

Lanchester Parish Council

**Minutes of the Finance, Development and General Purposes Committee
held in the Conference Room in Park House, Lanchester on Thursday 1
December 2011 at 7.15 pm**

Present Mr C Burton (Chair)

Mr K Harrison, Mr M Wardle, Mr P Jackson,
Mr A Myers, Mr S Walker, Mr B Glass, Mr K Leary

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Mr O Johnson - other commitments
Mrs M Gray - other commitments
Mr B Gray - other commitments
Mr A Nairn - work commitments
Mrs A Cook - sick

The above apologies were received and accepted

285/11 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

286/11 Public Participation

There were no press or public present.

287/11 Locality Map

Sue Charlton, Development Officer – Farming, Wildlife and Environment presented the Annual Report on the Locality Map project. The annual report spanned the period November 2010 to November 2011. Sue outlined the various elements of the project and highlighted the targets achieved to date including; training, volunteer input, work with schools, heritage audit and wildlife audit.

Members commented on the excellent work and the added value achieved including contacts with the rural community.

Resolved that:

(i) the report be received

(ii) the report be placed on the agenda of the next ordinary meeting

288/11 Budget Position

The Lead Officer presented the finance information.

Recommended - that the report be received

289/11 Budgets 2011/12 and 2012/13

Members considered the report which detailed current budget and projected year end position and proposals for the budget for 2012/13.

Members discussed the removal of the S136 discretionary payment previously received from the County Council and the precept for 2012/13.

Recommended that:

(i) the precept be increased by 2½ %

(ii) the report be referred to the next Ordinary meeting of the Council with a recommendation on precept increase

Members discussed the Christmas lights

Recommended - that a small working group is established to look at developing the project

290/11 Date of next meeting

Recommended - that the next meeting be held on Wednesday 25 January at 7.15pm in the Conference Room at Park House

Business concluded at 8.30pm