

Lanchester Parish Council

**Minutes of the Finance, Development and General Purposes Committee
held in the Conference Room in Park House, Lanchester on Wednesday
26 March 2014 at 7.15 pm**

Present Mr C Burton (Chair)

Mr M Wardle, Mr P Jackson, Mrs M Gray, Mr K Leary,
Mr S Walker, Mr Peter Richardson, Mr O Johnson

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Mr K Harrison - other commitments
Mrs J Richardson - family commitments
Mr Philip Richardson - family commitments
The above apologies were received and accepted

79/14 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

80/14 Public Participation

The public participation policy was distributed for the benefit of the public present.

81/14 Budget Position

The Lead Officer presented the finance report.

Recommended - that the report be received

82/14 Parking in the Village

A discussion took place on the increasing pressures around parking in the village. The parking along Front Street was noted of particular concern.

Members discussed possible solutions including parking limits and residents parking. It was acknowledged that this is a very difficult issue to address.

Members of the public spoke about the parking problems they were experiencing particularly on Front Street.

Recommended - that a meeting is arranged to discuss parking in the village and possible solutions

83/14 Lanchester Miners' Banner Group (min 17/14)

Members were informed of progress and considered the minutes and actions from the last meeting.

Progress on all elements of the project had been made.

Recommended - that the minutes of the recent meeting be received

84/14 Christmas Lights (min 19/14)

The replacement of the lights on the Christmas Tree on the Village Green were discussed.

Members were informed that £2660.00 grant money remained following the replacement of the lights in the six large trees on the Village Green last year. Permission had been received to use the remaining grant monies towards replacing the lights on the Christmas tree.

A price for replacing the lights on the Christmas Tree with new LED coloured lights had been secured. The purchase of 550 LED coloured lights would be £3660.00. In addition a smaller transformer could be purchased for approximately £200.00

Recommended that:

- (i) 550 LED multi-coloured lamps be purchased for the Christmas tree
- (ii) a new transformer is purchased

85/14 Farming, Wildlife & Environment Working Group (min 20/14)

Members were informed of progress and considered the minutes and actions from the last meeting.

Recommended - that the information be received

86/14 Lynwood (min 21/14)

Members were informed of progress.

The draft document agreed at the last meeting regarding office space for the Parish Council and the management

arrangements for the community space had been sent to Derwentside Homes for consideration.

Derwentside Homes were happy with the draft agreement following a minor amendment which was agreed.

Derwentside Homes will arrange for a formal agreement to be drawn up for consideration.

Recommended – that the information be received

87/14 Centenary Poppy Campaign (min 22/14)

Members were informed that a quarter of the poppy seed packs had been distributed in the community to schools and residents.

An article has been submitted to the Village Voice to promote the campaign

Recommended – that the information be received

88/14 Seat in the Village

Members were informed that one of the memorial seats in front of the Kings Head was in a poor condition.

Recommended that:

(i) the seat be removed and stored in the garage

(ii) an article be placed in the Village Voice to seek contact with the family

(iii) consideration be given to an alternative location for the memorial plaque

89/14 Date of next meeting

Recommended - that the next meeting be held on Wednesday 28 May at 7.15pm in the Conference Room at Park House

Business concluded at 8.10pm