

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Conference Room in Park House,
Lanchester on Tuesday 13 December 2011 at 7.15pm

Present Mr O Johnson (Chair)

Mr M Clarke, Mr K Harrison, Mrs M Gray, Mr D Lindsay
Mr A Nairn, Mr A Myers, Mr M Wardle, Mr C Burton, Mr B Gray

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Mr K Leary - family commitments

Mrs A Cook - illness

Mr B Glass - other commitments

Mr P Jackson - away

The above apologies were received and accepted

295/11 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

296/11 Public Participation

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

297/11 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved that:

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

298/11 Committees

Resolved that:

(i) the minutes of the Finance, Development & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 1 December 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 1 December 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

299/11

Police Report

The police report gave information regarding incidents / crimes in the area for the period 26/10/11 – 22/11/11 as follows:

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)

Dwelling Burglaries 2

2 x dwellings broken into at Crow Hill. One dwelling was temporarily unoccupied (rear door jemmied), the other dwelling had bathroom window used for access.

Burglary (other) 1

1 x garages broken into at public house

Anti-Social Behaviour 3

1 x scrambler bikes seen riding along Lanchester Valley Walk. Gone prior to police arrival

1 x group of youths seen pulling up 'For Sale' signs. Gone prior to police arrival, no damage caused.

1 x report of neighbours dogs barking outside at night. Dogs quiet on police arrival.

Criminal Damage, thefts of / from Vehicles / gardens 3

1 x pots damaged outside farm

1 x unattended vehicle stolen from outside dwelling on Durham Road

1 x female driver pulled into lay by to answer phone on B6301. A van has pulled up and two unknown males have come to unlocked passenger door and snatched bag containing contents before making off

300/11

Correspondence

- (i) **Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of County Durham – Final Recommendations**
Resolved - that the information be received
- (ii) **Durham County Council – School Admission Arrangements September 2013/14**
Resolved - that the information be received
- (iii) **North Pennines News Autumn/Winter 2011/12**
Resolved - that the information be received
- (iv) **Durham County Council – Review of Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC)**
Resolved - that the information be received

- (v) **Etape Pennines 2012 event**
Resolved - that the information be received
- (vi) **Durham County Council – Winter Salting Routes**
Resolved - that the information be received
- (vii) **Letter of thanks – Christmas Lights and Celebration Event**
Resolved - that the information be received
- (viii) **Letter of thanks – Lanchester EP Primary School**
Resolved - that the information be received
- (ix) **LINK update**
Resolved - that the information be received

**301/11 Area Action Partnership (AAP) / Parish Councils Committee (PCC)
(min 273/11)**

The minutes of the last PCC meeting were discussed. Colin Burton gave Members information on the last AAP forum meeting.

The next PCC meeting will take place on Saturday 21 January at Langley Park.

302/11 Locality Map Project (min 287/11)

Members considered the Annual Report for the Locality Map project, circulated prior to the meeting.

Resolved that:

- (i) the report be received
- (ii) thanks be passed to Sue Charlton for the work undertaken and achievements to date

303/11 Localism Act / Neighbourhood Planning – Training Event

Members were given feedback on a recent training event attended by a Councillor and the Clerk, which had proved interesting and informative.

Resolved that:

- (i) an officer from Durham Rural Community Council be invited to attend a future Planning meeting to give a presentation on Neighbourhood Planning
- (ii) members from Lanchester Partnership be invited to attend the session

304/11 Queens Head Car Park

Resolved - that this item be carried forward to the next meeting.

305/11 All Saints RC Church – Monday Club

Margaret Gray gave Members background information on the Club which commenced in October and operates every Monday from 6.30pm – 8.30pm at All Saints RC Church Hall. Although established to provide support for people isolated in the community the club provides an open community resource and is available to all. There are a number of regular attendees and volunteers and the intention is to promote the club as widely as possible.

306/11 Financial Information

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

307/11 Budget and Precept 2012 / 13 (min 289/11)

The Lead Officer presented report I.
Resolved that:
(i) the proposed budget be agreed for 2012/13
(ii) the precept be raised by 2.5% and set at £50,624.00 for 2012/13

308/11 Accounts for Payment

Resolved - that the following accounts be approved for payment:

North East Ambulance Service	Training Course	£325.00
P Snowdon	Hanging Baskets	£504.90
D Hornby	Training – Chainsaw	£33.00
S Charlton	Expenses	£124.68
BTCV Enterprises Ltd	Equipment	£170.80
B Hunter	Equipment	£40.00
Vodafone	Phone	£25.99
Talk Talk	Phone	£22.27
D Hornby	Training - Chainsaw	£480.00
CCL Office Ltd	Stationery	£220.26
S Laverick	Salary (Nov)	£1103.36
D Maddox	Salary (Nov)	£374.79
S Charlton	Salary (Nov)	£1674.50
Durham County Council	Pension (Nov)	£357.56
Mark Gray & Partners	Training	£270.00
S Laverick	Salary (Dec)	£1103.56
D Maddox	Salary (Dec)	£374.79
S Charlton	Salary (Dec)	£1674.30
HMRC	Tax & NI (Oct – Dec)	£3532.51
Durham County Council	Pension (Dec)	£357.56
D J Hale	Training – Hedge laying	£50.00
D Hornby	Training – Chainsaw	£480.00

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S Allison	Refreshments	£210.00
Durham Rural Comm. Council	Photocopying	£15.30
Durham County Council	Tree work	£110.87
S Laverick	Expenses	£127.46
Lanchester Brass Band	Donation	£60.00

309/11 Chairperson’s Announcements

There were no Chairpersons announcements.

310/11 Questions from Members – Information only

Mike Wardle spoke about the recent community consultation on the Maiden Law site undertaken by Arup and the Homes & Communities Agency (HCA). Concern was expressed about the consultation process.

Resolved - that a letter is sent to both the HCA and the County Council expressing concern about the time scale, promotion and notice given for the event.

Mike Gladstone from Lanchester Partnership voiced concerns about the need to consider the proposals seriously.

311/11 Date of next meeting

Resolved - that the next Ordinary meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday 10 January 2012 at 7.15pm.

A Councillor surgery will take place prior to the Council meeting between 6.30 – 7.00pm.

Meeting ended at 8.45pm