

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 JULY 2026, AT 6.30 PM

Present:

Councillor S Leckenby (Chair)

Councillors P Aske, D Bell, A Bonner, F Bonner, D Bregazzi, J S Burt, J C Chapman, J Grantham, D Hindmarch, J E Hirst, J Jamieson, D Rowland, 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 15 members of the public

59. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Councillor P Elmer.

RESOLVED: To **NOTE** the apologies.

60. Declarations of Interest & Requests for Dispensations

Declarations of interest were received from the following:

Item 66 - Cllr J Grantham Brandon Carrside - Committee Member.

Item 66- Cllr S Leckenby - Brandon Carrside - Committee Member.

Item 66 - Cllr J Turnbull - Brandon Carrside - Committee Member.

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

61. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th June 2026.

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 2026 were **CONFIRMED** as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

62. Public Participation – to receive any questions or representations from members of the public.

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

63. Presentation of Trophies to Schools Art Competition Winners

RESOLVED: Trophies awarded to the children for first place:

Edie Laws – Langley Moor Primary School

Olivia Yates – Langley Moor Primary School

Freya Graham – Langley Moor Primary School

James Stock – Langley Moor Primary School

Louie Rushforth – Brandon Primary School

64. Presentation of Donations

- a. **Mayor's Charities** – The Chair presented a cheque for £600 towards Mayor's chosen charities, St Cuthberts Hospice and Point North.
- b. **Brownley Residents Association** – the Chair presented a cheque for £300 towards costs associated with taking the banner to the Miners Gala.

65. Donations

a. Waterhouses Community Association

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** a donation of £500 from Esh Winning ward budget for improvements to the fire escape at Waterhouses Village Hall.

b. Building Better Community Partnership

RESOLVED: To **REQUEST** that the group completes an application form with further details of work carried out due to the group being based out of Parish boundary.

c. Friends of Addison Park

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** a donation of £700, being £250 from Brandon ward budget, £250 from Meadowfield ward budget and £200 from Langley Moor ward budget.

66. Brandon Carrside

RESOLVED: to **NOTE** that there was no report received.

67. Planning Applications

DM/26/01379/FPA, 27A High Street North, Langley Moor, Durham, DH7 8JG
Replacement of existing timber shop front with new slimline UPVC shopfront.

DM/26/01213/CEU, 19 Fredrick Street South, Meadowfield, Durham, DH7 8LZ
Certificate of lawfulness for use of the property as an operational seven-bedroom house in multiple occupation (with a license for 10 tenants, large HMO Sui Generis)

DM/26/01424/RM, Blenmere Homes Limited, Brandon & Meadowfield Royal British Legion Club, Back John Street North, Meadowfield, Durham, DH7 8RT
Reserved matters application (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for the erection of 9no. dwellings and associated infrastructure pursuant to planning permission DM/23/02660/OUT

DM26/01537/FPA, 15 Lexington Court, Brandon, Durham, DH7 8UD, Two storey side extension

DM/26/00742/FPA, Esh Winning Pharmacy, 1 Newhouse Road, Esh Winning, Durham, DH7 9JU
Replace existing extension

DM/26/01454/AD, Durham Academy, Bracken Court, Ushaw Moor, Durham, DH7 7NG
Advertisement consent for building mounted signage comprising of Halo illuminated built up lettering reading Durham Academy, with Durham in brushed stainless steel and Academy and associated logo element in powder coated aluminium with LED trough lighting positioned above the logo only. Non illuminated, powder coated aluminium shaped logo elements. Non illuminated, built up brushed stainless-steel lettering.

DM/26/01277/FPA, J & J Property, Land to the west of Scouts House Farm, Rock Terrace, New Brancepeth, DH7 7ES, Residential development comprising of 8no. dwellings with associated access and landscaping.

DM/26/01569/FPA, Northumbrian Water Ltd, Land southeast of Winchester Drive, Brandon, Durham, DH7 8UG
Retention of access track and hardstanding area including associated boundary treatments.

RESOLVED: to **OBJECT** 19 Fredrick Street South, Meadowfield on the grounds that the application was unclear as to it operating legally. To **REQUEST** further information relating to this application.

68. Invoices for payment

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts for £18,765.60 and additional list of £2,037.08.

RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the accounts amounting to £20,802.68 to be checked and verified by two Councillors. The Clerk was delegated to make payment of necessary invoices during August when the Council is in recess.

69. Bank Transfer

RESOLVED: To **APPROVE** the request of £47,000 being transferred to cover payments during July and August.

70. NALC Standing Order Review

To consider a response.

RESOLVED: to **APPROVE** the Clerk to provide a response.

71. Notice of Motion – Business Forum

Submitted by Councillor J Hirst.

RESOLVED: To **REQUEST** that Lisa Wall attend a meeting with members so further information can be obtained.

72. Notice of Motion – Ponderosa

Submitted by Cllr J Hirst

RESOLVED: To **WITHDRAW** the motion.

73. Electricity Renewal Festive Lights, Ushaw Moor

RESOLVED: To **WITHDRAW** the motion

74. Section 106 Money

To consider commencing an application for funding towards Waterhouses Play Area.

RESOLVED: to **APPROVE** Councillors to commence an application with the help of members of the public and The Local Network.

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The meeting closed at 19.05 PM

Signed

Date