **RECEIVED**.

194. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION – WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE DEFINITIVE MAP OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY SLEIGHTHOLME MOOR ROAD/TRACK (REF: 4/17/057)

Council considered any response.

RESOLVED: that the information be **RECEIVED**.

195. OPEN SPACES SOCIETY – MEMBERSHIP

Council considered renewal of membership at a cost of £45.

RESOLVED: that the membership renewal be **APPROVED**.

196. ICO ANNUAL DATA PROTECTION FEE

Council considered approval of annual fee payment by Direct Debit, which would save £5 per year.

RESOLVED: that payment by Direct Debit be **APPROVED** and signed by Councillors D Bell and P Stoddart.

197. VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

Council considered the report circulated.

a) **St John's Hall Meadowfield**

RESOLVED: to approve the payment for refreshments at a cost of up to £50 Meadowfield ward budget

b) **Brownie Residents' Association**

RESOLVED: to **APPROVE** request. SEE Notes

198. BROWNEY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION – BROWNEY LODGE BANNER

Council considered the request as detailed in the report circulated.

RESOLVED: that Council

1. **NOTED** the grass cutting contractor's willingness to adjust his schedule;
2. **APPROVE** the request for use of the Village Green;
3. **AGREE** a letter is produced in respect of parking on the Green to be delivered to local residents prior to the event.
4. **ADVISE** the Residents' Association to check the terror threat level.

199. EAST COAST MAIN LINE REINFORCEMENT PROJECT – BROWNEY CURVE

Council received the project completion update.

RESOLVED: to **NOTE** the information.

The meeting closed at 6.55pm

Signed

Date