

BRANDON & BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 6, GOATBECK TERRACE,
LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM, DH7 8JJ
ON FRIDAY 16th JANUARY 2026 AT 6.30 PM

Present:

Councillor J Jamieson (Chair)

Councillors Cllr P Askell, D Bell, A Bonner, D Bregazzi, J S Burt, J C Chapman, P A B Elmer, J Grantham, D Hindmarch, J E Hirst, D Rowland, S Leckenby, E H Simpson, F D Simpson, C J Smith, P Stoddart, J A Turnbull, M Wall, and M Wilson

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs C Dixon (Clerk), Mrs S Cash (Assistant Clerk), and 1 member of the public.

Council observed a minute's silence in memory of Alderman Paul Taylor.

Cllr J. Turnbull thanked those who attended the funeral of Alderman Paul Taylor. He also expressed his view that the delivery of leaflets in the area during this time was disrespectful.

178. Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received.

RESOLVED: To **RECEIVE** the apologies.

179. Declarations of Interest & Requests for Dispensations

Declarations of interest were received from the following:

Item 187 - Cllr J Grantham Brandon Carrside - Committee Member;

Item 187 - Cllr S Leckenby - Brandon Carrside - Committee Member;

Item 187 - Cllr J Turnbull - Brandon Carrside - Committee Member;

Item 190 – Cllr J Jamieson – Ushaw Moor

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

180. Public Participation

RESOLVED: There was **NO** public participation.

181. Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th December 2025.

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Meeting held on 19th December 2025 were **CONFIRMED** as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

182. Donations to be presented

a). North of East Brass Band Championship

183. Invoices for Payment

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts for £16,575.81.

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** payment of the accounts amounting to £16,575.81. The accounts to be checked and verified by two councillors before payment.

184. Bank Transfer

To approve a bank transfer of funds from CCLA to the current account.

RESOLVED: to **APPROVE** the transfer of £10,000.

185. Chairs Civic Functions

The report detailing the Chair's attendance at civic functions was noted. There was an amendment made to the list to remove Great Aycliffe's function (£40) and to include Shildon Civic function at a cost of £20.

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the chairs attendance at the civic functions.

186. Planning Applications

Planning application lists relevant to the parish between 5th December 2025 and 9th January 2026 were considered.

DM/25/03353/FPA - Mr Ross Moralee - Single storey rear and side extension and porch to front. 12 East View, Meadowfield, Durham, DH7 8RY

RESOLVED: It was **NOTED** that no objections were raised to the application.

187. Carrside Flagpole

The report was discussed and agreed that the flagpole required repair.

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the cost of the flagpole repair.

188. Ushaw Moor Christmas Tree Lights

The Clerk's report was discussed. The quotation from DK Horticulture was approved. Cllr Jamieson provided an update on the police investigation and advised that the police had indicated there was little action that could be taken.

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the quotation from DK Horticulture and to the note the report with no further action taken.

189. Budget and Precept Setting 2026/2027

Discussion took place. Councillor Simpson initially objected; however, following discussion, agreement was reached. Members requested that information be provided to the parish explaining the increase in the precept and the reasons for it.

a. Revised Budget 2025/26

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the revised budget for 2025/26.

b. Budget and Precept 2026/27

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the budget requirements for 2026/27 and the precept request of £293,758.

c. Band D Charge 2026/27

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the Band D charge for 2026/27 of £53.40.

190. Christmas Tree Lights – Eon Electricity Contracts

The clerks report was noted. It was too late to obtain new quotes for this year as the contracts had expired however, this will be carried out next year.

RESOLVED: To **NOTE** the report.

191. Request by Cllr M Wall for the installation of a seat at Newhouse Avenue, Esh Winning

The report was discussed and Cllr Wall informed members that residents in the area had been consulted.

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the seat and associated costs.

192. Celebration Event

The event had been cancelled and a request was received for councils to provide a message for inclusion in the *This Is Your Life* book.

RESOLVED: To approve that the Chair provides a message for the book.

193. Audit 2024/25

LGRC Consultant, Samantha Shippen, updated members on the report provided by Mazars and advised that an action plan was required. Members then discussed and agreed upon an action plan. Members thanked Sam for her work.

RESOLVED: To approve the action plan.

The meeting closed at 19.18pm

Signed

Date