

# Lanchester Parish Council

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Conference Room in Park House,  
Lanchester on Tuesday 11 December 2012 at 7.15pm**

**Present** Mr O Johnson (Chair)

Mr K Harrison, Mrs A Cook, Mr B Glass  
Mr K Leary, Mr A Myers, Mr M Wardle  
Mr P Jackson, Mr M Clarke

County Councillor Richard Young - Observer

**Apologies** Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Mr A Nairn - other commitments  
Mr S Walker - away  
Mr C Burton - sick  
Mr B Gray - family commitments  
Mrs M Gray - family commitments  
The above apologies were received and accepted

**297/12**      **Dispensations**

The Council considered the request for dispensation from the following members to allow them to discuss and agree the budget and precept.

Councillor P Jackson  
Councillor A Cook

**Resolved** - that the dispensation be approved

**298/12**      **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**299/12**      **Public Participation**

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

**300/12**      **Minutes of the last meeting**

**Resolved that:**

**(i)** the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13 November 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson

## 301/12 Committees

### Resolved that:

(i) the minutes of the Finance, Development & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 28 November 2012 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 28 November 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

## 302/12 Police Report

The police report gave information regarding incidents / crimes in the area for the period 21/10/12 – 27/11/12 as follows:

### Number of community related calls 13

(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 1

1 x report of downstairs utility room window jemmied at Sunnybanks whilst owners on holiday. Various item stolen

### Burglary (other) 0

### Anti-Social Behaviour 8

2 x reports of youths setting off fireworks at The Garths. Gone prior to police arrival

1 x report of youths shouting at The Garths. Gone prior to police arrival

2 x reports of youths setting off fireworks under bridge of Lanchester Valley Walk near Woodlands. Police attended and found adults setting off fireworks in nearby private property – no offences disclosed.

1 x report of youths carrying bag of alcohol in the car park, rear of store on Front Street. Gone prior to police arrival.

1 x report of unknown youths ringing door bell several times at Croft Court. Believed youths were knocking on peoples door due to Halloween period.

1 x report of item thrown at residents window in Lee Hill Court. No damage.

### Criminal Damage 3

1 x report of residents garden fence adjacent to alley way at Lee Hill Court damaged by unknown person

1 x report of window smashed by large stone at school on Durham Road

1 x report of bus shelter panels smashed by unknown person on Durham Road

## **Thefts**

**1**

1 x report of theft of charity box from takeaway on Front Street. Charity box found empty in public house

Members were informed that the PACT priority is anti-social behaviour in areas around Lanchester village centre in particularly in alley way connecting Lee Hill Court with Percy Place and across Lanchester Valley Walk in area of Station Cottages.

Members were informed that Inspector Dave Turner has been promoted and moved to Bishop Auckland and that his replacement Inspector Chris Davies is in post. In addition PC John Henderson has been promoted and we are awaiting details of his replacement.

## **303/12 Correspondence**

### **(i) Forestry Commission – consultation on three Woodland Grant Scheme applications**

Members considered the three woodland grant applications  
**Resolved** - that the information be received

### **(ii) The Area Action Partnership and Parish Council Committee - residents survey 'Well if you had bothered to ask me'**

Members considered the results of the survey (attached E)  
**Resolved** - that the information be received

### **(iii) Letter from resident – parking in the village**

Members considered a letter from a resident requesting the provision of disabled parking bays and restricted time limit parking in the village. Whilst members sympathised with the problems of parking in the village they acknowledged that both of these issues have been previously explored and considered  
**Resolved** - that a letter is sent to the resident informing them of the outcomes of the previous investigations

### **(iv) County of Durham School Benevolent Fund**

To consider a request for support  
**Resolved** - that a donation is not made to the fund

### **(v) Durham County Council – Network News**

**Resolved** - that the newsletter be received

## **304/12 Area Action Partnership (AAP) / Parish Councils Committee (PCC) (min 274/12)**

Members received an update.  
**Resolved** - that the minutes are received

**305/12 High Sheriffs Award 2013**

Members were informed of the Award scheme which is in its seventeenth year and acknowledges young people who have made a special contribution to their community. Nominations are currently being sought for the High Sheriffs Award 2013.

**Resolved** - that the information is passed to all the schools in the village for their consideration

**306/12 National Tree Week Grant (min 273/12)**

Members were informed that the application for a tree week grant to plant a number of native trees at Kitswell Park had been successful. The trees had been purchased and would be planted this week.

Members discussed the various awards and grants that had been received over recent years.

**Resolved** - that prices are sought for a display cabinet to display the awards

**307/12 Tree Works – Kitswell Park and Village Green**

Members were informed that essential maintenance work on trees at Kitswell Park and on the Village Green is required.

Prices for the works had been sought from local contractors as follows:

Kitswell Park	- £220
Village Green	- £410

In addition it would be necessary to seek permission from the planning authority before works on the Village Green could take place.

**Resolved** - that the work and costs be approved

**308/12 Financial Information**

The Lead Officer presented report H.

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

**309/12 Accounts for Payment**

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

S Laverick	Salary (Nov)	£1115.75
D Maddox	Salary (Nov)	£374.79
Durham County Council	Pension (Nov)	£357.56
ICO	Data protection Fee	£35.00

Talk Talk	Phone	£23.90
The Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath	£30.00
S Laverick	Salary (Dec)	£1115.75
D Maddox	Salary (Dec)	£374.79
Durham County Council	Pension (Dec)	£357.56
HMRC	Tax & NI (Oct – Dec)	£864.18
P Snowdon	Hanging Baskets – water	£397.80
A D Purves	Grass Cutting	£3390.00
S Laverick	Expenses	£71.77

### **310/12 Chairperson’s Announcements**

The Chair informed Members that Councillor John Johnson, Chair of Greencroft Parish Council had been involved in an accident

**Resolved** - that a card be sent to Councillor Johnson

The Chair informed Members that Councillor Colin Burton had been involved in an accident

**Resolved** - that a card be sent to Councillor Burton

### **311/12 Questions from Members – Information only**

There were no questions from members.

### **312/12 Salary Review (min 291/12)**

**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

### **313/12 Date of next meeting**

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

Meeting ended at 8.35pm