

# Lanchester Parish Council

**Minutes of the Finance, Development and General Purposes Committee  
held in the Conference Room in Park House, Lanchester on Wednesday  
26 January 2011 at 7.15 pm**

**Present** Mr C Burton (Chair)

Mr K Harrison, Mr O Johnson, Mr B Glass  
Mrs M Gray, Mr M Wardle

**Apologies** Apologies for absence were received as follows:  
Mr K Leary - other commitments  
Mr S Walker - family commitments  
Mr B Gray - other commitments  
The above apologies were received and accepted

**18/11 Declaration of Interest**

No declarations of interest were received

**19/11 Public Participation**

There were no press or public present.

**20/11 Budget Position**

The Lead Officer presented the finance information including a projected year end position  
**Recommended** - that the report be received

**21/11 Budgets 2011/12**

Members considered the agreed budget for 2011/12 and the agreed precept  
**Recommended** - that the report be received

**22/11 Locality Map**

Members considered the progress report detailing activity since the start of the project on 1 November 2010 and were pleased to note the extent of work undertaken.

Members agreed that there would be a need to consider exit strategies at the earliest opportunity.

**Recommended** - that the report be received

## **23/11 Village Green**

Members were informed of the progress on the project including the imminent start date by the contractor on the path works. In addition members agreed suppliers for the tree seat and notice board and a contractor for the village green tree works and the surface works in front of the church.

Members discussed the cost of the traffic management for the footpath.

**Resolved** - that the estimated costs of providing traffic lights come out of the contingency element of the project

## **24/11 Gateway Project**

MW informed Members of the last Gateway meeting including concerns of the Partnership over the extent of the paint on the roads and the proposed white fences.

Members considered the proposals and the results of the public consultation. Members expressed concern of the many entrances to the village and the traffic safety issues.

**Resolved that:**

- (i) the reflective marker posts be removed from Gateway 7
- (ii) all other gateway measures be agreed

## **25/11 Christmas Lights**

Members were informed that the County Council had agreed that an attachment on a lighting column of less than 5kg with negligible windage will not require the column to be structurally tested. However this may affect the hanging baskets usually erected during the summer. Structural testing lasts for 30 months and costs approximately £44 per column.

Members discussed asking local businesses for support for Christmas Lights and hanging baskets.

**Resolved that:**

- (i) structural testing is undertaken on the lighting columns as required
- (ii) local businesses are approached for support

## **26/11 Date of next meeting**

**Recommended** - that the next meeting be held on Wednesday 30 March at 7.15pm in the Conference Room at Park House

**Business concluded at 8.40pm**