

Lanchester Parish Council

**Minutes of the Finance, Development and General Purposes Committee
held in the Conference Room in Park House, Lanchester on Wednesday
28 March 2012 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
Mr O Johnson, Mr M Clarke, Mr A Nairn, Mrs A Cook

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Mrs M Gray - other commitments
Mr B Gray - other commitments
The above apologies were received and accepted

70/12 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

71/12 Public Participation

There were no press or public present.

72/12 Budget Position

The Lead Officer presented the finance information.
Recommended - that the report be received

73/12 Locality Map

Members were informed that the project was coming to an end.
Work was being undertaken on final reports and the last monies
have been committed.

The launch of the Wildlife booklet had been very successful and
the booklet is receiving great reviews. The launch of the
Heritage Walks leaflets is to take place on Saturday 31 March.

A full project report is being compiled and will be presented at a
future meeting.

The final retention funding will be paid once funders are satisfied that the project has achieved its aims.

Thanks was passed to Sue Charlton for the work undertaken.

74/12 Village Green Development – Phase Two

Members were informed that the following elements had been completed:

- Drainage work
- Tree work
- Planting of trees
- Planting of flowers
- Hedge laying

The bins and seats have been ordered and delivery is expected soon. The artwork is ordered and is being prepared. The planting of hazel and guelder rose whips is to take place this week.

A launch event to celebrate the project is to take place on Friday 27 April on the Village Green.

75/12 Fenhall Drift Banner

Members were informed that a small working group had met and the following actions have taken place:

- Durham Rural Community Council have agreed to the banner being temporarily housed at Park House
- Insurance cover has been arranged
- Arrangements are being made to transport the banner from Durham to Lanchester
- Contact has been made with the Durham Cathedral restoration group who have offered to give advice on the restoration requirements
- An article has appeared in the Village Voice

76/12 Christmas Lights Working Group

Members were informed that a working group meeting had taken place in February. Following this, advice had been sought from Durham County Council officers who had advised to wait 12 months before purchasing new lights in the expectation that the LED light which is a relatively new product will reduce in price. It was the opinion of the County Council officer that the existing lights on the Village Green would be sufficient for a further year.

Resolved – that the project be revisited in a years time

77/12 Kitswell Park Football Field

Members considered the works required to the recreation area at Kitswell Park.

Resolved - that the works are completed at a cost of £2370.00 + VAT

78/12 Date of next meeting

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

Business concluded at 7.45pm