

Lanchester Parish Council

**Minutes of the Finance, Development and General Purposes Committee
held in the Conference Room in Park House, Lanchester on Wednesday
30 May 2012 at 7.15 pm**

Present Mr C Burton (Chair)

Mr K Harrison, Mr M Wardle, Mr P Jackson,
Mr S Walker, Mrs M Gray
Mr O Johnson, Mr M Clarke, Mr A Nairn,

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Mr B Glass - away
Mr A Myers - family commitments
The above apologies were received and accepted

131/11 Election of Chair

Resolved - that Mr C Burton be elected as Chairperson for the ensuing year.

132/11 Election of Vice Chair

Resolved - that Mr M Wardle be elected as Vice Chairperson for the ensuing year.

133/12 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

134/12 Public Participation

There were no press or public present.

135/12 Budget Position

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

136/12 Year on Year Budgets

Members considered the information outlining comparison budgets over the last few years

Recommended - that the report be received

137/12 Locality Map

Members considered the final project report.

Recommended - that the report be received

The final retention funding will be paid once funders are satisfied that the project has achieved its aims. Final project returns are being compiled and an independent audit arranged.

138/12 Fenhall Drift Banner

Members were informed that the banner has been temporarily relocated to Park House. A meeting of the working group has taken place and it was agreed to form a community group to co-ordinate the project. An article seeking members for the group will appear in the Village Voice and the Parish Council newsletter.

139/12 Christmas Lights

Members were informed that advice had been received that a suitable LED light was now available.

Recommended – that a sample of the product is obtained for trial

140/12 Kitswell Park Football Field

Members were informed that works had commenced on the football field. There was a slight delay due to unexpected illness of the contractor.

Members discussed two areas of erosion by the burn, one at Kitswell and one at the back of Park House Play Area.

Recommended - that a meeting be arranged with the Environment Agency and Durham County Council

141/12 Environment Awards 2012

Members discussed the awards scheme.

Recommended - that an application be submitted in the categories '*Natural environment and countryside improvement*' and '*Volunteer group of the year*'

142/12 Newsletter

Members considered the draft newsletter

Resolved - that the Newsletter be approved for distribution

143/12 Neighbourhood Planning

Mike Wardle gave a background to Neighbourhood Planning. It was agreed to seek further information.

Recommended - that a planning meeting be arranged for Wednesday 4 July and that officers from Durham County Council be invited to give a presentation on Neighbourhood Planning

144/12 Date of next meeting

Recommended - that the next meeting be held on Wednesday 25 July at 7.15pm in the Conference Room at Park House

Business concluded at 7.50pm