

# Lanchester Parish Council

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Conference Room in Park House,  
Lanchester on Tuesday 10 January 2012 at 7.15pm**

**Present** Mr O Johnson (Chair)

Mr M Clarke, Mr K Harrison, Mr D Lindsay, Mr B Glass,  
Mr K Leary, Mr A Nairn, Mr A Myers, Mr M Wardle,  
Mr C Burton, Mr B Gray, Mr S Walker

Mr R Young (observer)

Mr B Jones	Lanchester Lions President
Mr T Robinson	Lanchester Lions Vice President
Mr T Corry	Lanchester Lions Vice President

## **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Mrs M Gray - other commitments

Mrs A Cook - illness

Mr P Jackson - away

The above apologies were received and accepted

## **1/12 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **2/12 Public Participation**

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

## **3/12 Minutes of the last meeting**

### **Resolved that:**

(i) the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13 December 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson

## **4/12 Police Report**

The police report gave information regarding incidents / crimes in the area for the period 23/11/11 – 27/12/11 as follows:

**Number of community related calls 7**

(These calls are outlined below. Other calls not listed refer to incidents such as road traffic collisions, stray farm animals, concern for safety reports, false alarm)

**Dwelling Burglaries 0**

**Burglary (other) 0**

**Anti-Social Behaviour 4**

1 x pupils causing nuisance at school. Police called and attended. School dealing with matter internally.

2 x groups of children trespassing in yards of empty dwellings at The Garths. Estate agent requested to secure garage of one dwelling. Attending officer stopped several youths whose details were taken and suitably warned.

1 x vehicles from nearby school pupils parking inconsiderately in residential area in Bishops Meadow. Parking due to building work at school. School suitably advised and pupils to be spoken to.

**Criminal Damage, thefts of / from Vehicles / gardens 2**

1 x 3 small front windows smashed by unknown persons. Durham County Council have been requested to secure property. Security and police patrols are regular.

1 x theft of 3 pedal cars stolen by unknown person from insecure driveway and rear garden.

**Other 1**

1 x male assaulted at public house. Offender arrested and suitably dealt with.

**5/12**

**Lanchester Lions Bonfire and Firework Event**

The President and two Vice Presidents from Lanchester Lions attended the meeting. Mr Brin Jones, President of the Lions outlined their concerns regarding the recent Bonfire and Firework event.

Although the event had been successful and very well attended with no major incidents, the Lions group were concerned about the following issues:

- The small membership of the Lions to deal with such a big event
- Increased attendance in recent years resulting in the event becoming larger to manage
- The area available on the field for fireworks and the public
- The management of the bonfire
- The traffic issues in the village resulting from such a large event
- People in the crowd using sparklers
- Fireworks being set off in some surrounding houses

It was acknowledged that the event attracts a crowd from a wide area and not just the village.

Brin outlined that they would require 50 volunteers to be able to run the event in future. They intended to approach the cricket club for support and to submit an article to the Village Voice outlining the situation and seeking support.

Members discussed the much valued and successful event. Suggestions of alternative venues, limiting attendance, volunteer support and possible funding avenues were discussed.

It was agreed that the Lions could use Kitswell Park as necessary for the event.

Members stated that it would be preferable for the event to continue but completely understood the restrictions and concerns that the Lions have.

It was agreed to put an article in the next Parish Council newsletter on behalf of the Lions requesting volunteer support.

## **6/12 Correspondence**

### **(i) Former Maiden Law Hospital Site (min 310/11)**

Members considered a response received from the Homes & Communities Agency regarding the recent consultation process on the above proposed development

**Resolved** - that the information be sent electronically to all Members

### **(ii) Buckingham Palace Garden Party – 22 May 2012**

**Resolved** - that David Lindsay be included in the draw for tickets

## **7/12 Area Action Partnership (AAP) / Parish Councils Committee (PCC) (min 301/11)**

The next AAP meeting will take place on Wednesday 11 January at Langley Park.

The next PCC meeting will take place on Saturday 21 January at Langley Park.

Progress is being made on increased involvement of the Parish Councils in the process of agreeing priorities for the AAP.

## **8/12 Small & Medium Local Councils Forum (min 253/11)**

Members considered attendance at the above forum.

**Resolved that:**

- (i) the Clerk attend the event
- (ii) any Councillors wishing to attend to contact the Clerk

**9/12 Queens Head Car Park (min 304/11)**

**Resolved** - that this item be withdrawn from the agenda.

**10/12 Christmas Lights Project**

Members considered the formation of a working group to develop the above project.

**Resolved that:**

- (i) Paul Jackson, Bob Glass, Stuart Walker, Keith Harrison, Alasdair Nairn and Kevin Leary form a working group
- (ii) a convenient meeting date be agreed

**11/12 Maintenance Report**

The Lead Officer presented report C.

**Resolved that:**

- (i) the appreciation of Members be passed to David Maddox on the work undertaken to date.
- (ii) the report be received

**12/12 Financial Information**

The Lead Officer presented report D.

**Resolved** - that the report be received.

**13/12 Accounts for Payment**

**Resolved** - that the following accounts be approved for payment:

A D Purves	Grasscutting	£4243.20
E Green	Leaflet design	£675.00
D R Hornby	Chainsaw Course	£450.00
S Charlton	Mileage	£333.60
Talk Talk	Phone	£21.49
Vodafone	Phone	£25.99

**14/12 Chairperson's Announcements**

There were no Chairpersons announcements.

**15/12 Questions from Members – Information only**

There were no questions from Members.

**16/12 Date of next meeting**

**Resolved** - that the next Ordinary meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday 14 February 2012 at 7.15pm.

Meeting ended at 8.30pm