

Lanchester Parish Council

February 2010

Newsletter

Welcome to Lanchester Parish Council's newsletter. This newsletter is produced quarterly to provide the community with information on the services and activities that the Council provides.

Lanchester Lights Up

On Saturday 28 November at 6pm the village Christmas Lights were switched on.

A large crowd gathered on the Village Green for the annual event and were not disappointed when following a countdown from ten to one, the Village Green was transformed into a Christmas wonderland. The trees looked magical and the Christmas tree stood proud with its colourful lights.

Councillor Ossie Johnson, Chair of Lanchester Parish Council switched on the lights accompanied by Callum Suddes and Ellie Jenkins from Lanchester EP School and David Satchwell and Katie Turnbull from Lanchester All Saints School.



Callum Suddes, Ellie Jenkins,
Councillor Ossie Johnson (Chair of Lanchester Parish
Council), David Satchwell and Katie Turnbull

Lanchester Brass Band attended and enhanced the event, playing a selection of Christmas Carols which were enjoyed by all.

Following the switch on there was a supper at the Chapter House which was attended by a wide selection of community groups and organisations. The evening also provided an opportunity for the Parish Council to celebrate the success of achieving Quality Status.

The food provided by the church ladies was superb and the festive occasion was enjoyed by all.

Partnership Working

The Council works in partnership with a number of organisations. As a provider of services to the community it is necessary to work effectively with partners to enable best value to be achieved. Partners include: Durham County Council, the Police, schools and local organisations to name a few.



Setting the Precept

Lanchester Parish Council has set its precept for 2010 / 11.

The precept has been set at £48,185.00 which is an increase of only 2.8 % on this year.

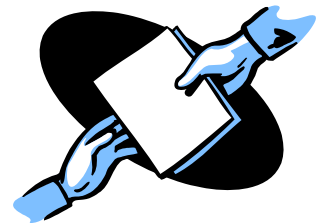


The money will allow the Parish Council to continue the services it provides and to develop additional programmes of work to improve life in the community.

Publication Scheme

Lanchester Parish Council has a publication scheme. The purpose of the scheme is to make the maximum amount of information readily available to the public at minimum inconvenience and cost to the public. The scheme promotes the release of information and intends to demonstrate openness and transparency in its work.

There is a guide to information which lists the information held by the Parish Council and the methods by which this can be accessed by the public. A copy of this guide can be obtained from the Clerk on 01207 521957.



Public Participation

Lanchester Parish Council meets regularly at Park House, Station Road. Notice of all meetings can be found in the Library and the Parish Council notice board at Park House. Meetings are open to the press and public and attendance and participation is welcome.

Need to speak to your Councillor?

Lanchester Parish Council has introduced open sessions to allow time for residents to speak to their councillors about issues that concern or affect them. The next session will be at Park House on:

Tuesday 9 March
6.30 pm – 7.00 pm.



Lanchester Parish Councillors

Neil Fleming	11 Broadoak Drive,	520987	
Ossie Johnson	Stella House, Durham Road,	521937	CHAIR
Colin Burton	15 Deanery View,	520840	
Elizabeth Cook	46 Manor Grange,	529334	
Bob Glass	2 The Paddock	295765	
Patricia Glass	2 The Paddock	295765	
Bill Gray	27 Foxhills Crescent,	520656	
Margaret Gray	27 Foxhills Crescent,	520656	VICE CHAIR
Keith Harrison	Colepike Home Farm,	529522	
Paul Jackson	Stonebeck, Front Street,	521208	
Kevin Leary	60 Deanery View,	521627	
Alasdair Nairn	1 St Bedes Court,	529384	
Stuart Walker	2 St Bedes Court,	520790	
Mike Wardle	8 Ornsby Hill,	521622	
David Lindsay	13 Foxhills Crescent,	520102	

Staff

Lead Officer / Clerk	Mrs Sally Laverick	521957 / 529415
Handyperson	Mr David Maddox	



Have Your Say

The Parish Council welcomes views from residents and people working here on any aspects of life in the village. Please contact your Councillor or the Clerk at Park House on 01207 521957