

Lanchester Parish Council

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Conference Room in Park House,
Lanchester on Tuesday 8 January 2013 at 7.15pm**

Present Mr O Johnson (Chair)

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

Mrs Helen Johnson – Durham County Council

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Mr A Nairn - sick
Mr S Walker - away
Mrs A Cook - sick
Mr B Gray - work commitments
Mr M Clarke - sick
The above apologies were received and accepted

1/13 **Dispensations**

No dispensations were presented

2/13 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

3/13 **Public Participation**

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

4/13 **Minutes of the last meeting**

Resolved that:

(i) the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11 December 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson

5/13 Committees

Resolved that:

(i) the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 11 December 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

6/13 Police Report

Members were informed that the next Police report would be issued at the end of January and would cover a two month period.

Resolved - that PCSO Lisa Jackson be invited to a future Council meeting

7/13 Green School – Alternative KS4 Education Provision

Helen Johnson – Alternative KS4 Education Programme Manager from Durham County Council attended the meeting to provide an update to members and the public present on the above education provision at the Green School (notes distributed at the meeting attached).

Mrs Johnson thanked the community for making the school welcome.

Members asked about the community representation on the School Board and were informed that although notices had been placed in the village, no interested persons had come forward and it was intended therefore to place additional notices in the community and an article in the Village Voice. It was also agreed that a notice could be placed in the Parish Council notice board.

Mrs Johnson confirmed that there should be no problem with public use of the tennis courts outside of school hours.

Members discussed information received from a teacher at the Green School seeking information on allotments and possible voluntary work in the community for young people working towards the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Resolved - that the contacts for allotments and voluntary work identified by Members be forwarded to the school

Mrs Johnson was thanked for attending the meeting and providing an update.

8/13 Correspondence

(i) Lanchester Lions – annual firework display

Members considered the information received which stated that the Lions would no longer be organising the annual fireworks display and that Lanchester Cricket Club are planning to take over the event

Resolved - that the information be received

(ii) LINK newsletter

Resolved - that the information be received

9/13 Area Action Partnership (AAP) / Parish Councils Committee (PCC) (min 304/12)

Members received an update. Members were informed that the next AAP meeting will take place on 23 January and that the next PCC meeting will take place on 19 January.

10/13 Maintenance Progress Report

The Lead Officer presented report C.

Resolved that:

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

(ii) the report be received

11/13 Financial Information

The Lead Officer presented report D.

Resolved - that the report be received.

12/3 Precept 2013/14 (min 291/12)

The Lead Officer presented report E.

Members considered the implications of the following:

- The removal of the £6000.00 payment previously received annually from Durham County Council
- The removal of the £1645.00 double taxation payment previously received annually from Durham County Council
- The effect of the new Local Council Tax Support Scheme on the council tax base and the grant for 2013/14 which will partially cover this deficit

Resolved that:

(i) the precept be set at £50,624.00 for 2013/14

(ii) information be presented in the Parish Council newsletter and Village Voice on the decision

13/13 Accounts for Payment

Resolved - that the following accounts be approved for payment:

Lanchester Garden Centre Trees, Stakes	£87.90
Talk Talk Phone	£21.70

14/13 Chairperson's Announcements

There were no Chairpersons announcements

15/13 Questions from Members – Information only

There were no questions from members.

16/13 Date of next meeting

Resolved - that the next Ordinary meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday 12 February 2013 at 7.15pm.

Meeting ended at 8.20pm