

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Conference Room in Park House, Lanchester on Tuesday 9 October 2012 at 8.30pm

Present Mr O Johnson (Chair)

Mr K Harrison, Mr C Burton, Mrs A Cook, Mr B Gray
Mr S Walker, Mr K Leary, Mr A Myers, Mr M Wardle

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Mr A Nairn - work commitments
Mr P Jackson - work commitments
Mr M Clarke - other commitments
Mr B Glass - other commitments
Mrs M Gray - other commitments
Mr D Lindsay - sick

The above apologies were received and accepted

249/12 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

250/12 Public Participation

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

251/12 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved that:

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

252/12 Committees

Resolved that:

(i) the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 6 September 2012 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 Finance, Development & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 26 September 2012 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 26 September 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

253/12 Police Report

The police report gave information regarding incidents / crimes in the area for the period 22/08/12 – 25/09/12 as follows:

Number of community related calls 7

(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) 1

1 x unknown person removed padlock from secure sheds on farm overnight and stole 15 chickens and feed

Anti-Social Behaviour 5

1 x report of two males fighting in Front Street. Gone prior to police arrival. Area searched. No evidence of any crime.

1 x report of youths entering rear garden from cut that leads from Lee Hill Court to Percy Place. Gone prior to police arrival. Crime prevention advice given to caller RE security of garden. Police patrols are frequent in this area. Youths are stopped and checked when in this area and details taken.

1 x report of youth nuisance at Woodham Court. Police attended and found occupier had been holding a party.

1 x report of sound of chain saw and tree having been taken down at Malton Picnic area. Police attended and can confirm that the Council attended and cut down a tree due to adverse weather.

1 x report of noisy birthday party at Woodham Court. Party had finished on police arrival. No offences disclosed.

Criminal Damage 0

Thefts 1

1 x unknown person took central caps from parked unattended vehicle in Front Street during the afternoon.

254/12 Correspondence

(i) **Letter – Lanchester Partnership – County Durham Plan**

Members discussed the letter received

Resolved - that a copy of the letter from the Parish Council to the County Council on this matter is forwarded to the Partnership

- (ii) **Parish Council update event**
Members considered attendance at the above event
Resolved - that Colin Burton and Sally Laverick attend the event
- (iii) **Lanchester Allotment Association – minutes**
Resolved - that the minutes be received
- (iv) **Hollinside Play Area – request for seat**
Members considered the request for a seat to be located within the play area
Resolved that:
 - (i) prices are sought for a seat / bench
 - (ii) permission is sought from the landowner
- (v) **Correspondence received from the Environment Agency – wall along Smallhope Burn (min 221/12)**
Resolved - that the information be received
- (vi) **Willow Burn Hospice – update**
Resolved - that the information be received
- (vii) **Letter – All Saints Catholic Church – concern of the path**
Resolved - that the letter be received

255/12 Area Action Partnership (AAP) / Parish Councils Committee (PCC) (min 218/12)

Resolved - that the PCC minutes be received

256/12 Maintenance Progress Report

The Lead Officer presented report G.

Resolved that:

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

(ii) the report be received

257/12 Christmas Tree Lights – Village Green (Min 222/12)

Members considered the details and costs for the Christmas Light Event (report H)

Resolved that:

(i) the details for the event as outlined in the report be agreed

(ii) costs of £350 - £400 for the event be approved

(iii) Dennis Laycock be asked to switch on the lights

258/12 Financial Information

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

259/12 Accounts for Payment

Resolved - that the following accounts be approved for payment:

Durham County Council	Waste Bin contract	£206.00
Talk Talk	Phone	£19.52
Easifall	Safety Surfacing	£219.60
S Laverick	Salary (Sept)	£1115.75
D Maddox	Salary (Sept)	£374.79
Durham County Council	Pension (Sept)	£357.56
HMRC	Tax & NI	£864.18
Durham Rural CC	Training	£10.00
Lanchester Lions	Donation	£400.00

260/12 Chairperson's Announcements

The Chair discussed the CDALC AGM. It was agreed that Colin Burton and Margaret Gray attend.

261/12 Questions from Members – Information only

Members discussed a response to Durham County Council on the County Durham Plan Preferred Options document. It was agreed that a special meeting be called for Monday 29 October to discuss the County Plan and the proposed housing site at Cadger Bank.

262/12 Date of next meeting

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

Meeting ended at 9.00pm