

BRANDON AND BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS
6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM
ON FRIDAY 21ST MAY 2010 AT 6.30 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor D Bell (in the Chair)

and Councillors Akins, Allen, Bell, Mrs Bonner, Dowsey, Mrs Gates, Grantham, Kelley, Mrs Smith, Smith, Stoddart, Taylor, Turnbull, Venn, Wilkinson and Mrs Wilkinson

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2010/2011

Nominations were requested by the Chairman.
Councillor Akins was moved and seconded.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Akins be elected as Chairman for the ensuing year.
Councillor Akins read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, Councillor Akins was invested with the Chain of Office and addressed the meeting.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN 2010/ 2011

Nominations were requested for Vice Chairman. Councillor Nelson was moved and seconded.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Nelson be elected as Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.
Councillor Nelson read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3. REPLY BY COUNCILLOR BELL

Councillor Bell replied to Councillor Akins address.

4. PRESENTATION OF PAST CHAIRMAN'S BADGE

Councillor Akins presented the Past Chairman's Badge to Councillor Bell.

5. PRESENTATION OF CHAIN OF OFFICE TO CHAIRMAN'S CONSORT

Councillor Akins presented the Chain of Office to his wife, who was to act as the Chairman's consort.

6. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

a) Larger Local Councils' Forum

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillors Bonner, Turnbull and the Clerk.

b) County Durham Association of Local Councils

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor Bell.

c) National Association of Councillors

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor Nelson.

d) Mid Durham Parish Councils Committee

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillors Bell, Turnbull and the Clerk.

e) Brandon Partnership

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor Turnbull.

7. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

RESOLVED: To appoint the following Members to the following Committees and Working Groups:

Finance

Chairman
Nelson
Turnbull
M Smith
Taylor
Allen
A Smith
Bonner
Jones
Kitching
Stoddart
Wilkinson
Venn

Allotment Committee

Chairman
Taylor
Jones
Allen
Turnbull
Kelley
Gates

Disabled Access Working Group

Chairman
A Smith
Bonner
Catterson
Gates
M Smith
Turnbull

Community Highways Worker

Chairman
Allen
Jones
Stoddart
Taylor
Grantham
C Wilkinson

Website Working Group

Chairman
Allen
Bonner
Kelley
A Smith
Taylor

Newsletter Working Group

Chairman
Allen
Catterson
Gates
Jones
Turnbull
Wilkinson

Complaints Committee

Chairman
Vice-Chairman
M Smith
Bonner
Turnbull

Complaints under Members Code of Conduct Committee

Chairman
Taylor
Turnbull

8. DECLARATION OF MEMBER'S INTEREST

Councillor Turnbull declared an interest in item 15 on the Clerk's Report - Brandon Community Partnership and Councillor Bell in item 16 - Chairman's Charity.

RESOLVED: To receive the declarations.

9. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Catterson, Jones, Mrs Kitching and Nolan.

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no questions from the public in the specified time.

11. PRESENTATION OF DONATIONS

The Chairman presented donations to the following:

Crimestoppers
Hamilton and District Homing Society

12. CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE 2010/ 2011

It was proposed and seconded that the Chairman and Vice Chairman's allowance be increased by the rate of inflation.

RESOLVED: To implement the above proposal. (Chairman's Allowance L.G. Act 1972 Sec. 15 (5). (Vice-Chairman's Allowance LG Act 1972 Sec. 111).

13. APPOINTMENT OF SIGNATORIES 2010/ 2011

RESOLVED: That the signatories remain as follows:

13. APPOINTMENT OF SIGNATORIES 2010/ 2011 (Cont.)

Cllr D Bell
Cllr J Turnbull
Cllr T Akins
Cllr P Stoddart
Mrs S M Carmedy

14. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16TH APRIL 2010

Minute 358b - DCBC omitted from locations then,

RESOLVED: That the minutes be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

15. REPORT FROM UNITARY MEMBERS

Apologies were received from Councillor Rodgers

Councillor Taylor reported the following:

New Chairman of Durham County Council - Councillor Mac Williams

Vice Chairman - Councillor Dennis Morgan

Councillor Myers Charity raised £100,000

New Government means challenges ahead

County Durham Plan will be considered at Cabinet meeting on 26th May. Consultation will take place during summer.

Oversteeds and Brandon House - ongoing consultation

Councillor Mrs M Smith conveyed congratulations to Councillor Williams which was seconded by Councillor Turnbull

RESOLVED: To receive the report.

16. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING

Extracts from planning application lists had been forwarded to appropriate Ward Councillors.

Planning permission had been granted for:

Proposed removal of existing play equipment and formation of recreation area with replacement play equipment with associated enclosures and seating at Play Area Woodland Road, Esh Winning.

Plans received for following::

- a) Outline application including details of access for 25 dwellings at land at Ridding Road, Esh Winning for Keepmoat Homes
- b) Proposed change of use of agricultural land to land for keeping horses including the erection of stables, siting of storage containers, formation of hardstanding and associated enclosures at land east of Aldridge Court, Ushaw Moor for Brett Brothers
- c) Erection of two storey pitched roof extension to side of existing dwelling (revised and resubmitted) 1 Alum Waters, New Brancepeth, Durham DH7 7JL for Miss A Cairns.

List of approvals and refusals received were available at the meeting.

16. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (Cont.)

4/10/00147/FPA	Mr M Moore	Change of use and conversion of redundant agricultural farm buildings to form 8 no. dwellings including associated parking provision and landscaping Broom Hall Farm, Broom Crescent, Ushaw Moor, Durham DH7 7NB
4/10/00238/FPA	Arbor Timber	Erection of single storey extension to side of existing industrial unit Arbor Timber, Mill Road, Littleburn Industrial Estate, Langley Moor, Durham DH7 8HE
4/10/00239/AD	AAH Plc	Erection of 1 no. fascia and 1 no. projecting internally illuminated signs to front elevation of existing pharmacy Lloyds Pharmacy Healthcare Chemists, Manchester House, 35 Commercial Street, Brandon, Durham DH7 8PL
4/10/00257/VOC	Brett Bros Developments	Variation of condition requiring compliance with approved plans, for retrospective consent for alterations to the east gable of the approved development, consisting alterations in roof and gable design, and a reduction in volume Land at Middlewood, Ushaw Moor, Durham
4/10/00247/FPA	Burgess Hyder	Change of use from Group dwelling to dental surgery (Class D1) and erection of single storey flat roof extension to rear of existing building 2 Station Avenue, Esh Winning, Durham DH7 9HW
4/10/00274/FPA	Hedley Park Developments	Erection of detached building comprising 6 no. industrial units Kingfisher House, St. John's Road, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 8TZ
928/4/234D	Neighbourhood Services, Durham County Council	Proposed application for prior notification of proposed demolition of blocks of 2 storey dwellings Nos 1-18 Rowan Court, Nos 1-51 The Oaks and Nos 1 - 18 Pine Tree, Esh Winning
4/10/00184/FPA	Brett Brothers Developments Ltd	Change of use of agricultural land to land for keeping of horses including

16. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (Cont.)

		the erection of stables, siting of storage containers, formation of hardstanding and associated enclosures Land East of Aldridge Court, Ushaw Moor, Durham DH7 7RT
4/10/00229/OUT	Keepmoat Homes	Outline application including details of access (all other matters reserved) for the residential redevelopment of the site to provide 25 dwellings (indicative only) Land at Ridding Road, Esh Winning, Durham
4/10/00287/FPA	Mr G Tindale	Erection of single storey pitched roof extension to rear of existing dwelling 24 Halliday Grove, Langley Moor, Durham DH7 8LT
4/10/00291/AD	Mr E Dobson	Erection of non-illuminated fascia and projecting signs on front elevation of existing post office Langley Moor Post Office, 29 High Street North, Langley Moor, Durham DH7 8JG
4/10/00295/TPO	Mr P Harle	Felling of 1 no. Sycamore tree adjacent to existing access Red Barns, Brandon, Durham DH7 8DA
4/10/00249/FPA	Miss A Cairns	Erection of two storey pitched roof extension to side of existing to side of existing dwelling (revised and resubmitted) 1 Alum Waters, New Brancepeth, Durham DH7 7JL

RESOLVED: To receive the applications and send a letter of support for proposed change of use from dwelling to dental surgery 2 Station Avenue, Esh Winning, Durham DH7 9HW

17. AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS

Following the appointment of a committee to deal with the notification of complaints against Members under the Members Code of Conduct, Standing Order No. 40 required amendment to include this.

RESOLVED: To amend Standing Order No. 40.

18. TRAINING COURSES FOR APPROVAL:

a) SLCC Regional Conference -8th June 2010 Shotton Hall

RESOLVED: That the Clerk attend (LG Act 1972 Sec. 111)

18. TRAINING COURSES FOR APPROVAL (Cont.)

b) NALC Members Networking Lunch -10th September 2010, Radisson Blu Hotel, Durham

RESOLVED: To enquire whether there are any places available.

19. DONATIONS

a) Girlguiding-1st Meadowfield Guides

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

RESOLVED: To donate £200 in this instance (£75 each Brandon and Meadowfield £50 Langley Moor)(Power of Well Being) and to ask if the girlguides could create a floral display or do some litter picking within the Parish.

b) Mencap

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

RESOLVED: To donate £500 in this instance (£150 Brandon, £100 each Meadowfield and Langley Moor, £50 each New Brancepeth, Ushaw Moor, Esh Winning (Power of Well Being)

c) Open Spaces Society

A request for a donation had been received from the above

RESOLVED: To donate £50 in this instance (Central Fund)

d) New Brancepeth Homing Society

A request for a donation had been received from the above

RESOLVED: To donate £100 in this instance ((LG (Misc Prov Act) 1976 Sec. 19)

e) Brandon United F.C.

RESOLVED: To inform the Club that the Parish Council is unable to assist at present as previous donation made in February.

RESOLVED: To suspend Standing Orders to allow Police Report.

20. POLICE

The Police gave a report on crime throughout the Parish.

RESOLVED: To receive the report.

21. ANNUAL REPORT FOR APPROVAL

The Annual report 2009/10 was presented to Council for approval.

RESOLVED: To approve the report and distribute before 30th June 2010.

22. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2010

The financial statement was presented to Council for approval. Full accounts would be presented to the Finance Committee on 2nd June 2010.

RESOLVED: To approve the statement.

23. ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

Authorisation was requested to pay the accounts amounting to £21,033.88.

RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the accounts.

24. COUNTY DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Information has been received on the following:

a) NALC Bulletins - April and May

RESOLVED: To take for information

b) Titles of Dignitary

RESOLVED: To take for information

c) April Newsletter

RESOLVED: To take for information

d) Charitable Trustees - declarations of interest under the Code of Conduct

RESOLVED: To take for information

e) Car Allowances 2010/11

RESOLVED: To take for information

f) NALC - Events Programme 2010

RESOLVED: To re-agenda

25. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

A copy of the final version of the County Durham Plan Statement of Community Involvement which will be reported to Cabinet on 26th May 2010 for formal adoption had been received.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

26. WINTER MAINTENANCE

A reply had been received from Durham County Council following the Parish Council's concerns over winter maintenance.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

27. ESH WINNING YOUTH CLUB

An update regarding the above had been received.

RESOLVED: To take for information.

28. MID DURHAM AAP

The following information has been received.

a) The Mid Durham Rural West AAP will now be known as Mid Durham AAP.

RESOLVED: To take for information

b) Small Grants Applications - update and explanation of process of applying. The Parish Council has received a copy of the pack, which includes an application form.

RESOLVED: To take for information

c) Draft Annual Report

RESOLVED: To take for information

d) Agenda for next Board meeting to be held on 19th May 2010 at New Brancepeth Village Hall 6.00 pm

RESOLVED: To take for information

e) Minutes of the previous Board Meeting held on 17th March 2010

RESOLVED: To take for information

f) Minutes of the PCC meeting held on 21st April 2010

RESOLVED: To take for information

g) 14-4-14 activity based project

RESOLVED: That the SIDs will be used in Brandon on 5th June 2010 and there may be the possibility of a litter pick.

29. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

An update on the progress at Durham City Homes and a copy of the Decent Homes Programme 2010/11 had been received from the County Council.

RESOLVED: To take for information

30. CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Details of usage of the Outreach Sessions has been received from the CAB.

RESOLVED: To take for information

31. ESH WINNING PRIMARY SCHOOL - NEW BUILD

A sketch of the final design which incorporates, as far as possible, the comments put forward at the recent meetings had been received.

RESOLVED: To take for information

32. ARRIVA

The County Durham and Darlington Bus Update - March 2010 had been received

RESOLVED: To take for information

33. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The incident report 16.3.10 - 21.4.10 had been received.

RESOLVED: To take for information

34. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

Notice had been received of temporary road closure at rear of High Street South for 4 days commencing 4th May 2010, due to new electricity supply works.

RESOLVED: To take for information

35. GROVE HALL, USHAW MOOR

A letter had been received from Durham County Council confirming that the footpath access to Grove Hall would be completed within the next 2 months.

RESOLVED: To send a letter of thanks to Councillor Chaplow for funding this project.

36. BRANDON VILLAGE COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Residents Association had informed the Council that they are in the process of petitioning Durham County Council to acquire the community allotment land under a CPO.

RESOLVED: To take for information

37. DOORSTEP CRIME

Notifications from the Early Warning Network had been received.

RESOLVED: To take for information

38. BRANDON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

The next meeting of the above would be held on 2nd June 2010 at 6.00 pm in Brandon Cricket Club. Minutes of the meeting held on 7th April 2010 had been received.

RESOLVED: To take for information

39. CHAIRMAN'S CHARITY EVENING

The Chairman's Charity evening held on Wednesday 12th May 2010 in New Brancepeth WMC, in aid of Charlie Wilkinson and the Bobby Robson Foundation was a great success and raised approximately £1344.

RESOLVED: To take for information

40. THANK YOU LETTERS

Deerness Over 60's
Esh Winning Library
Hamilton & District Homing Society
Great North Air Ambulance

RESOLVED: To receive the letters.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm