

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 17th APRIL 2026, AT 6.30 PM

Present:

Councillor J Jamieson (Chair)

Councillors, P Askell, D Bell, A Bonner, F Bonner, J S Burt, J C Chapman, P A B Elmer, J Grantham, D Hindmarch, 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)

249. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Councillors J E Hirst and D Bregazzi

RESOLVED: To **RECEIVE** the apologies.

250. Declarations of Interest & Requests for Dispensations

Declarations of interest were received from the following:

Item 257 and 263 - Cllr J Grantham Brandon Carrside - Committee Member.

Item 257 and 263 - Cllr S Leckenby - Brandon Carrside - Committee Member.

Item 257 and 263 - Cllr J Turnbull - Brandon Carrside - Committee Member.

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

251. Public Participation

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

252. Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th March 2026.

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Meeting held on 24th March 2026 were **CONFIRMED** as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

253. Q&A with Councillor Nicola Lyons

Councillor J. S. Burt queried whether Durham County Council intends to remove damaged flags from lamp posts within the area. Councillor Lyons advised that Councillor Burt contact Councillors P. Elmer and J. Elmer for further information.

Councillor E. Simpson raised concerns that the display of flags on lamp posts may contravene planning regulations. Councillor Lyons noted that she was unable to comment, as the matter falls outside her ward (Brandon and Byshottles).

Councillor P. Stoddart sought clarification on the cancellation of the March full council meeting. Councillor Lyons confirmed that the meeting was cancelled due to the absence of substantive business.

Councillor D. Simpson enquired about the process for removing defaced flags. Councillor Lyons advised that she contact her directly via email.

Councillor J. Turnbull requested an update on Local Networks. Councillor Lyons reported that 98 councillors are currently engaged and that a stakeholder group will be

established. She emphasised that the initiative will be community led, fair, and transparent.

Councillor E. Simpson asked whether community members could participate in the stakeholder group. Councillor Lyons confirmed this and advised that a community event is scheduled for May 2026.

Councillor D. Bell thanked Councillor Lyons for her attendance and acknowledged her commitment to the local community.

254. Donation Requests

- a) Esh Winning Residents Association request for funding of £500 towards the fun day
RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the donation to be paid from West ward.
- b) Esh Winning Residents Association request for funding of £250 towards the purchase of large poppies for Remembrance Day
RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the donation to be paid from West ward.
- c) Browney Residents Association request for funding towards a fence art day at the Fair Exchange Community Garden.
RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the donation from South ward however, clarification to be sought on the amount requested before payment is made.

255. Invoices for Payment

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts for £85,522.86.

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** payment of the accounts amounting to £85,522.86. The accounts to be checked and verified by two councillors before payment.

256. Planning Applications

Week ending 20 March 2026

DM/26/00638/VOC

Mr and Mrs Rochford- Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) pursuant to planning permission DM/23/01899/FPA to extend single storey extension to north, reposition garage to east and install bifold doors, insert additional window on west elevation and make alterations to internal layout.

RESOLVED: To **NOTE** the information.

Week ending 27 March 2026

DM/26/00682/FPA - Mr and Mrs Stobart, Construction of access road, field shelters and polytunnel (retrospective). Land to the south of Black Horse Inn, 1 Hamilton Row, Waterhouses, DH7 9AU

RESOLVED: To **NOTE** the information.

Week ending 3 April 2026

DM/26/00689/VOC - Mr Stephen Pears. Browney Lane, Browney, Durham, DH7 8HT. Variation of condition 2 pursuant to planning permission DM/23/02834/FPA to alter windows, glazed entrance and single storey addition to rear and to install additional solar panels on main roof.

RESOLVED: To **NOTE** the information.

Week Ending 9th April 2026.

DM/26/00223/FPA - Harrison & Harrison Organ Builders Harrison and Harrison, St Johns Road, Meadowfield Industrial Estate. Siting of 4 No. shipping containers (2 No. existing containers to be replaced) on extended hard surfaced/tarmac area.

RESOLVED: To **NOTE** the information.

DM/26/00361/FPA - Mrs Tracey Anne Pears, Browney Allotments, Browney Lane, Browney, Durham, DH7 8HT. Erection of 1 no. dwelling and garage. Councillor A Bonner questioned if this application would be on the allotment land, Clerk advised she did not think that it was and we have received a more recent application for the same proposal with the name altered to 'Land North West of The Robins, Browney Lane'

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

DM/26/00850/AD - ALDI Stores Ltd - Land South Of 110 High Street South, Langley Moor, DH7 8EX. Internally Illuminated free standing sign.

RESOLVED: Councillors J Jamieson and P Elmer to arrange a meeting with a local resident who has raised concerns regarding this sign.

DM/26/00771/VOC. Mr Philip Chambers. 1 Foresters Cottages, Hamilton Row, Waterhouses Durham DH7 9AX. Variation of conditions 2 & 3 pursuant to planning permission DM/24/01358/FPA.

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

DM/26/00886/FPA. Quality + Care Solutions Ltd, T/A NextGen Residential Home, 3 George Street, Esh Winning, Durham, DH7 9PF. Planning application for the proposed change of use of 3 George Street, Esh Winning, County Durham, from a single dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) to a small-scale children's residential home (Use Class C2), accommodating a maximum of two children.

Councillor E Simpson highlighted the need to ensure all documents are in place along with qualified persons to carry out the works.

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

257. Carrside

The written report was received.

RESOLVED: To **NOTE** the report.

258. Allotment Meeting Minutes

To receive the minutes of the Allotment Committee held on 25th November 2025, 27th January and 24th February 2026

RESOLVED: To **NOTE** the minutes.

259. Finance Meeting Minutes

To receive the minutes of the Finance Committee held on 10th December 2025.

RESOLVED: To **NOTE** the minutes.

260. Amendments to Licencing Application – Premier Supermarket 4 Sawmills Lane, Brandon, DH7 8BJ

RESOLVED: To **NOTE** extension was not granted, therefore deadline for a response had passed.

261. North East Anti Racism Coalition

To consider supporting the North East Anti Racism Coalition by signing the “Become a Bridge” pledge and committing to take meaningful action to challenge racism within the Parish.

RESOLVED: To **AGREE** signing the pledge.

262. Past Chairman Board

To consider the report.

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** Sign Writer, Michael Gray.

263. Ward Budget – Brandon Carrside Youth & Community Project Toilet Refurbishment

To consider the report.

RESOLVED: That funds in the amount of £6,950 be **APPROVED**, being a 50% contribution towards the refurbishment of the toilets from Central and South wards.

The meeting closed at 19.17 PM

Signed

Date