

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 6, GOATBECK TERRACE,
LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM, DH7 8JJ
ON FRIDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2025 AT 6.30 PM**

PRESENT:

Councillor F Bonner (Chair)

**Councillors D Bell, A Bonner, L Catterson, D Clegg, L Clegg, J Grantham,
D Hindmarch, J Jamieson, S Leckenby, B Nelson, S Nelson, D Simpson, B Sims, P Stoddart,
J Turnbull and C Wharton.**

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

146. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from the following:

Items 7 & 16 – Councillor J Grantham Brandon Carrside - Committee Member;

Items 7 & 16 – Councillor S Leckenby - Brandon Carrside - Committee Member;

Items 7 & 16 - Councillor J Turnbull - Brandon Carrside - Committee Member and Trustee.

RESOLVED: To receive the declarations of interest.

147. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no representations from the public.

148. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Chaplow and G Moore.

RESOLVED: To **RECEIVE** the apologies.

149. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17TH JANUARY 2025

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2025 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

150. MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 29TH JANUARY 2025

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 29^h January 2025 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

151. PRESENTATION OF DONATIONS

The Chair made presentations to:

- The Great North Air Ambulance - £1,000
- St. Giles Archers Club, Ushaw Moor - £300
- North of England Brass Band Championships 2025 - £550
- Deerness 4 Males - £300

Each of the organisations gave a brief presentation to the Council on their work.

152. BRANDON CARRSIDE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY PROJECT

A report from Brandon Carrside Youth and Community Project was presented to Council by Eva Leckenby.

RESOLVED: To **RECEIVE** the report.

153. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning application lists relevant to the parish between 12th January and 10th February 2025 were considered.

DM/24/03373/TPO	Mr Zadziuk	G1. Spruce x5 – Prune back the overhanging branches from boundary line – TPO-PN1-325. Action Lodge, Action Road, Esh Winning, Durham, DH7 9PN.
DM/24/03432/TPO	Mr Marshall	T1 – Birch – crown reduce and reshape by 3m – TPO – PN1-311. 8 Falcon Way, Esh Winning, Durham, DH7 9JW.
DM/24/03486/FPA	Fred Henderson LTD	Demolition of existing car showroom and storage building and erection of 6no. industrial units (B2). Fred Henderson, Langley Bridge Garage, Durham Road, Langley Moor, Durham, DH7 8JZ.
DM/24/03431/FPA	Handcrafted	Conversion of 2 bedroom house into 2No one bed flats. 6 John Street North, Meadowfield, Durham, DH7 8RS
DM/25/00106/FPA	Newlands Sports Ltd	Addition of mezzanine floor in association with change of use of the unit to a mixed use including storage, manufacture, retail (including sale of food and drink to customers) and two cricket batting lanes for testing, training and cricket practice. (Sui Generis) 4 Innovation Court, Meadowfield Industrial Estate, Meadowfield, Durham, DH7 8FA
DM/25/00135/PN56	Mrs Leanne Gawthorpe	Prior notification for change of use of part of ground floor from former bakers / Class E to one bedroomed flat / Class C3 (Class MA) 54 Frederick Street South, Meadowfield, Durham, DH7 8NA
DM/24/03348/FPA	Placefirst	Retrospective temporary use of land for parking and storage associated with the redevelopment of The Oaks under planning permission DM/21/02127/FPA Land North East of 4-10 Pinetree, Esh Winning, Durham, DH7 9JZ

RESOLVED: To **OBJECT** to planning application DM/24/03486/FPA, in respect of the anticipated additional traffic movements to and from the site. With six businesses operating on the site, parish council is of the opinion that the additional traffic movement indicated in the Highway Statement is underestimated and traffic movement is likely to be significantly higher even with a conservative estimate of 10 vehicles per day visiting each premise = 60 vehicles.

The Parish Council request consideration be given to requiring all traffic leaving the site

being directed to turn left (east) and use the nearby Stonebridge roundabout to head westbound on the A690 towards Langley Moor and beyond.
No other comments to the remaining planning applications were made.

154. DONATIONS FOR APPROVAL

a) St Cuthbert's Hospice Durham

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

RESOLVED: To defer this request until additional financial information is available.

b) Salvation Army – Little Lights Playgroup – Sensory Area

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

RESOLVED: To defer this request until additional financial information is available and an amount is established.

c) Durham and District Prostate Cancer Group - Defibrillator

A request for a donation had been received from the above towards a defibrillator at the Brawns Den public house.

RESOLVED: It was agreed to purchase a defibrillator through the Rotary Club at a cost of approximately £1,500 to be met from Brandon and Meadowfield & Browney ward budgets.

155. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS CONFERENCE

Council considered attendance at the National Association of Councillors conference A Councillor in a Digital World on 28th February to 2nd March 2025 in Glasgow.

RESOLVED: that Councillors D Bell, A Bonner and F Bonner attend on behalf of the Council.

156. TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (PARKING AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS AMENDMENT) ORDER 2024

Council considered any comments on the proposed Order covering Esh Winning, Esh Village, Ushaw Moor, Bearpark, New Brancepeth & Witton Gilbert.

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

157. CIVIC FUNCTIONS

Approval was requested for the Chair/Vice Chair to attend the following functions:

Saturday 8th March	Civic Dinner	Spennymoor Town Council
Wednesday 12th March	Town Quiz	Spennymoor Town Council
Saturday 15th March	Civic Ball	South Tyneside Council

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the Chair/Vice Chair's attendance at the functions.

158. INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts for £10,818.71 and additional list of £8,222.04

RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the accounts amounting to 19,140.75.

159. MINUTES OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Council was invited to receive the minutes of the meetings held on 21st and 29th January 2025.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Personnel Committee meetings held on 21st and 29th January 2025 be **RECEIVED**.

160. PROPER OFFICER AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

Following the resignation of Mrs S Howe, Council considered the appointment of Mrs S Shippen, LGRC Partner as Proper Officer and RFO from 28th February 2025 until a new Clerk to the Council takes up post.

RESOLVED: It was **AGREED** to appoint Mrs S Shippen, LGRC Partner as Proper Officer and RFO on a Locum basis from 28th February 2025 until a new Clerk to the Council takes up post.
Council welcomed Mrs Shippen to the position.

161. WARD BUDGET - BRANDON CARRSIDE YOUTH & COMMUNITY PROJECT TOILET REFURBISHMENT

Councillor B Nelson introduced a paper proposing a contribution of up to £15,000 towards a refurbishment to create three unisex self-contained units with an integrated communal basin and additional storage.

RESOLVED: that a contribution of up to £15,000 towards toilet refurbishment met from ward budgets of Brandon and Meadowfield & Browney be **APPROVED**.

162. LICENSING APPLICATION

A licensing application in respect of a new premises licence at 1 Broom Lane, Ushaw Moor, Durham, DH7 7LQ had been notified.
The Locum Clerk to the Council advised that the application had been withdrawn.

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

7.23pm- Following conclusion of the formal business of the meeting, Members requested that a vote of thanks be recorded to Mrs Susan Howe who is due to leave her position as Clerk to the Council on Friday 28th February 2025.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm

Signed
Date 21/ 3/ 2025