

Lanchester Parish Council

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Conference Room in Park House,
Lanchester on Tuesday 8 November 2011 at 7.15pm**

Present Mr O Johnson (Chair)

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

Mr R Young (observer)
Mrs S Shepherd Lanchester Partnership

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Mr B Gray - other commitments

Mrs A Cook - illness

The above apologies were received and accepted

267/11 Declarations of Interest

Alan Myers declared a personal interest in item 6.

268/11 Public Participation

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

269/11 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved that:

(i) the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11 October 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson

270/11 Police Report

The police report gave information regarding incidents / crimes in the area for the period 28/09/11 – 25/10/11 as follows:

Number of community related calls 8

(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 0

Burglary (other)**2**

1 x entry gained in derelict building by unknown persons at former 6th form college, Durham Road

1 x shop in Front Street – entry gained via rear door during night by unknown persons who stole till (recovered minus takings) and other items

Anti-Social Behaviour**5**

1 x vehicles tyres deflated and occupiers furniture put up against door of dwelling in Manor Grange

1 x boards removed from windows of derelict shop by local children/youths in Deneside.

1 x vehicles parking across residential access in Front Street near War Memorial. Police attention given to this area and vehicles moved on.

1 x suitable advice given from Police to adult regarding target shooting in woods off Peth Lane

1 x suitable advice given by Police to two local youths believed responsible for setting off fireworks in vicinity of Newbiggen Lane

**Criminal Damage, thefts of / from
Vehicles / gardens****1**

1 x theft of item from shop in Front Street by unknown person

271/11**Lanchester Community Orchard and Allotments – Lanchester Partnership**

The Chair welcomed Sonny Shepherd to the meeting who gave an update on the progress of the Community Orchard and Allotments. A proposed plan of the site was distributed to Members. The design of the development shows that the orchard surrounds the plot with the allotments in the middle.

The orchard costs £10 per year and members of the scheme are expected to contribute some work on the site and may then take away a share of the produce. There are 30 families interested in being involved.

The allotments which measure 10m by 10m cost £1 per week and will be run on a not for profit basis. There are 38 interested people.

The Chair thanked Sonny for attending and updating the Council on progress and congratulated the Partnership on the progress of the project.

272/11**Correspondence****(i) St Bedes School - Sports facility**

Members considered information received regarding a working group to develop the project

Resolved - that Margaret Gray represent the Parish Council on the working group

- (ii) **Durham County Council – Review of indoor leisure facilities**
Resolved - that the information be received
- (iii) **Durham County Council – commencement of civil parking enforcement in North Durham**
Members considered the information
Resolved - that an article be sent to the Village Voice to inform members of the public
- (iv) **LINK - newsletters**
Resolved - that the information be received

273/11 Area Action Partnership (AAP) / Parish Councils Committee (PCC) (min 254/11)

Members were informed that the 6 month AAP forum event is to take place on Wednesday 16 November at 6pm at Lanchester EP School. The next PCC meeting is to take place on Saturday 19 November.

274/11 Village Green – further developments (min 259/11)

Members were informed that a grant application to Northern Gas Networks had resulted in an offer of grant of £1305.00

Resolved - that an approach for further funding be made to some of the businesses and organisations in the village.

275/11 Christmas Lights Switch-On Event (min 258/11)

Members were informed that following the agreement of the content and cost of the event at the last meeting, progress on the arrangements was being made.

Members considered various options for a promotion poster and selected their choice for distribution.

276/11 Locality Map Project

Members considered the draft Wildlife Audit and the Heritage Walks Leaflets, two major pieces of work from the Locality Map project.

Members were very pleased with the progress and production of the work and were informed that it was hoped that the products would be printed in December with a launch event for both products to take place in early spring.

Resolved that:

(i) the draft Wildlife Audit be approved and further work be undertaken to progress to print

- (ii) the draft Heritage Walks leaflets be approved and further work be undertaken to progress to print
- (iii) thanks be passed to Sue Charlton and the volunteer working groups on the work undertaken

277/11 Training Event

Members were given feedback on a recent training event attended by two Councillors and the Clerk. In particular members discussed the session on Councils and their Communities

Resolved - that Durham Rural Community Council be invited to attend a future Council meeting and deliver a short training session on Councils and their Communities

278/11 Councillor Surgery Sessions (min 261/11)

Councillors considered the new schedule and signed up for available sessions

Resolved that:

- (i) the new schedule be agreed
- (ii) the timetable be distributed to all Councillors

279/11 Newsletter

Members discussed the draft newsletter distributed prior to the meeting

Resolved - that the Newsletter be approved for distribution

280/11 Financial Information

The Lead Officer presented report H.

Resolved - that the report be received.

281/11 Accounts for Payment

Resolved - that the following accounts be approved for payment:

S Charlton	Salary (Oct)	£1674.50
S Laverick	Salary (Oct)	£1103.56
D Maddox	Salary (Oct)	£374.79
Durham County Council	Pension (Oct)	£357.56
Durham Rural Comm Council	Photocopying	£21.60
Vodafone	Phone	£25.53
Talk Talk	Phone	£18.79
County Durham Ass Local Coun	Training	£81.00
Robson Palmer	Solicitors Fees	£335.00

S Laverick	Expenses	£82.82
Royal British Legion	Wreath	£30.00

282/11 Chairperson's Announcements

There were no Chairpersons announcements.

283/11 Questions from Members – Information only

There were no questions from Members.

284/11 Date of next meeting

Resolved - that the next Ordinary meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday 13 December 2011 at 7.15pm.

Meeting ended at 8.45pm