

# Lanchester Parish Council

## Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Conference Room in Park House, Lanchester on Tuesday 11 January 2011 at 7.15pm

**Present** Mr O Johnson (Chair)

Mr K Harrison, Mr S Walker, Mr C Burton, Mr B Glass,  
Mr M Wardle, Mr K Leary, Mr D Lindsay, Mr B Gray  
Mrs M Gray, Mr P Jackson, Mr A Nairn

Mr R Young (observer)

### Apologies

Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Mrs A Cook - illness

The above apologies were received and accepted

### 1/11 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

### 2/11 **Public Participation**

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

### 3/11 **Police Report**

PCSO Vanessa Gray was unable to attend the meeting, but had forwarded the police report which the Lead Officer read out. Information regarding incidents / crimes in the area for the period 01/12/10 – 31/12/10 were reported as follows:

**Number of calls for the area 46**

(Total number of calls reported to Police during this period)

**Number of community related calls 9**

(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)

**Burglary 2**

1 x residential garage off B6296

1 x residential caravan on farm off Newbiggen Lane

**Anti-Social Behaviour****4**

1 x Watling Way – neighbour dispute – suitable advice given  
1 x Kitswell Road, rear of school – report of unknown people in play area – gone prior to police arrival – no offences disclosed  
1 x Pethside – altercation between resident gritting road and driver – no offences disclosed  
1 x Broadoak Drive – snowballs thrown at residence believed by known youths

**Criminal Damage****2**

1 x Station Road – lit cigarette put through letter box of shop by unknown person causing minor damage to flooring – fire and rescue requested to provide letter guard – police/forensic enquiries carried out  
1 x dwelling off Broadwood Lane – small window smashed by known person - arrested.

**Theft****1**

1 x West Butsfield – trailer containing items stolen by unknown person from farmland

From February 2011 police will no longer attend Council meetings but will attend a monthly PACT meeting which will be held every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 7.15pm at Lanchester Community Centre.

**4/11 Minutes of the last meeting****Resolved that:**

(i) the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 15 December 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson

**5/11 Committees****Resolved that:**

(i) the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 21 December 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

**6/11 Correspondence****(i) Durham County Council – consultation****Durham City North Road**

**Resolved** - that the information be received

**(ii) Durham County Council – consultation****Durham City Green Belt Site Assessment**

Members discussed the consultation paper and expressed concern regarding the proposals for Sniperley in terms of the narrow green belt, protection for Sniperley Hall and the wildlife and the congestion of traffic at this point

**Resolved** - that a response be sent to Durham County Council

(iii) **LINK – news update**

**Resolved** - that the information be received

**7/11 Area Action Partnership (AAP) / Parish Councils Committee (PCC)  
(min 281/10)**

Members were informed that the AAP priorities were discussed and agreed at a meeting in December. The Gateway project in Lanchester is progressing and there are meetings taking place to discuss services for young people. The next AAP meeting is 12 January. The next PCC meeting is Saturday 15 January at Brandon and David Emmerson is due to attend and talk about children's services. All Members are invited to this meeting.

**8/11 Health and Safety Policy**

Members considered and reviewed the policy.

**Resolved** - that the policy be approved

**9/11 Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy**

Members considered and reviewed the policy. It was agreed to add the police telephone number to the form and nominate Bob Glass as a 2<sup>nd</sup> designated officer

**Resolved** - that the policy be approved

**10/11 Equal Opportunities Policy**

Members considered and reviewed the policy.

**Resolved** - that the policy be approved

**11/11 Public Participation Policy**

Members considered and reviewed the policy.

**Resolved** - that the policy be approved

**12/11 Financial Information**

The Lead Officer presented report G.

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

## **13/11 Precept 2011/12 (min 285/10)**

The Lead Officer presented report H. Members considered the precept alongside the budget for 2011/12 which had been agreed at the meeting in December and in light of information on the withdrawal of the contribution previously made by the County Council.

Members thanked the County Councillors for their discussions with the County Council.

**Resolved** - that the precept be raised by 2.5% and set at £49,390.00 for 2011/12

Members agreed that it would be necessary to look carefully at all costs for 2011/12 to address the shortfall

## **14/11 Accounts for Payment**

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

S Laverick	Salary (Dec)	£1081.71
D Maddox	Salary (Dec)	£374.79
S Charlton	Salary (Dec)	£1756.05
Durham County Council	Pension (Dec)	£371.75
Chester le Street CVS	CRB check	£46.00
Newcastle University	Conference Fee	£50.00
Vodafone	Phone	£32.50
Opal	Phone	£26.26
AON	Insurance	£10.35
HMRC	Tax & NI (Oct - Dec)	£2677.08

## **15/11 Chairperson's Announcements**

The Chairperson informed Members of the 'statement of persons nominated' form for the two vacancies on the Parish Council. The election would take place on 3 February

## **16/11 Questions from Members – Information only**

PJ expressed thanks to the County Council for the work on winter maintenance in the village

## **17/11 Date of next meeting**

**Resolved** - that the next Ordinary meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday 8 February 2011 at 7.15pm

Meeting ended at 8.30pm