

# Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Conference Room in Park House,  
Lanchester on Tuesday 12 April 2011 at 7.20pm

**Present** Mr O Johnson (Chair)

Mr K Harrison, Mr S Walker, Mr C Burton, Mr A Nairn  
Mr B Gray, Mrs M Gray, Mr P Jackson, Mr M Clarke,  
Mr A Myers, Mr M Wardle, Mr D Lindsay, Mrs A Cook

Mr R Young (observer)  
Inspector D Turner

## Apologies

Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Mr K Leary - holiday  
Mr B Glass - other commitments

The above apologies were received and accepted

## 96/11 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

## 97/11 Public Participation

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

## 98/11 Police Report

Inspector Dave Turner attended the meeting and gave information regarding incidents / crimes in the area for the period 01/02/11 – 10/04/11 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)

### **Street Drinking Reports 1**

Youths on playing field behind Ashdown Grove – none present on police arrival

**Burglary** **4**

- 1 x Lynwood House, Durham Road
- 2 x Queens Head
- 1 x Lanchester Cricket Club – grass cutters stolen

**Anti-Social Behaviour** **12**

- 1 x Bus Stop near restaurant Front Street – report of rowdy youths gone prior to police arrival
- 1 x Burnhopeside – report of people banging of door of dwelling – gone prior to police arrival
- 1 x Alderdene – report of young children (9/10years) banging on residents doors and running away
- 1 x Croft View – eggs thrown at window from passing vehicle
- 1 x West View – report of female flashing
- 1 x A691 – report of vehicle driving erratically – passed to beat team for attention
- 1 x The Garths – children hanging out behind Spar
- 1 x St Bedes School - report of youths on roof – none on roof when police attended
- 1 x Manor Grange – noise of vehicle
- 1 x complaints RE 2 school pupils who possibly had knives – incident dealt with by Moorside School
- 1 x EP School – large group of youths on school fields – moved on by PCSO
- 1 x Front Street – group of children causing a nuisance – 3 youths warned and moved on

**Criminal Damage** **1**

- 1 x K9 grooming – lighted cigarette through letterbox

**Theft** **7**

- 1 x West Butsfield – theft of battery from temporary lights
- 1 x A68 Tow Law – theft of battery from temporary traffic lights
- 1 x public house – theft of purse from unknown person from within female toilets
- 1 x field next to private dwelling – dovecote stolen by unknown person
- 1 x Greencroft Park – 90 ltrs red diesel
- 1 x Ford Road – theft of garden furniture
- 1 x Bargate Bank – theft of hand made dog kennels

**Theft from vehicles** **4**

- 1 x Lanchester Road – theft of number plates from vehicle
- 1 x Woodlands – items taken from motor vehicle
- 1 x Malton – theft of vehicle
- 1 x Rowley – theft of quad bike

Inspector Turner informed Members that public confidence has increased and that detection rates and crime reduction figures are the highest in the County. In addition serious violent crime is down. A number of successful operations to address crime were outlined.

Inspector Turner informed Members of the recent and ongoing budget cuts which he explained have been managed effectively. The

neighbourhood team at Consett will not be affected by the cuts and losses over the next four years will be managed through natural wastage.

Inspector Turner was thanked for attending the meeting.

Members were informed of recent Community Speed Watch activity on the A691 in the 40mph zone which had been conducted with pupils from St Bedes School.

In addition Members discussed the junior PACT meetings

**Resolved** - that the Junior PACT members be invited to submit a report to the Parish Council meeting

**99/11 Minutes of the last meeting**

**Resolved that:**

(i) the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8 March 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson

**100/11 Committees**

**Resolved that:**

(i) the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 21 March 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 Finance, Development & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 30 March 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

**101/11 Correspondence**

- (i) **LINK**  
Members considered the latest newsletters and information  
**Resolved** - that the information be received
- (ii) **Great North Air Ambulance - Letter of thanks**  
**Resolved** - that the letter be received
- (iii) **Finchale Training College - Letter of thanks**  
**Resolved** - that the letter be received
- (iv) **Lanchester EP Primary School - Letter of thanks**  
**Resolved** - that the letter be received
- (v) **Churches Together - Letter of thanks**  
**Resolved** - that the letter be received

**102/11 Area Action Partnership (AAP) / Parish Councils Committee (PCC)  
(min 71/11)**

Members were informed that both the AAP Board meetings and the PCC meeting were to be held on Wednesday 13 April. The PCC meeting is to include a presentation on grants by the County Council.

Members considered their nomination for a representative on the AAP Board  
**Resolved** - that Colin Burton be the nomination from Lanchester Parish Council

Members were informed of the forthcoming review of the AAP's

**103/11 Consultation Documents**

Members considered the following consultation documents

- (i) Sport and Leisure Facility Review**  
**Resolved** - that the document be received
- (ii) Community Alarms and Telecare in County Durham – Public Consultation**  
**Resolved** - that PJ complete the form
- (iii) Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan for County Durham**  
This had been previously circulated to Members  
**Resolved** - that the document be received
- (iv) Proposed changes to the Home to School/College Transport Policy – public consultation**  
**Resolved** - that Members respond as appropriate
- (v) County Durham Plan – Consultation / Engagement Process**  
Members were informed of the consultation process due to commence on the above plan

**104/11 Maintenance Progress Report**

The Lead Officer presented report D.

**Resolved that:**

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

**105/11 Insurance Renewal 2011/12**

Members discussed the insurance document and premium.

**Resolved** – that the insurance premium of £704.50 from AON be accepted, the level of cover provided having been accepted as sufficient.

**106/11 Litter**

AM introduced the item and identified two main areas of concern as being; the parade of shops on Front Street and the Lanchester Valley Walk between Newbiggen Lane and Kitswell cemetery.

Members discussed the Neighbourhood Wardens and reporting of incidents to Street Scene.

**Resolved** - that the Neighbourhood Warden covering the Lanchester Area be invited to attend a meeting of the Council

Members stated that the village was much tidier due to work carried out by organisations and individuals and acknowledged the work undertaken regularly by the County Council.

**107/11 Disabled access to facilities in the Village**

AM introduced the item following information received from residents who suggest that accessibility to facilities in the village would be increased by the provision of disabled parking bays.

Members discussed possible problems with enforcement and the lack of parking generally within the village

**Resolved** - that an enquiry is made to the County Council Highways section regarding their procedure / policy on the designating of disabled parking bays.

**108/11 Annual Training Plan 2010/11 and 2011/12**

Members considered report E.

**Resolved that:**

- (i) the report be received
- (ii) the training plan for 2011/12 be approved

**109/11 Financial Year 2010/11 – End of Year Accounts**

The Lead Officer presented the report

**Resolved that:**

- (i) the Council accept the financial position for the end of year
- (ii) the Council accept for certification the Annual Return – Accounting Statement and the Annual Return – Annual Governance Statement

**110/11 Financial Information**

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

**111/11 Accounts for Payment**

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

Alan Dawson	Tree seat and railings	£3326.28
S Laverick	Salary (March)	£1081.51
D Maddox	Salary (March)	£374.79
S Charlton	Salary (March)	£1661.25
Durham County Council	Pension (March)	£371.75
County Durham Assoc. LC	Training	£35.00
County Durham Assoc. LC	Training	£27.00
Talk Talk	Phone	£17.92
S Laverick	Expenses	£117.61
County Durham Assoc. LC	Subscription	£468.84
Vodafone	Phone	£25.72
Durham Rural Comm. Council	Photocopying	£709.12
Viking Direct	Stationery	£114.30
Living Eggs	Eggs	£288.00
S Charlton	Mileage	£81.40
Aon	Annual Insurance	£704.50

**112/11 Chairperson's Announcements**

The Chair informed Members of recent communications with the Durham Miners Association regarding the Fenhall Banner and the possibility of it being stored and displayed in Lanchester  
**Resolved** - that this item be placed on the agenda of the next meeting

**113/11 Questions from Members – Information only**

MC informed Members of a concern expressed by residents regarding a recently erected perimeter fence around the Old Police Station.  
**Resolved** - that a letter be sent to the company informing them of residents concerns

**114/11 Date of next meeting**

**Resolved** - that the next Ordinary meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday 10 May 2011 following the Annual Meeting of the Council at 7.15pm.

Meeting ended at 9.25pm