

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance, Development and General Purposes Committee held at Lynwood House on Wednesday 27 July 2016 at 7.15 pm

Present Mr K Harrison (Chair)
Mr M Wardle, Mr B Glass, Mr S Walker, Mr K Leary, Mr A Nairn

Charlotte Wilkinson – Durham County Council

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Mr O Johnson - away

Mrs M Gray - away

Mr B Gray - away

Mr P Jackson - away

Mrs A Cook - ill

The above apologies were received and accepted

179/16 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

180/16 Public Participation

There was no public present

181/16 Budget Position

The Lead Officer presented the finance report.

Recommended - that the report be received

182/16 Lanchester Valley Walk – Cyclist Calming Proposal

Charlotte Wilkinson, Senior Parks & Countryside Ranger from Durham County Council attended the meeting to present details on a proposed cyclist calming scheme on the Lanchester Valley Walk.

Charlotte informed members of the identified problem of the speed of cyclists through Lanchester on the Lanchester Valley Walk. Previously sited notices to address the issue have been vandalised or removed. Charlotte informed members of the proposed scheme which would make a gateway feature on both entrances to the village. The gateway feature would include signage, features on the ground and wording on the ground.

This would be the first such scheme in the County and if successful would be rolled out to other problem areas.

Recommended that:

- (i) Lanchester Parish Council supports the scheme
- (ii) A letter of support is forwarded to the County Council

The Chair thanked Charlotte for attending the meeting.

183/16 Lanchester Neighbourhood Plan

Mike Wardle provided Members with an update. The main development since the last council meeting had been the delivery of a full day workshop on 20 July prepared by a consultant. The workshop introduced 'topic based papers' and how they are produced to develop options to achieve the plan objectives.

Recommended - that the information be received

184/16 Durham County Council Budget Presentation

Members were informed of an invite to a budget presentation by Durham County Council at the next Area Action Partnership meeting on Wednesday 14 September

Recommended that:

- (i) the Clerk and Keith Harrison attend
- (ii) an e-mail is sent to all councillors asking if they would like to attend

185/16 Highways Issues

The Clerk reported on the response received to a number of reported highways issues.

- (i) Path at the top of Alderdene – the County Council confirmed that the currently unadopted path has been resurfaced to bring it up to standard so that it can be adopted and maintained
- (ii) Footpath – Hollinside – the County Council confirmed that the footpath would be sprayed and vegetation cut back following which the footpath would be resurfaced
- (iii) Cemetery entrance – Kitswell Road - the County Council confirmed that the entrance to the cemetery has been inspected, tidied and added to their regular maintenance programme. Arrangements have also been made to repair the coping stone on the wall.

Recommended - that the information be received

186/16 Footpath Repairs

Members were informed that the Parish Church had reported two areas of footpath near the Church that were in need of repair

Recommended that:

- (i) A price is sought for the work
- (ii) The work is undertaken

187/16 Cycle Stands

Members considered information received from a resident requesting that the Parish Council install cycle stands along Front Street.

Members discussed the information and confirmed that there are already cycle stand facilities on Front Street. In addition the footpath is owned and maintained by the County Council.

Recommended - that a response is sent to the resident

188/16 Newsletter – August 2016

Members considered the quarterly newsletter

Recommended - that the newsletter be approved for distribution

189/16 Date of next meeting

Recommended - that the next Finance, Development & General Purposes Committee meeting be held on Wednesday 28 September at 7.15pm at Lynwood House

Business concluded at 7.50pm