

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance, Development and General Purposes Committee held at Lynwood House on Wednesday 25 March 2015 at 7.15 pm

Present Mr C Burton (Chair)

Mr S Walker, Mr M Wardle, Mr K Leary,
Mr O Johnson, Mr K Harrison

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Mr P Jackson - other commitments

Mr B Glass - ill

The above apologies were received and accepted

61/15 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

62/15 Public Participation

There were no public present

63/15 Budget Position

The Lead Officer presented the finance report.

Recommended - that the report be received

The financial commitments in preparing a Neighbourhood Plan were discussed

Recommended - that £10,000 be identified to meet costs of producing the plan

64/15 Christmas Lights - Switch on Event

Members were informed that the event in 2014 had attracted approx. 350 – 400 people. Very positive feedback had been received from members of the community.

The content and format of the event for 2015 was discussed, including whether to expand the event or seek sponsorship for additional activities / lights.

Recommended - that the event for 2015 be similar to that provided in 2014

65/15 Bus Shelter – Replacement of Panels

Members considered a price received to replace the panels in the two bus shelters on Durham Road near the Village Green.

Recommended - that the panels are replaced with clear polycarbonate at a price of £727.00 +VAT

Members discussed adding the Parish Council crest to the office windows

Recommended - that investigations are made into purchasing this item

66/15 Parish Council Office – lease agreement

Members were informed that following discussions with Derwentside Homes last year the lease agreement had still not been received

Recommended - that the information be received

67/15 Play Equipment Maintenance

Members were informed that play equipment parts were needed for the swings at Park House, swings at Manor Grange and the zip wire at Kitswell Park

Recommended - that the parts are purchased

Members were informed that the goal post at Park House had been removed last year due to maintenance issues

Recommended - that prices are sought for replacements posts

68/15 Lanchester Village Centre Improvement Scheme

Members were informed that following the Village Improvement Scheme a small amount of remaining money had been passed to the Parish Council from the County Council to undertake painting of bollards and removal of old planters.

Recommended - that the information be received

Members discussed the purchase of spring flowering plants for the village

Recommended - that a quantity of bulbs are purchased in the autumn for planting

69/15 Date of next meeting

Recommended - that the next Finance, Development & General Purposes Committee meeting be held on Wednesday 27 May at 7.15pm at Lynwood House

Business concluded at 8.30pm