

BRANDON & BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM
ON THURSDAY 1ST MARCH 2012, AT 9.30 AM

PRESENT

Councillor B Nelson (in the Chair)
and Councillors Bell, Mrs Gates, Kelley , Mrs Leckenby and Turnbull

All. 25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest by Members.

All. 26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Allen and Taylor.

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

All. 27 REVIEW OF ALLOTMENT AGREEMENT

Information had been received from the Fire Authority regarding fires on allotments with a request to display notices, to contact the Fire Authority if tenants intended lighting fires.

Concerns were raised by the Committee that the notice may encourage tenants to light fires.

RESOLVED: To draw up a notice using Parish Council's own form of words regarding the lighting of fires and to notify the Fire Authority.

All. 28 HAMILTON ROW

The Allotments Officer updated the meeting on the condition of the broken fence bordering allotments and farmers field following complaints of people accessing allotments.

RESOLVED: To repair fence and erect notice indicating that no access is permitted onto Parish Council's land at this point.

All. 29 **LOW BROWNEY**

A tenant had requested permission to erect a shed and greenhouse and keep bees on allotments. He had also requested repairs to boundary fence

RESOLVED: a) To verify the size of the shed and greenhouse before permission is granted.

b) To grant permission to keep bees.

c) To inspect fence and repair if necessary.

All. 30 **COMMERCIAL STREET**

A tenant had requested permission to erect a shed.

RESOLVED: To grant permission stipulating that shed should be constructed of good materials and removed from plot when tenant relinquishes tenancy.

All. 31 **CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

RESOLVED: To approve the following meetings:

Tuesday	12th June 2012	9.30 am
Tuesday	4th September 2012	9.30 am
Tuesday	4th December 2012	9.30 am
Tuesday	5th March 2013	9.30 am

All. 32 **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL ALLOTMENTS**

Plans have been received for the allotments in the Parish area currently owned by Durham County Council.

RESOLVED: To arrange site visits to the allotments.

All. 33 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

a) **BLACK ROAD**

Councillor Mrs Leckenby informed the meeting that Headteacher of Langley Moor School was interested in an allotment for the children.

RESOLVED: To offer the School an allotment when available.

b) **LANGLEY GROVE**

A letter had been received from a tenant requesting permission to erect a shed.

RESOLVED: To grant permission stipulating shed should be of a good construction and removed when tenant relinquishes tenancy.

All. 33 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

c) COMMERCIAL STREET

i) A letter had been received from a resident of Commercial Street regarding noise from cockerels.

RESOLVED: To investigate the problem and request tenants who have cockerels to remove them.

ii) A complaint had been received about the road planings recently used to resurface one of the pathways on the site, which appear to have been laid too deep.

RESOLVED: To look at the problem and rectify.

All. 34 **QUOTATIONS FOR TREE WORK AT BLACK ROAD**

The above item was discussed in private and it was:

RESOLVED: To award the contract to pollard the 3 trees to Olivers Tree Services.

The meeting closed at 10.45 am