

Lanchester Parish Council

May 2015

Newsletter

Welcome to Lanchester Parish Council's newsletter. This newsletter is produced quarterly to provide the community with information on the services and activities that the Council provides.

Lanchester Neighbourhood Plan

A Neighbourhood Plan is a document which will guide development, regeneration and conservation within our Parish over future years. The Neighbourhood Plan will set out the views of our local community in terms of planning issues and will contain a number of planning policies for the Parish. Once adopted Durham County Council will have to consult the Neighbourhood Plan when making planning decisions in our Parish.

During January a questionnaire was distributed in the community. This questionnaire asked some general questions about your likes, dislikes, ideas and concerns about living or working in the Parish. This early community engagement aimed to identify key themes and issues that can be further investigated to develop a Neighbourhood Plan. Completed questionnaires were received which represented views from 450 members of the community.

The results of the questionnaires have been analysed and a display of the results has been compiled.

The display will be placed in the following community venues in Lanchester for the community to view.

Methodist Chapel	6 – 12 June
Library	8 – 13 June
Community Centre	15 – 20 June
Social Club	15 – 21 June
Croft View Halls	22 – 28 June



In addition representatives from the Neighbourhood Plan working group will attend the following sessions:

Saturday 6 June	Saturday 20 June
Methodist Chapel	Community Centre (small hall)
10.00am – 12.00noon	10.00am – 2.00pm

We hope you will be able to come along to look at the information and find out about the next stage for the plan.

If you would like further information about the Lanchester Neighbourhood Plan please contact the Parish Council on 01207 520146.

World War I – Memorial Plaque

The World War I memorial plaque was displayed until recently in the entrance hall at Park House. However following the sale of Park House and the relocation of the Parish Council to Lynwood House, it was felt that the memorial plaque should be relocated to a suitable venue in the community where members of the community could readily view it.



Lanchester Community Centre welcomed the suggestion to accommodate the plaque and it was considered by all to be a suitable, central location in the community. On Saturday 11 April an event took place to unveil the plaque in its new location. Approximately 50 people attended the event including representatives from the Consett Branch of The Royal British Legion. The Parish Council would like to thank Aubrey O' Brien for undertaking cleaning and restoration of the plaque in preparation for the event.

It is hoped that the memorial plaque continues to be viewed by many members of the community.

Publication Scheme

Lanchester Parish Council has a publication scheme, the purpose of which is to make the maximum amount of information readily available to the public at minimum inconvenience and cost to the public. The scheme promotes the release of information and intends to demonstrate openness and transparency in its work.

There is a guide to information which lists the information held by the Parish Council and the methods by which this can be accessed by the public. A copy of this guide can be obtained from the Clerk on 01207 520146.

Grants for Community and Voluntary Groups

The Mid Durham Area Action Partnership (AAP) has a small grants scheme aimed at supporting local community groups. Grants of up to £400 can be obtained and the AAP are keen to encourage more groups to apply. Applications can be for equipment, activities, ongoing revenue costs.

For more details or an application pack, contact Lynn or Pam on 07557 541413 or 07814 969392

Audited Accounts

Lanchester Parish Council is currently undergoing its external audit. As part of this process it is a requirement that the Annual Accounts are made available to the public. The period specified for this purpose is 11 May - 8 June. If you wish to examine the records please contact the Clerk on 01207 520146.



Schedule of Council meetings 2015 / 16 All meetings commence at 7.15pm

Tues 9 June 2015	Ordinary
Tues 14 July	Ordinary
Wed 29 July	Finance & Development
Tues 8 September	Ordinary
Wed 30 September	Finance & Development
Tues 13 October	Ordinary
Tues 10 November	Ordinary
Wed 25 November	Finance & Development
Tues 8 December	Ordinary
Tues 12 January 2016	Ordinary
Wed 27 January	Finance & Development
Tues 9 February	Ordinary
Tues 8 March	Ordinary
Wed 30 March	Finance & Development
Tues 12 April	Ordinary
Tues 10 May	Annual Village Conference and Annual Council Meeting followed by Ordinary meeting

Notice of all meetings can be found in the Library and the Parish Council notice board on the Village Green. Planning and Recreation meetings are scheduled as required. Meetings are open to the press and public and attendance and participation is welcome.

Dog Fouling

There have been reported incidents of dog fouling at Kitswell Park, particularly around the football and cricket fields.

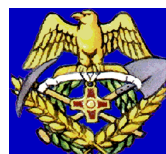
Neighbourhood Wardens do patrol this area and will issue fixed penalty notices to anyone who allows their dog to foul. The Parish Council would ask all dog owners to be responsible and clear up after their dogs. Please report any incidents of dog fouling to the Neighbourhood Wardens on 03000 261000



Lanchester Parish Councillors

Ossie Johnson	Stella House, Durham Road,	521937 CHAIR
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Bob Glass	2 The Paddock	03000 268711
Bill Gray	27 Foxhills Crescent,	520656
Margaret Gray	27 Foxhills Crescent,	520656
Keith Harrison	Colepike Home Farm,	529522
Paul Jackson	Stonebeck, Front Street,	521208
Kevin Leary	60 Deanery View,	521627
Alasdair Nairn	1 St Bedes Court,	529384
Stuart Walker	2 St Bedes Court,	520790
Mike Wardle	8 Ornsby Hill,	521622
Julie Richardson	Linden Lodge, Cadger Bank	521741
Peter Richardson	Linden Lodge, Cadger Bank	521741
Philip Richardson	Linden Lodge, Cadger Bank	521741

Staff Lead Officer / Clerk Sally Laverick 520146 / 529415
Handyperson David Maddox



Need to speak to your Councillor?

Lanchester Parish Council has introduced open sessions to allow time for residents to speak to their councillors about issues that concern or affect them. The next session will be at Lynwood House on:

**Tues 14 July
6.30 pm - 7.00pm**

