

Lanchester Parish Council

**Minutes of the Finance, Development and General Purposes Committee
held at Lanchester Community Centre on Wednesday 30 July 2014 at
7.15 pm**

Present Mr C Burton (Chair)

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

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Mr A Nairn - work commitments
The above apologies were received and accepted

191/14 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

192/14 Public Participation

There were no public present.

193/14 Budget Position

The Lead Officer presented the finance report.

Recommended - that the report be received

194/14 Christmas Lights (min 146/14)

Members were informed that the new LED multi-coloured lights for the Christmas Tree had been delivered to Durham County Council. An invoice was due from Durham County Council following which the grant forms could be completed to comply with the grant conditions.

The Christmas Light Switch On event for 2014 was discussed. Members agreed that the larger community event last year had worked very well.

Resolved that:

- (i)** the event take place on 29 November 2014
- (ii)** the event be organised on a similar basis to last year

(iii) further information be presented at the September meeting

195/14 Lynwood (min 147/14)

Members considered a draft agreement received from Derwentside Homes regarding the renting of office accommodation.

Concern was expressed over the content of the agreement which did not reflect the draft agreement agreed in March and also over the level of charge for the office accommodation.

Recommended - that a meeting is arranged with Derwentside Homes to discuss this matter

The current position of office accommodation at Park House was discussed

Recommended - that an extension to the licence for Park House is sought

196/14 Lanchester Village Centre Improvements (min 188/14)

Members received information on the Village Centre Improvement scheme managed by Durham County Council.

Plans include:

- Repairs to paving
- Improved entrance to car parks
- Replacement of bins
- Repairs to flower beds
- Parking markings

Durham County Council have asked for a contribution towards the scheme from the Parish Council.

Recommended - that if the County Council provide the materials that the Parish Council will undertake the painting of the seats and bollards

197/14 Introduction to the new planning system and use of public access – Training Session

Members considered attendance at the above training session.

Recommended - that Councillors M Wardle and C Burton and the Clerk attend the training session

198/14 Parish Council Newsletter

Members considered the draft quarterly newsletter.

Recommended - that the newsletter be approved for distribution

199/14 Date of next meeting

Recommended - that the next meeting be held on Wednesday
24 September at 7.15pm Venue TBC

Business concluded at 8.15pm