

BRANDON & BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES,
6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM
ON TUESDAY 6TH JUNE 2023, AT 10.00 AM

PRESENT

Councillor Nelson (in the Chair)
and Councillors Bell, Grantham, Jamieson, Mrs Nelson, Sims and Turnbull

All. 1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

To nominate the Chairman of the Council.

RESOLVED: To elect Councillor Nelson as Chairman.

All. 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

All. 3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bonner, Mrs Catterson, Clegg and Mrs Elmer

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

All. 4 BLACK ROAD

a) Request for provision of a skip

A request had been received for the provision of a skip for the site.

RESOLVED: To recommend speaking to the Langley Moor ward members to see if they agree with the provision of a skip for the site.

b) Bees nest on plot number 6

It had been reported to the Parish Council a bees nest had been located on plot number 6 at Black Road.

The Clerk notified the meeting that the Pest Controller had been to the plot but was unable to locate the bees nest.

RESOLVED: To recommend that the Clerk deals with this issue.

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c) Request to erect small fence and gate on plot number 6 and to cut down a bush

A request had been received from a tenant on plot number 6 to erect a small fence and gate and also to cut down a bush in front of the shed.

RESOLVED: To recommend checking with the ward members to see if they are in agreement with these requests.

All. 5 LOW MEADOWFIELD

a) Complaint regarding cars using private Lane

A complaint had been received from residents regarding tenants using the private Lane for parking and not for drop off purposes.

A complaint had been received from a tenant that residents will not allow them vehicle access to the site.

RESOLVED: To recommend that the notices be reposted on the entrance to the private Lane.

: To recommend that the tenants are reminded that the residents own the private Lane

: To recommend that a copy of the notice is sent to each allotment holder on this site. That the tenants should refer to their allotment agreement – i.e. avoid parking in the street and only use the road/path for drop off purposes when essential.

b) Tenant on plot numbers 9 and 10 – crops uprooted

It had been reported by a tenant on plot numbers 9 and 10 that crops had been uprooted over the bank holiday weekend.

RESOLVED: To recommend that due to the number of complaints of vandalism on allotment plots recently in the Parish area, to contact the Police.

All. 6 LOW BROWNEY

a) Portacabin

A further complaint had been received regarding the portacabin on plot number 43.

RESOLVED: To recommend that the ward Councillors and the Clerk carry out a site visit to the plot to measure the cabin and report back to the other ward Councillors if they are unable to attend.

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b) Stable fire

Following a recent stable fire, a request had been received regarding replacing damaged fencing on plot number 24.

RESOLVED: To recommend inspecting which fence is damaged and if internal fence work is required, to remind the tenant that the Parish Council does not do internal fence work as stated in the allotment agreement.

All. 7 DURHAM ROAD

a) Request for provision of a skip

A tenant had requested the provision of a skip for the site.

RESOLVED: To recommend that arrangements are made for the provision of a skip.

:To recommend that all tenants are to be informed with the details regarding the provision of the skip.

b) Pest Control Contract

The Parish Council had received two complaints regarding sightings of rats on the site. A quote had been requested from Durham County Council for an annual pest control contract.

RESOLVED: To recommend that the Parish Council takes out the annual pest control contract for Durham Road.

All. 8 STATION AVENUE

A request had been received to erect a shed on plot number 20. The approximate size of the shed will be 10ft x 8ft.

RESOLVED: To recommend that the tenant is notified and to inform them that their request has been approved on the condition that the shed is kept in good condition and removed at the end of the tenancy unless informed otherwise.

All. 9 BROOMPARK

A request had been received to erect a second greenhouse on plot number 5. The size of the greenhouse will be approximately 3m x 3m.

RESOLVED: To recommend that the tenant is notified and to inform them that their request has been approved on the condition that the greenhouse is kept in good condition and removed at the end of the tenancy unless informed otherwise.

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Ail. 10 **COCKHOUSE LANE**

A complaint had been received regarding livestock roaming around the site and damaging crops on tenant's plots. A letter had been sent to the tenant where the livestock was believed to not being housed securely.

RESOLVED: To recommend carrying out a site visit with the ward members.

Ail. 11 **SITE VISITS**

The Clerk notified the meeting that annual site visits will take place to all the allotment sites, with members on the Allotment Committee and Ward members in July or September.


RESOLVED: To recommend taking for information.

Ail. 12 **COMMERCIAL STREET**

Following a report of a fire taking place at Commercial Street allotment site. Councillor Turnbull would like to thank Trevor Metcalfe for notifying him that the fire did not take place on Commercial street allotment site. Councillor Turnbull appreciates the assistance from Mr Metcalfe who did a very good job and was very helpful.

RESOLVED: To recommend taking for information.

The meeting closed at 11.20pm

Signed 

Date ~~16th~~ June 2023