

BRANDON AND BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBERS
6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM
ON FRIDAY 18TH MAY 2012 AT 6.30 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor Nelson (in the Chair)

and Councillors Akins, Allen, Bell, Mrs Bonner, Mrs Catterson, Mrs Gates, Grantham, Jones, Mrs Kitching, Mrs Leckenby, Mrs Smith, Stoddart, Taylor, Venn, Mrs Wilkinson, Wilkinson,

A minutes silence was held for former Parish Councillor Alan Smith who died recently.

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2012/2013

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

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

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN 2012/ 2013

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

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

3. REPLY BY COUNCILLOR NELSON

Councillor Nelson replied to Councillor Mrs Bonner's address.

4. PRESENTATION OF PAST CHAIRMAN'S BADGE

Councillor Mrs Bonner presented the Past Chairman's Badge to Councillor Nelson.

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

Councillor Mrs Bonner presented the Chain of Office to her husband, 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 Stoddart, Turnbull and the Clerk.

b) County Durham Association of Local Councils

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor Bell.

c) National Association of Councillors

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillors Bell and Nelson.

d) Mid Durham Parish Councils Committee

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

e) Brandon Partnership

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor Turnbull.

f) Mid Durham Area Action Partnership

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor Bell.

7. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

Finance

Chairman

Grantham

Nelson

Turnbull

M Smith

Taylor

Allen

Leckenby

Bell

Jones

Gates

Stoddart

Wilkinson

Venn

Kelley

Allotment Committee

Chairman

Taylor

Bell

Leckenby

Turnbull

Grantham

Kelley

Wilkinson

Gates

Disabled Access Working Group

Chairman

Leckenby

Bell

Catterson

Community Highways Worker

Chairman

Allen

Bell

Stoddart

Akins

Grantham

C Wilkinson

Website Working Group

Chairman

Allen

Jones

Kelley

Disabled Access Working Group

Gates
M Smith
Turnbull

Website Working Group

Rippin
Taylor

Newsletter Working Group

Chairman
Allen
Catterson
Gates
Jones
Turnbull
Wilkinson

Complaints Committee

Chairman
Vice-Chairman
M Smith
Akins
Turnbull
Wilkinson

**Complaints under Members Code
of Conduct Committee**

Chairman
Taylor
Turnbull
Wilkinson

Personel Committee

Chairman
Turnbull
Wilkinson

8. DECLARATION OF MEMBER'S INTEREST

Councillor Stoddart Item No. 25d - Ushaw Moor Cricket Club
Councillor Venn Item No 21 - Esh Winning Primary School
Councillor Mrs Wilkinson Item No 17 - Town & Country Planning Application No.
4/12/00333
Councillor Wilkinson Item No 17 - Town & Country Planning Application No.
4/12/00333 and Item No. 29 - Bus Shelter at Wood View, Esh Winning.

RESOLVED: To receive the declarations.

9. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dowsey, Kelley, Rippin and
Turnbull.

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:
CAB
Ushaw Moor Childcare

The former Chairman, Councillor Nelson, presented a cheque for £2003, the proceeds of his
charity evening to Mrs J Rodgers from Brandon Community Association.

12. CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE 2012/ 2013

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 2012/ 2013

RESOLVED: That the signatories remain as follows:

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

14. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20TH APRIL 2012

Minute 207: To amend to read 'nationally' and then

RESOLVED: To approve as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

15. POLICE REPORT

There were no police present.

RESOLVED: To write to Inspector Anderson regarding lack of police presence and written reports.

16. REPORT FROM UNITARY MEMBERS

Councillor Taylor gave a comprehensive report which included:

- Information on Durham County Council cuts to services
- Report on Lumiere Festival - (concerns at the previous meeting regarding access for the disabled had been reported by Councillor Taylor)
- Legislation to reform NHS, Credit Unions
- The Olympic Torch and Diamond Jubilee Tours
- Durham County Council's apprenticeship programme

RESOLVED: To receive the report.

17. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING –APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

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

4/12/00420/FPA

Mr J R Slater

Two detached residential dwellings (revised and resubmitted) Land Corner of Waltons Terrace & The Bungalows, New Brancepeth, Durham DH7 7ER

17. **TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING –APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**
(Continued)

4/12/00333/FPA	Mr S Wilson	Erection of 16 no. solar panels Village Hall, Station Street, Waterhouses, Durham DH7 9AS
4/12/00247/FPA	Mr G Raine	Erection of detached double garage 15 Lynes Drive, Langley Moor, Durham DH7 8LY
4/12/00430/FPA	Mr D Crosby	Proposed detached dwelling, Land South west of Westfield Station Avenue, Esh Winning, Durham
4/12/00504/FPA	Mr G Robinson	Erection of conservatory to rear of property 5 Roman Road, Brandon, Durham DH7 8UF

Permission had been granted for application for Erection of Shed at Arbour House Chopgate/Casa Perro. Back John Street North, Meadowfield.

Plans had been received two proposed detached residential dwellings (revised and re-submitted) at land Corner of Waltons Terrace & The Bungalows, New Brancepeth, for Mr. J Slater.

List of approvals and refusals had been received.

RESOLVED: To object to application number 4/12/00420 for two proposed residential dwellings at Corner of West Terrace and The Bungalows, New Brancepeth on the following grounds.

- Slight revision to plans would have little impact, therefore loss of privacy for nearby residents still applies
- Concerns regarding access to development

18. **BRANDON & BROWNEY BANNER COMMUNITY GROUP**

A letter had been received from the group requesting the Parish Council to insure the new replica Brandon Banner. An invitation has also been received to attend the official unfurling of the Banner on 25th May 2012.

RESOLVED; To Insure the banner as requested and accept the invitation to the unfurling.

19. **ST. JOHN AMBULANCE - INVITATION TO ANNUAL SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION AND REDEDICATION ON 10TH JUNE 2012.**

An invitation had been received to the above Annual Service.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman and Councillor Mrs Gates attend. (LG Act 1972 Sec. 111)

20. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL - CHANGES TO STANDARDS STRUCTURE

A letter had been received from Durham County Council requesting the Parish Council to consider recommendation to adopt current Code of Conduct until further information on a new code is received.

RESOLVED: To re-affirm the existing code of conduct.

21. APPLICATION BY ESH WINNING PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR NEW PREMISES LICENCE - INVITATION TO COMMENT BY 30TH MAY 2012

The above school had applied for a new premises licence for entertainment such as plays, dance and music.

RESOLVED: To support the application.

22. TRAINING SEMINAR 7TH JUNE 2012 'MANAGING SICKNESS ABSENCE'

Two delegates had been booked on the above.

RESOLVED: To approve the Chairman and the Clerks attendance (LG Act 1972 Sec 111)

23. LCAS HEALTH & SAFETY TRAINING SEMINAR- PETERLEE 20TH JUNE 2012

Approval of any delegates to attend the above at a cost of £30 per delegate.

RESOLVED: That Councillors Mrs Gates, the Clerk and Mrs Howe attend (LG Act 1972 Sec 111).

24. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS IN DURHAM CITY

Invitation to comment on second stage of consultation had been received.

RESOLVED: To receive the consultation

25. DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

a) BROOMPARK & DISTRICT W.I.

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

RESOLVED: To donate £100 in this instance (Ushaw Moor Ward) (LG Act 1972 Sec. 145)

b) CHARLOTTE WILKINSON

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

RESOLVED: To donate £400 in this instance (£100 each Brandon, Meadowfield and Esh Winning, £50 each Langley Moor and New Brancepeth) (Power of Well Being)

25. DONATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION (Continued)

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) USHAW MOOR CRICKET CLUB-FIREWORK DISPLAY

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

RESOLVED: To donate £300 in this instance (Ushaw Moor Ward) (LG Act 1972 Sec 145)

26. ANNUAL REPORT FOR APPROVAL

A draft copy of the Annual Report 2011/12 was presented to Council for approval.

RESOLVED: To approve the report.

27. REVIEW OF POLICIES

Standing Orders were reviewed.

RESOLVED: To amend to take account of Code of Conduct and abolition of Standards Board.

28. FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2012 FOR APPROVAL.

The financial statement for year ending 31st March 2012 was presented to Council for approval.

RESOLVED: To approve the financial statement.

29. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL- CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO CONTRIBUTE TO COST OF REPLACEMENT BUS SHELTER AT WOOD VIEW, ESH WINNING

Correspondence had been received from Durham County Council regarding the above. The total cost of removal of the existing brick shelter and replacement with new glass shelter would be approximately £5,500.

Councillor Wilkinson had requested Durham County Council to write to the Parish Council with this request as he had received complaints that the bus shelter was being used as a public toilet and proposed that Esh Winning Ward contribute £2,000 towards the new shelter.

Councillor Wilkinson then left the meeting during further discussion of the item, during which Councillor Venn indicated that he felt the shelter was regularly cleaned and the £2,000 contribution was excessive.

29. **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL - CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO CONTRIBUTE TO COST OF REPLACEMENT BUS SHELTER AT WOOD VIEW, ESH WINNING (Continued)**

The Chairman requested a vote on the proposal to contribute £2,000 from Esh Winning Ward towards the replacement bus shelter:

For	1
Against	1
Abstentions	14

As the vote was tied, the Chairman took a vote and voted for the proposal.

RESOLVED: That the proposal to contribute £2,000 towards the replacement of the existing bus shelter be approved.

30. **AUTHORISATION OF ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL**

Authorisation was requested to pay accounts amounting to £6,511.64.

RESOLVED: To authorise payment of the accounts.

31. **CIVIC FUNCTIONS FOR APPROVAL**

Authorisation was requested for Chairman or Vice Chairman to attend the following:

Peterlee T.C.	Mayor's Charity evening	19.4.12
Durham C.C.	Chairman's Charity evening	4.5.12

RESOLVED: To approve attendance at the functions.

32. **REPORT OF CLERK**

The Clerk presented a report to Council for information.
The following issues arose:

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

RESOLVED: To invite a representative from DRCC to a meeting of the Parish Council.

33. **APPOINTMENT OF CLEANER**

Discussion took place in private.

RESOLVED: To appoint a replacement cleaner with effect from 1st May 2012.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm

Signature

Date