

# Lanchester Parish Council

# Newsletter

June 2013

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.

## Election Results

The following Parish Councillors were duly elected following an uncontested election in May.

**Ossie Johnson**  
**Colin Burton**  
**Ann Cook**  
**Bob Glass**  
**Bill Gray**  
**Margaret Gray**  
**Keith Harrison**  
**Paul Jackson**

**Kevin Leary**  
**Alasdair Nairn**  
**Julie Richardson**  
**Peter Richardson**  
**Philip Richardson**  
**Stuart Walker**  
**Mike Wardle**



This newly appointed Parish Council will serve for four years until the next election in 2017.

## Funding Secured for Fenhall Drift Lodge Banner

Lanchester Miners' Banner Group are delighted to announce that the monies have now been secured to enable the project to go ahead.

The project will include works to the original banner, the production of a replica banner and involve banner and traditional dance workshops in the schools and wider community all culminating in a celebration event in the village. Information packs will be produced and distributed through the schools and wider community.

Funding of **£23,500** has been secured from the County Councillors Neighbourhood Budget with the addition of some personal donations. Thanks go to our County Councillors Ossie Johnson and Richard Young for their kind support.

The group are now working hard to deliver the various aspects of the project and it is hoped that over the coming year many members of the community will become involved in the project.

If any members of the community are interested in becoming part of the working group please contact Sally on 01207 521957.



## A Bright Future

The Parish Council took the decision last year to replace the Christmas lights on one tree on the Village Green with new LED energy efficient lights as a trial.

The current lights in the trees have lasted 13 years and over the last few years a considerable amount of work has had to be undertaken to ensure that they continued to provide an adequate display.

Following the success of the trial tree last year, the Parish Council are keen to replace the lights in the remaining six trees.

The Parish Council are pleased to announce that thanks to a grant of **£18,000** from the County Councillors Neighbourhood Budget that this work will now take place this year.

We look forward to the work taking place and to a bright Christmas Light display in December.

**Fabulous News!!**



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### ‘Well If You Had Bothered To Ask me’

Last year the Area Action Partnership (AAP) co-ordinated a residents survey to identify community concerns. Following on from this the AAP would like to hold a meeting in each village to discuss the outcomes of the survey and discuss possible ways forward. This meeting will take place on Tuesday 23 July at Park House between 3.30pm - 6.30pm. Please come along and have your say.



### Tree Planting - Village Green

Many thanks to Lanchester Partnership who spent a productive morning in February planting some small trees donated from The Woodland Trust. Included in the tree pack was a 'Jubilee Oak', an oak tree grown from an acorn taken from one of the Royal Estates. It is hoped that these trees will grow on to eventually take the place of some of the older trees.



### Publication Scheme

Lanchester Parish Council has a publication scheme, the purpose of which 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.



### Audited Accounts

Lanchester Parish Council is currently undergoing its external audit. As part of this process it is a requirement that the Annual Accounts are made available to the public. The period specified for this purpose is 13 May - 10 June. If you wish to examine the records please contact the Clerk on 01207 521957.

### Schedule of Council meetings 2013 / 14 All meetings commence at 7.15pm

Tues 11 June	Ordinary
Tues 9 July	Ordinary
Wed 31 July	Finance & Development
Tues 10 September	Ordinary
Wed 25 September	Finance & Development
Tues 8 October	Ordinary
Tues 12 November	Ordinary
Wed 27 November	Finance & Development
Tues 10 December	Ordinary
Tues 14 January	Ordinary
Wed 29 January	Finance & Development
Tues 11 February	Ordinary
Tues 11 March	Ordinary
Wed 26 March	Finance & Development
Tues 8 April	Annual Parish Meeting followed by Ordinary meeting
Tues 13 May	Annual Council Meeting followed by Ordinary meeting

Notice of all meetings can be found in the Library and the Parish Council notice board on the Village Green. Planning and Recreation meetings are scheduled as required. Meetings are open to the press and public and attendance and participation is welcome.

### Lanchester Parish Councillors

Ossie Johnson	Stella House, Durham Road,	521937	<b>CHAIR</b>
Colin Burton	15 Deanery View,	520840	<b>VICE CHAIR</b>
Elizabeth Cook	46 Manor Grange,	529334	
Bob Glass	2 The Paddock	295765	
Bill Gray	27 Foxhills Crescent,	520656	
Margaret Gray	27 Foxhills Crescent,	520656	
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	
Julie Richardson	Linden Lodge, Cadger Bank	521741	
Peter Richardson	Linden Lodge, Cadger Bank	521741	
Philip Richardson	Linden Lodge, Cadger Bank	521741	



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### 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:

**Tues 9 July  
6.30 pm - 7.00pm**

<b>Staff</b>	Lead Officer / Clerk	Sally Laverick	521957 / 529415
	Handyperson	David Maddox	