

Lanchester Parish Council

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Conference Room in Park House,
Lanchester on Tuesday 10 May 2011 at 7.25pm**

Present Mr O Johnson (in the Chair)

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

Mr R Young (Observer)
Inspector D Turner

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Mr B Gray	- family commitments
Mrs M Gray	- family commitments
Mrs A Cook	- Sick
Mr M Wardle	- holiday

The above apologies were received and accepted

129/11 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

130/11 Public Participation

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

131/11 Speed Limit – A691 at St Bedes School

Residents spoke and asked the Parish Council to support their campaign to reduce the speed limit outside of St Bedes School from 40mph to 30mph. A copy of the petition to be presented to Durham County Council with approximately 1000 names in support was presented along with letters of support from St Bedes School and the RC Primary School.

Information from the Police and Durham County Council Highways on speed limits and criteria and conditions surrounding speed limits was read out.

Members discussed the issues and were informed of the current Gateway Project which aims to introduce features to reduce the speed of vehicles entering the village.

Resolved – that Lanchester Parish Council unanimously support the petition submitted by residents to Durham County Council to reduce the speed limit to 30mph outside St Bedes School and a letter of support is sent to Durham County Council Highways

132/11

Police Report

Inspector Dave Turner attended the meeting and gave information regarding incidents / crimes in the area for the period 11/04/11 – 10/05/11 as follows:

Number of community related calls 16

(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)

Street Drinking Reports 0

Dwelling Burglaries 2

1 x public house, Front Street – unknown offender made off on sound of burglar alarm

1 x shed burglary – items taken

Anti-Social Behaviour 9

1 x report of youths on roof of former college, A691 – police attended no youths found on roof or offences disclosed

1 x report of noisy vehicle causing anti social behaviour in Deneside – owner traced and advised

1 x report of youths entering woods heading towards Burnhope mast carrying tent and suspect alcohol. Police attended, no concerns or offences disclosed

1 x anonymous report of noisy party at dwelling in Manor Grange. Police attended – quiet on arrival

1 x report of youths congregating under bridge in Lanchester Valley Walk having trespassed through garden of dwelling in Railway Street. Youths gone prior to police arrival – police attention regularly given to these areas.

1 x report of rowdy youths rear of Garths. Gone prior to police arrival. Location is regularly patrolled.

1 x report of youths drinking under bridge – area search – no trace

2 x reports of noisy neighbours – Manor Grange

Criminal Damage, thefts of / from Vehicles / gardens 5

1 x report of criminal damage – smashed window of dwelling Croft View by unknown person

1 x report of criminal damage (scratched paintwork) to vehicle parked in Manor Grange by unknown person
1 x report of damage to door lock at Croft View
1 x theft of sheep wire at Broom House
1 x report of vehicles damaged with a key at Briardene

Parents dropping off and picking up children from Lanchester EP School have been requested to park at the Social Club car park and not the Community Centre car park which is for paying members only.

Keep clear lines have been newly painted outside of Woodham Court. Police are also requesting drivers not to park outside Croft View which is on a bend. Parking tickets will now be issued to repeat offenders.

Community Speed Watch outside St Bedes School has run almost weekly up until Easter. There have been no drivers exceeding the 40mph limit during these sessions.

133/11 Businesses in Lanchester

Members discussed the number of vacant shops in the village.
Resolved - that a letter is sent to the owners of the recently vacant florist shop asking that they improve the appearance of the front window.

PJ left the meeting

134/11 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved that:
(i) the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12 April 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson

135/11 Committees

Resolved that:
(i) the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 12 April 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted
(ii) the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 3 May 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

136/11 Correspondence

(i) **All Saints Catholic Primary School – Letter of thanks**
Resolved - that the letter be received

- (ii) **Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club – letter of thanks**
Resolved - that the letter be received
- (iii) **Lanchester EP Primary School – letter of thanks**
Resolved - that the letter be received
- (iv) **Correspondence with residents - speeding traffic on Cadger Bank**
Members considered the communication received from residents and the response given
Resolved - that the information be received
- (v) **Letter from a resident – reduction in bus service of GoNorthEast**
Members considered the correspondence received
Resolved - that a letter be sent to GoNorthEast expressing concern at the reduction in service
- (vi) **Local Councillor Shadowing Award**
Resolved - that the information be received
- (vii) **North Pennines AONB Partnership - Spring & Summer newsletter**
Resolved - that the newsletter be received
- (viii) **Finchale Training College – fitness room renovation update**
Resolved - that the letter be received
- (ix) **Butterwick House Children’s Hospice - Invitation to an open day**
Resolved - that the letter be received

137/11 Area Action Partnership (AAP) / Parish Councils Committee (PCC) (min 102/11)

CB informed Members that at a recent review of the AAP the current PCC meetings were praised and noted as good practise. The next meeting of the PCC will take place on Saturday 21 May at 10.00am.

138/11 Lynwood House – Public Consultation Event

OJ outlined the recent public consultation event and meeting which had taken place on Thursday 14 April at Lanchester Social Club between 11.00am – 8.00pm. Approximately 90 members of the community had attended throughout the day.

The partners involved in the project are meeting and in negotiation with the County Council and a business plan is being finalised.

It was confirmed that as the project progresses further consultation with the community and authorities will take place.

139/11 Hanging Baskets

Members discussed the hanging basket requirements and the quote received.

Resolved - that the hanging baskets be supplied by P. Snowdon for the forthcoming year.

140/11 Newsletter

Members discussed the draft newsletter which had been distributed prior to the meeting

Resolved - that the Newsletter be approved for distribution in May

141/11 Fenhall Banner (min 112/11)

OJ informed Members that the Fenhall Drift Miners Banner which is currently held at the Durham Miners Association in Redhills, Durham could possibly be relocated back to Lanchester with the Parish Council acting as custodians.

The Parish Council would be required to insure the banner and a quote from the Council current insurers had been sought.

Resolved that:

- (i)** Lanchester Parish Council agree to become custodians of the banner
- (ii)** the banner be displayed in an appropriate community venue
- (iii)** the insurance for the banner be agreed
- (iv)** a community group be established to co-ordinate the renovation works on the banner

142/11 Schedule of meetings 2011 / 2012

Resolved - that the Annual Schedule of Meetings be approved

143/11 Internal Audit 2010/11

Members considered the Internal Audit report.

Recommended - that the report be received

144/11 Financial Information

The Lead Officer presented report H.

Resolved - that the report be received.

145/11 Accounts for Payment

Resolved - that the following accounts be approved for payment:

S Laverick	Salary (April)	£1103.56
D Maddox	Salary (April)	£374.79
S Charlton	Salary (April)	£1674.50
Durham County Council	Pension (April)	£357.56
Durham Rural Comm. Council	Pat Testing	£19.60
Durham County Council	Election Costs	£7851.93
Talk Talk	Phone	£22.43
Vodafone	Phone	£30.90
S Charlton	Mileage	£76.20
S Laverick	Expenses	£213.38
M Young	Internal Audit Fee	£130.00

146/11 Chairperson's Announcements

There were no announcements

147/11 Questions from Members – Information only

AM discussed the availability of litter bins and dog bins

Resolved - that this item be placed on the next Recreation Committee agenda

148/11 Date of next meeting

Resolved - that the next Ordinary meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday 14 June 2011 at 7.15pm.

Meeting ended at 9.00pm