

# Lanchester Parish Council

## Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Conference Room in Park House, Lanchester on Tuesday 10 September 2013 at 7.15pm

**Present** Mr O Johnson (Chair)

Mr C Burton, Mr Peter Richardson, Mr S Walker,  
Mr K Harrison, Mr B Glass, Mr K Leary, Mr P Jackson,  
Mrs J Richardson, Mr B Gray, Mr A Nairn

Mr A Coulthard – AAP Co-ordinator – Durham County Council  
Mr R Young - County Councillor (observer)

**Apologies** Apologies for absence were received as follows:  
Mrs M Gray - other commitments  
Mr M Wardle - away  
Mr Philip Richardson - other commitments  
Mrs A Cook - other commitments  
The above apologies were received and accepted

### **198/13 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **199/13 Public Participation**

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

### **200/13 Minutes of the last meeting**

#### **Resolved that:**

(i) the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9 July 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson

### **201/13 Committees**

#### **Resolved that:**

(i) the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 9 July 2013 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 Finance, Development & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 31 July 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

(iii) the minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting held on 4 September 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

## **202/13 Police Report**

Members considered the Police report which gave information regarding incidents / crimes in the area for the period 26/06/13 – 28/08/13 as follows:

### **Number of community related calls 29**

(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)

#### **Alcohol Seizures 1**

1 x report of youths drinking alcohol in the woods behind Deanery View. On arrival youths made off however alcohol was recovered from the scene and poured away.

#### **Dwelling Burglaries 5**

1 x report from Malton Works that overnight two charity tins have been stolen from within the property.

3 x reports of work containers being broken into overnight at St Bedes School and a quantity of tools stolen.

1 x report of a metal container broken into and equipment stolen at a building site between Lanchester and Satley.

#### **Burglary (other) 0**

#### **Bogus Callers 0**

#### **Anti-Social Behaviour 18**

1 x report regarding youths throwing water bombs in Front Street. Youths identified and advised to play in a more suitable area.

1 x report of loud music being played in Alderdene. On arrival music had been turned down and advice was given to the occupants.

1 x report regarding youths congregating in the alleyway at The Garths. Officers attended but youths had already left.

1 x report of a dispute on Durham Road

1 x report of a dispute on the outskirts of Lanchester

1 x report of a loud party taking place at Mount Park Drive

1 x report of a neighbour dispute at Kitswell Road

3 x reports of youths congregating, being rowdy and throwing stones on Front Street. A group of 6 youths were stopped and all returned home.  
1 x report from Meadow Way by a landlord who has attended his property in order to do a check and been verbally abused by the residents. Counter allegation made by the resident however dispute resolved amicably.  
1 x report from Deneside regarding a verbal altercation between a resident and passing motorist. Problem resolved amicably  
2 x reports regarding on-going neighbour dispute at Hurbuck Cottages  
1 x report of a disturbance in the street at Alderdene in connection to an assault that took place earlier that day which resulted in a 21 year old male being arrested. All parties warned regarding their behaviour.  
1 x report of neighbour dispute on Deneside  
1 x report of neighbour dispute at Ornsby Hill  
1 x report of youths congregating in the car park near The Garths and being loud and rowdy. Youths left prior to police arrival.

**Vehicle Nuisance** **2**

1 x report of motorbikes in the woods near Burnhopeside Avenue. Riders had left prior to police arrival.  
1 x report of two youths riding a motorbike in the field to the rear of Burnhopeside Avenue. Both riders were issued with Traffic 183 warning notices.

**Criminal Damage** **0**

**Thefts** **3**

1 x report of a number of corner stones removed from a bridge on Holehouse Lane.  
1 x report that unknown person have removed a cast iron chimera from a property on Humberhill Drive. Investigations are ongoing.  
1 x report of shoplifting at The Spar. Following CCTV enquiries the youth was identified and paid for goods via Restorative Approach.

Members considered information received from PCSO Lisa Jackson regarding speeding vehicles on Durham Road and the possibility of the Parish Council contributing towards a static speed camera.

Members were informed that the County Councillors had already paid for a static speed visor on Cadger Bank and Ford Road and contribute annually to the temporary one on Durham Road. The Parish Council had contributed towards the Community Speedwatch equipment and have worked with the AAP to co-ordinate the Gateway project. The Gateway project is not yet complete and further works are planned for Durham Road following which the scheme will be assessed by Police. Members also agreed that the temporary speed visor on Durham Road is ineffective because of the trees obscuring it, a problem that has been repeatedly reported by the Parish Council, County Councillors and the AAP.

**Resolved** - that PCSO Jackson is informed of the above information

The Neighbourhood Warden report for June and July was received.

**Resolved** - that concern over the recent incidents of fly tipping is passed to the Neighbourhood Wardens.

**203/13 Correspondence**

- (i) County Durham Association of Local Councils (CDALC)**  
Members considered attendance at the AGM and nominations for positions  
**Resolved** - that Colin Burton attend the AGM and vote accordingly
- (ii) Community Renewable Energy Workshop – Newcastle University**  
**Resolved** - that the information be received
- (iii) Durham County Council – Medium Term Financial Planning and 2014/15 budget setting**  
**Resolved** - that the information be received

**204/13 Area Action Partnership (AAP) / Parish Councils Committee (PCC) (min 161/13)**

Andy Coulthard the AAP Co-ordinator attended the meeting and informed members of the forthcoming 'Your Money, Your Area, Your Views' AAP forum events which were due to take place in October.

These events are to build on the recent village meetings and the residents surveys conducted last year. The event in Lanchester will take place on Saturday 12 October between 10.00am – 12.00noon at the Community Centre and will provide the opportunity for residents to vote on which selected projects should receive funding. The event will be promoted throughout the Parish and Councillors are encouraged to attend.

**Resolved** - that the minutes of the PCC meeting be received

**205/13 North Pennine Dales Leader – Annual Celebration Event**

Members were informed that the Clerk had attended the above event that afternoon at the request of Leader and had delivered a presentation on the recently completed Locality Map project. The Council had been presented with a plaque for display.

**Resolved** - that this information be received

**206/13 Financial Information**

The Lead Officer presented report I  
**Resolved** - that the report be received.

**207/13 Accounts for Payment**

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

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| Durham Bannermakers     | Replica Banner            | £3,700.00 |
| S Laverick              | Salary (July)             | £1180.64  |
| D Maddox                | Salary (July)             | £384.23   |
| Durham County Council   | Pension (July)            | £373.82   |
| Talk Talk               | Phone                     | £25.25    |
| Olivers Tree Services   | Tree work – Kitswell      | £486.00   |
| S Laverick              | Salary (August)           | £1180.84  |
| D Maddox                | Salary (August)           | £384.23   |
| Durham County Council   | Pension (August)          | £373.82   |
| P Snowdon               | Hanging Baskets           | £261.00   |
| Olivers Tree Services   | Tree work - Village Green | £2,862.00 |
| Durham Rural Com. Coun. | Office Rent               | £3,225.70 |
| Durham Rural Com. Coun. | PAT testing               | £18.70    |
| Talk Talk               | Phone                     | £23.05    |
| S Laverick              | Expenses                  | £46.95    |
| CDALC                   | Good Councillors Guide    | £10.00    |
| Jim Devenport           | Banner conservation works | £500.00   |

**208/13 Chairperson’s Announcements**

There were no Chairpersons announcements.

**209/13 Questions from Members – Information only**

Keith Harrison spoke about the number of ‘No road marking’ signs in the Parish which were still displayed long after the road works had been completed.

It was agreed that this would be referred to the County Council Highways section.

**210/13 Pay Settlement 2013/14**

**Resolved - that under the powers contained in Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 the Press and Public be excluded from the following item of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted**

Members were informed that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has confirmed that the Local Government Employers and trade unions have agreed the pay scales for 2013/14. A pay increase of 1% has been agreed with effect from 1 April 2013.

Members were informed that the Clerk is employed on national terms and conditions.

**Resolved that:**

- (i)** the 1% pay award is applied to the Clerks salary
- (ii)** the hourly rate for the Handyperson is also increased by 1%
- (iii)** the pay award be backdated to 1 April 2013

**211/13 Date of next meeting**

**Resolved** - that the next Ordinary meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday 8 October 2013 at 7.15pm.

Meeting ended at 8.15pm