

BRANDON & BYSHOTTLES PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6 GOATBECK TERRACE, LANGLEY MOOR, DURHAM
ON TUESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2023, AT 10.00 AM

PRESENT

Councillor Bonner (in the Chair)
and Councillors Bell, Mrs Elmer, Sims and Turnbull

All. 13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

All. 14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Catterson, Jamieson and Nelson.

RESOLVED: To receive the apologies.

All. 15 LOW MEADOWFIELD

A request had been received from a tenant on plot number 5a, for the provision of a skip.

RESOLVED: To recommend that arrangements are made for the provision of a skip and to notify all the tenants on the site about the provision of a skip.

: To recommend notifying the residents at Lobley Hill that a skip will be provided for the provision of the tenants on this site and to enquire where the best place will be to site the skip.

All. 16 COCKHOUSE LANE

A request had been received from a tenant on plot number 2 for the provision of a skip.

RESOLVED: To recommend that arrangements are made for the provision of a skip and to notify all the tenants on the site about the provision of a skip.



All. 17 HIGH BROWNEY

A tenant on plot number 3 had notified the Parish Council that his polytunnel has filled with water coming from the ground and damaged all of the crops in the polytunnel. The tenant mentioned that the field drains would have been broken, removed and not replaced when the new development took place. He has channelled the water from the polytunnel to the two fences between the allotment site and the residential properties.

A complaint has been received from a resident that his garden is being flooded with the channelled water and will damage his fence through time.
I have spoken to the tenant and notified him about the complaint.

The Clerk notified the meeting that two site visits have been made to this plot, the last visit with a Contractor who notified the Clerk that there were no water leaks on this site. The Contractor suggested that he would need to make a further visit to the plot after it had rained to investigate if it was surface water.

RESOLVED: To recommend waiting to hear the report from the Contractor on the water issue.
: To contact the water board to see if there are any blockages in the surrounding area, as plots were flooding.

All. 18. BLACK ROAD

A tenant on plot number 13 had requested if they could extend their plot into the adjacent untidy plot.

RESOLVED: To recommend that a site visit takes place with the Ward Members.

All. 19. LOW BROWNEY

a) A request had been received from a new tenant on grazing plot number 4 to erect a stable/ hay storage and a new wood fence.

RESOLVED: To recommend that the Parish Council has no objections to the stable/ hay storage and a new wood fence being erected.
: To recommend enquiring if the tenant on grazing plot numbers 25,28,29 still requires keeping the plots, as there are no horses being kept on the grazing plot.

b) The Clerk notified the meeting that a letter had been sent to the tenant on plot numbers 43 and 44 enquiring about the following:

- To tidy the plot
- Why the plot had not been cultivated
- Why the gates and height of the fence were so high
- Portacabin

RESOLVED: To recommend that the portacabin is removed from the allotment plot.
: To recommend that the plot is monitored, to ensure it is kept tidy.

All. 20. COMMERCIAL STREET

A resident had approached a Councillor regarding a security light on a shed opposite their property. The light when on, was shining into their property.

RESOLVED: To recommend notifying the tenant on plot number 17a, that the light requires angling down.


All. 21. BLACK ROAD

The Clerk notified the meeting that a tree on Black Road allotment site adjacent to Langley Moor Nursery requires attention. Half of the tree trunk is dying and all of the tree possibly requires removing due to safety issues. Advice has been sought and two quotations received:

1. To re-pollard
2. For the removal of the tree to as close as possible to ground level

RESOLVED: To recommend that a site visit takes place with the Ward Members to establish the condition of the tree and decide the best action to be taken.

The meeting closed at 10.55am

Signed 

Date 15-9-2023