BRANDON & BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM WEDNESDAY 29TH JANUARY 2025

PRESENT

Councillor Bonner (in the Chair) and Councillors Bell, Mrs Bonner, Chaplow, Chapman, Clegg, Mrs Clegg, Mrs Elmer, Grantham, Hindmarch, Jamieson, Moore, Nelson, Mrs Nelson, Mrs Simpson, Sims and Mrs Wharton

141. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

142. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Catterson, Mrs Leckenby, Stoddart and Turnbull.

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

143. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON</u> 21ST JANUARY 2025 AND ACCEPTANCE OF PRECEPT 2025/26

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2025 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Discussion took place regarding setting the precept. A vote took place and the result was 16 for and 2 against, to set the precept for 2025/26 as £44.88 per Band D property.

RESOLVED: To approve the precept for 2025/26 ie £44.88 per Band D property. Proposed by Councillor Bell and seconded by Councillor Jamieson.

144. BANK MANDATE- CHANGE OF DETAILS

As there would be no officers with access to the accounts, it was suggested that a signatory was approved, who could come into the office. It was also suggested that the interim Clerk become an authorised user of the Co-operative Bank business account and this would be revised after the election in May. It was suggested to obtain business debit cards for two bank signatories.

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RESOLVED: To approve that Councillor Mrs Bonner become a new signatory of the Co-operative Bank business account.

: To approve that the interim Clerk (Mrs S Shippen) becomes an authorised user of the Co-operative Bank business account.

Proposed by Councillor Nelson and seconded by Councillor Grantham

:To approve that debit cards are obtained for Councillor Bell and Councillor A Bonner.

Proposed by Councillor Clegg and seconded by Councillor Hindmarch.

145. CLERK TO THE COUNCIL - TO NOTE RESIGNATION AND CONSIDER DELEGATION TO PERSONNEL COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH RECRUITMENT AND INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS

The Chair had notified Members of the Clerk's resignation. As the Parish Council did not have a scheme of delegation for the recruitment of a new Clerk, it was suggested that delegation should go to the Personnel Committee to deal with recruitment and interim arrangements.

RESOLVED: To approve that delegation should go to the Personnel Committee to deal with recruitment and interim arrangements for appointment of a new Clerk.

Proposed by Councillor Grantham and seconded by Councillor Hindmarch.

Meeting closed at 7.35pm

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