

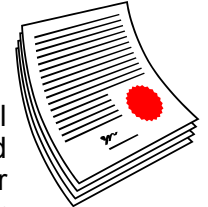
# Lanchester Parish Council

May 2016

# 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 Neighbourhood Plan



Work continues on the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan.

In February a second topic based questionnaire was distributed in the community to all dwellings and businesses. The questionnaire asked for feedback on a draft vision and objectives under 7 key topic areas and some focussed questions were asked under each topic area. Respondents were able to complete the questionnaire on paper or electronically and 307 completed questionnaires were received. A basic analysis of the questionnaires has been completed which provides general statistics. Further analysis of the information including analysis of the text answers is required. Feedback on the results of the questionnaire will be provided to the community in due course. Many thanks to all those members of the community who took the time to complete the questionnaire.

The next step is to bring together all the information we have gathered to prepare a topic paper for each objective / area. It is intended to engage a consultant to assist with this process and a grant application to secure monies to pay for a consultant is currently progressing.

An appraisal of the Conservation Area has been completed by Durham County Council assisted by volunteers from the community. A public consultation exercise for the draft appraisal was completed in February and the Conservation Area Character Appraisal should be approved by the County Council in the near future.

Work is also progressing on preparing a Heritage Audit for the Parish. The North of England Civic Trust have assisted volunteers in producing the audit. A community mapping exercise in January identified over 200 heritage assets and volunteers have received training which has enabled them to survey and record all the assets.

Both the Conservation Area Character Appraisal and the Heritage Audit will provide valuable information for the Neighbourhood Plan.

## Lanchester Flood Alleviation Scheme

Officers from Durham County Council and the Environment Agency attended a recent Parish Council meeting to provide information on the Lanchester Flood Alleviation Scheme. Please see below a statement from Durham County Council.

***'Durham County Council, in partnership with the Environment Agency, are working closely to develop a flood alleviation scheme to address the risk of flooding from the Alderdene Burn, Smallhope Burn and surrounding land which affects the centre of Lanchester. Work already undertaken suggests that hydraulic modelling needs to be developed to accurately predict the combined impact of the two watercourses. We are meeting relevant parties at the end of this month to progress this.***

***Durham County Council is developing a local drainage scheme for the Front Street area of Lanchester to further benefit the existing highway drainage. This system will provide greater resilience to obstructions by debris from the adjacent agricultural land during storm events. We will continue to work closely, with input from Northumbrian Water, to develop the most efficient and cost effective scheme for the residents of Lanchester.'***

### 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 520146.

### 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 15 June - 26 July. If you wish to examine the records please contact the Clerk on 01207 520146.



### Schedule of Council meetings 2016 / 17 All meetings commence at 7.15pm

Tues 14 June 2016	Ordinary
Tues 12 July	Ordinary
Wed 27 July	Finance & Development
Tues 13 September	Ordinary
Wed 28 September	Finance & Development
Tues 11 October	Ordinary
Tues 8 November	Ordinary
Wed 30 November	Finance & Development
Tues 13 December	Ordinary
Tues 10 January 2017	Ordinary
Wed 25 January	Finance & Development
Tues 14 February	Ordinary
Tues 14 March	Ordinary
Wed 29 March	Finance & Development
Tues 11 April	Ordinary
Tues 9 May	Annual Village Conference and 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 Community Emergency Plan

The Lanchester Community Emergency Plan was adopted in February 2016 and was the first community emergency plan to be adopted in the County. Members of the community have been working on producing a Community Emergency Plan for some time supported by the Civil Contingencies Unit and Durham County Council.

The plan includes actions to inform key groups and organisations in the parish in the event of an emergency. Other actions may include the use of equipment from the emergency sheds and opening of a number of safe rest centres.

If you would like further information on the Community Emergency Plan please contact Sally Laverick on 01207 520146

### Lanchester Parish Councillors

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Margaret Gray	27 Foxhills Crescent,	520656	
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Kevin Leary	60 Deanery View,	521627	
Alasdair Nairn	1 St Bedes Court,	529384	
Stuart Walker	2 St Bedes Court,	520790	
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Peter Richardson	Linden Lodge, Cadger Bank	521741	
Philip Richardson	Linden Lodge, Cadger Bank	521741	

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Handyperson David Maddox



### 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 Lynwood House on:

**Tues 12 July  
6.30 pm - 7.00pm**