

# Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Conference Room in Park House,  
Lanchester on Tuesday 14 February 2012 at 7.15pm

**Present** Mr O Johnson (Chair)

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

Mr R Young (observer)

## Apologies

Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Mrs M Gray - holiday

Mr B Gray - holiday

Mrs A Cook - illness

The above apologies were received and accepted

Members observed one minutes silence in respect of Frank Kemp.

## 29/12 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## 30/12 **Public Participation**

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

## 31/12 **Minutes of the last meeting**

**Resolved that:**

(i) the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10 January 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson

## 32/12 **Committees**

**Resolved that:**

(i) the minutes of the Finance, Development & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 25 January 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted



- (ii) **Letter from Pat Glass MP**  
Members were informed of a letter received giving information on proposed pilot bus service in Lanchester  
**Resolved** - that the letter be received
- (iii) **Parish Paths Partnership Scheme**  
**Resolved** - that the information be passed to the Farming, Wildlife & Environment group for consideration
- (iv) **New Publication 'How to shape where you live: a guide to neighbourhood planning'**  
Members were informed of the new publication and that extra copies had been requested  
**Resolved that:**
  - (i) the publication be received
  - (ii) a copy be passed to Lanchester Partnership
- (v) **Durham County Council – Changes to recycling and rubbish collections**  
**Resolved** - that the information be received
- (vi) **Lanchester Allotments Association - minutes of the AGM and recent meeting**  
**Resolved** - that the correspondence be received
- (vii) **Lanchester Partnership – 2012 Litter Pick**  
Alan Myers and Colin Burton declared an interest.  
Members considered a request for use of the Village Green for the annual litter pick. In addition Members considered a similar request from the Area Action Partnership to attend the same day.  
**Resolved** - that permission be granted for use of the village green
- (viii) **Letter – Durham County Council – Water running down Cadger Bank**  
Members considered the response of the County Council  
**Resolved** - that the letter be received
- (ix) **Proposed changes to Traffic Regulation Orders**  
Members considered the proposed changes (previously circulated)  
**Resolved** - that the information be received
- (x) **Durham County Council – Library Strategy Document**  
Members considered the above strategy (previously circulated)  
**Resolved** - that the information be received

**35/12 Area Action Partnership (AAP) / Parish Councils Committee (PCC) (min 7/12)**

The minutes of the recent PCC meeting were discussed. The next PCC meeting will take place on 18 February. An extra AAP meeting is to take place on 15 February.

## 36/12 Lynwood Care Centre

Mike Wardle gave an update on the project which included the following information:

- The site is difficult to develop due to issues surrounding sewers, flood risk, trees etc
- A single developer has been sought to fund/build/develop the project. Derwentside Homes have been approved as the single developer.
- Mental Health Care have regrettably withdrawn from the project
- Durham Rural Community Council are interested in being involved in the development
- The legal situation is increasingly complex and legal advice is being sought on the role and future of the Community Interest Company (CIC)
- Derwentside Homes have withdrawn from the CIC due to an impossible conflict of interest

There are many issues to resolve and work through and it is important that the community element of the project is protected.

Members thanked Mike Wardle for the considerable work undertaken to date.

Paul Jackson left the meeting.

## 37/12 Newsletter

Members discussed the draft newsletter

**Resolved** - that the Newsletter be approved for distribution

## 38/12 Financial Information

The Lead Officer presented report G.

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

## 39/12 Accounts for Payment

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

ISBN Agency	ISBN Numbers	£118.68
Derwentside Homes	Lynwood Payment	£6217.11
S Laverick	Salary (Jan)	£1103.36
D Maddox	Salary (Jan)	£374.79
S Charlton	Salary (Jan)	£1674.50
Durham County Council	Pension (Jan)	£357.56
Vodafone	Phone	£27.79

Talk Talk	Phone	£17.42
North East Ambulance Service	First Aid Training	£325.00
James Mason	Pest Control	£240.00
Durham County Council	Planning Fee	£75.00
Lanchester EP School	Display Case	£325.00
CCL Office Supplies	Stationery	£120.30

#### **40/12 Chairperson's Announcements**

The Chair commended the newly published Wildlife Audit and copies were distributed for Members. Members were extremely impressed with the quality of the publication.

The Chair asked that thanks be passed to the Farming, Wildlife & Environment group and to Sue Charlton for the work undertaken.

#### **41/12 Questions from Members – Information only**

Keith Harrison referred to the Queens Jubilee and the possibility of planting an Oak Tree in recognition. It was thought that this could be incorporated into the village green development.

Keith Harrison reported that the cemetery at Kitswell Road was extremely wet under foot.

**Resolved** - that a letter is sent to Durham County Council

Mike Wardle informed Members that a planning application for a caravan park at Ornsby Hill was likely to be submitted.

#### **42/12 Grass Cutting Contract**

**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 discussed and compared the returned tenders.

**Resolved** - that the grass cutting contract be awarded to A D Purves Landscaping being the lowest tender.

#### **43/12 Date of next meeting**

**Resolved** - that the next Ordinary meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday 13 March 2012 at 7.15pm.

Meeting ended at 8.30pm