

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Lynwood House on Tuesday 14 October 2014 at 7.15pm

Present Mr O Johnson (Chair)

Mr C Burton, Mr P Jackson, Mr K Leary, Mr B Glass,
Mr B Gray, Mrs M Gray, Mr A Nairn, Mr S Walker (arrived 8.15pm),
Mrs A Cook

PCSO Lisa Jackson

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Mr K Harrison - other commitments
Mr M Wardle - other commitments

The above apologies were received and accepted

225/14 Declarations of Interest

Ossie Johnson declared an interest in item 8
Bob Glass declared an interest in item 10 and 11

226/14 Public Participation

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

227/14 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved that:

(i) the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9 September 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson

228/14 Committees

Resolved that:

(i) the minutes of the Finance, Development & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 24 September 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

229/14 Correspondence

(i) Durham County Council – Removal of BT telephone box – Hurbuck Cottages

Members considered the information received regarding the possible removal of this telephone box

Resolved that:

- (i) The information is received
- (ii) Confirmation is sought from the County Council that the residents of Hurbuck Cottages have been informed

(ii) The Clerk Magazine - September

Resolved - that the magazine be received

(iii) Clerk & Councils Direct - September

Resolved - that the magazine be received

(iv) LCR – Autumn 2014

Resolved - that the publication be received

(v) Inside Story – newsletter

Resolved - that the newsletter be received

230/14 Area Action Partnership (AAP) / Parish Councils Committee (PCC) (min 207/14)

Members were informed that a PCC meeting had taken place on 20 September where the future and purpose of the group was discussed. It had been agreed that the group served a useful purpose and that meetings would continue on a bi-monthly basis.

Resolved that:

- (i) the information be received
- (ii) any Members who wish to attend future PCC meetings contacts the Clerk

231/14 Lanchester Bowling Green (min 189/14)

Ossie Johnson declared an interest and left the meeting.

Colin Burton took over as Chair for this item.

Members were aware of the decision by the County Council to cease maintaining the bowling greens in the county in 2015.

Members considered a letter received from the Bowling Club providing information on the impact of this decision for Lanchester Bowling Club.

The secretary of the Bowls Club spoke. He confirmed that the club had put measures in place which should result in additional annual revenue costs being covered. However there is a shortfall in the initial capital costs needed to purchase the equipment and provide secure and appropriate storage facilities. The club is currently applying for grants to make up the shortfall.

Members discussed and considered funding which may be available to the Club. The Parish Councils grants fund is limited and could only offer small financial grants.

Resolved that:

- (i) The Parish Council supports the Club in its endeavours and hopes that the future of the club is secured
- (ii) A letter be sent to the County Council in support of the Club in securing an increased set up grant, particularly in recognition of the fact that the County Council had not in recent years provided any financial support towards any building costs as has been the case with other clubs
- (iii) A letter of support be provided from the Parish Council in support of funding applications by the Club
- (iv) The Club be provided with information on the Parish Councils grants scheme

232/14 Neighbourhood Plan Working Group (min 206/14)

Members considered the minutes of the recent meeting

Resolved that:

- (i) the minutes of the working group are approved
- (ii) that the Chair of the Parish Council signs the Service Level Agreement between the Parish Council and the County Council

233/14 Lanchester Cricket Club (min 214/14)

Members received an update on the refurbishment of the changing facilities. A tender report has been sent to Sport England who have given approval for the appointment of a contractor to undertake the works. The contractor has been appointed and intends to start work over the next couple of days on what is expected to be a 3 week work period.

The contract for the works needs to be signed by the Chair.

Resolved that:

- (i) the information is received
- (ii) the contract is signed by the Chair of the Parish Council

Members received information from the Cricket Club asking for support for a grant that they are applying to the County Council for to undertake improvement works to the club house.

Members would have liked to have received communication from the cricket club prior to an application being made.

Resolved - that the cricket club is asked to submit a letter to the Parish Council giving detail of the project and asking for approval

234/14 County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service Consultation

Members considered the consultation and formed a response

Resolved - that the response of the Parish Council is submitted

235/14 Cessation of Smoking in Playgrounds (min 210/14)

Members considered the consultation by Durham County Council on plans for a voluntary code banning people from smoking at outdoor play areas in the county.

Members considered the consultation and formed a response

Resolved - that the response of the Parish Council is submitted

236/14 Durham County Council – Public Access for Planning Website

Members were informed that the Clerk and two councillors had recently attended a training session on the new County Council planning website. User information on how to use the new website was distributed to Members.

Resolved - that the information be received

237/14 Village Green Bus Shelter

Members were informed that on occasion youths have been known to climb onto the shelter roof on the Village Green. The police are aware of this situation and have offered to provide the Parish Council with anti-climb paint to apply to the roof of the shelter and warning signs.

Members discussed the advantages and disadvantages to this.

Resolved - that advice is sought from the County Council on the siting of signs around the shelter

238/14 Maintenance Progress report

The Lead Officer presented report H.

Resolved that:

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

239/14 Financial Information

The Lead Officer presented report I

Resolved - that the report be received

240/14 Accounts for Payment

Resolved - that the following accounts be approved for payment:

Vince Rutland	Banner Event	£75.00
S Laverick	Expenses - Computer	£1157.97
CCL Office Ltd	Boxes	£86.65
CCL Office Ltd	Filing Cabinets	£300.00
CCL Office Ltd	Shelving	£190.01
Talk Talk	Phone	£19.00
S Laverick	Phone	£49.99
S Laverick	Salary (September)	£1209.93
D Maddox	Salary (September)	£387.34
Durham County Council	Pension (September)	£367.07
HMRC	Tax & NI (July – Sept)	£848.55
CCL Office Ltd	Shelving	£144.88

241/14 Chairperson's Announcements

There were no announcements

242/14 Questions from Members – Information only

There were no questions from Members

243/14 Date of next meeting

Resolved - that the next Ordinary meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday 11 November 2014 at 7.15pm at Lynwood House

Meeting ended at 8.45 pm