

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Lynwood House on Wednesday
14 December 2016 at 7.15pm

Present Mr K Harrison (Chair)

Mr C Burton, Mr P Jackson, Mr S Walker, Mr K Leary,
Mr M Wardle, Mr A Nairn,

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Mr O Johnson - ill
Mrs M Gray - ill
Mr B Gray - ill
Mrs A Cook - ill
Mr B Glass - away
County Councillor Richie Young

The above apologies were received and accepted

281/16 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

282/16 **Public Participation**

The policy was distributed for the benefit of the public present.

283/16 **Minutes of the last meeting**

Resolved that:

- (i) the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8 November 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

284/16 **Committees**

Resolved that:

- (i) the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 8 November 2016 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 30 November 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted
- (iii) the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 30 November 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

285/16 Police Report

The Police report provided by PCSO Lisa Jackson was read out. Rural crime has been the biggest problem including poaching and theft. A Farmwatch Operation was held in November. There are issues of parking on Station Road along with two incidents of thefts in the village.

Resolved - that the report be received

286/16 Correspondence

- (i) **The Pensions Regulator**
Members considered information received from the Pensions Regulator
Resolved - that the information be received
- (ii) **Buckingham Palace Garden Party – 2017**
Members considered nominations to the above event
Resolved - that Councillor Paul Jackson be included in the county draw
- (iii) **County Durham and Cleveland County Training Partnership**
Members considered attendance at 'Purdah' and 'Elections' training sessions
Resolved that:
 - (i) The Clerk attends the 'Election' training
 - (ii) Any councillors who wish to attend the 'Purdah' training inform the Clerk
- (iv) **Local Government Pension Scheme – Employer Contributions Rates**
Members were informed that the employer pension contribution rates would increase from 18.7% to 19.1% with effect from 1 April 2017. This rate will apply for a three year period.
Resolved - that the information be received
- (v) **Durham County Council – Winter Maintenance Service**
Resolved - that the information be received
- (vi) **War Memorial Trust – November Bulletin**
Resolved - that the newsletter be received

- (vii) **The Clerk Magazine – November**
Resolved - that the newsletter be received

287/16 Area Action Partnership (AAP) / Parish Councils Committee (PCC)
(min 251/16)

Dates and times for the next PCC and AAP meetings were provided.

288/16 Neighbourhood Plan (min 269/16)

Mike Wardle provided members with an update.

Work continues on developing a Neighbourhood Plan. Small groups are working to produce topic papers and policies for each topic area. The Heritage Audit has been completed and an event to launch the document will take place early in 2017. The County Plan Preferred Options Paper has been delayed until the Government white paper on housing is published in January.

Resolved - that the information be received

289/16 Flooding - Lanchester

Members discussed the recent flooding event on Monday 21 November.

Despite the recent work on the drains, the flood waters had breached some of the shops. The fallen leaves washed down onto Front Street had compounded the problem.

Members of the community had worked together to address the problem. The Community Emergency Plan had been activated and sand bags and aqua sacs had been distributed to vulnerable areas.

It was noted that since the flood event the County Council have been undertaking work on the drains and gullies on Newbiggen Lane.

Resolved - that the County Council are asked to clear all the gullies in Lanchester

Members expressed concern of the effectiveness of recent drainage works on Front Street

Resolved - that officers from the County Council are asked to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council to discuss the recent works and plans for wider flood alleviation works

290/16 Mid Durham Summer Environment and Physical Activity Play Schemes

Members received information on the children's summer activities. The Parish Council had agreed to be involved in the two year scheme at a cost of £250.00 per year. A sports session and environment session were delivered each week for five weeks of the summer holidays. A total of 182 attendances were recorded in Lanchester.

Resolved - that the information be received

291/16 Poppy Project

Members were informed of a large community project being co-ordinated through Eric Hepplewhite to make and display 2515 clay poppies to commemorate the end of World War I. The poppies will be painted and will be displayed on the roof and grounds of the Methodist Church in the centre of the village between October – November 2018. It is hoped that members of the community will make the poppies and St Bedes School will also be involved in the project. This will be a major project which will include events and activities in the Churches and is likely to attract press coverage.

Resolved - that the Parish Council receive the information and express their support for the project

292/16 Parking Scheme – St Bedes Catholic School and Sixth Form College (min 232/16)

Members were informed of the outcome of a recent meeting involving County Council Planning Officers, representatives from St Bedes School and Parish Councillors to discuss the parking and traffic congestion at the school at the start and end of the school day.

In order to progress it was felt that a further meeting involving County Council Highways Officers and the Police was needed.

Councillor Walker expressed concern that an accident could occur as a result of the parking and traffic congestion.

Resolved - that a meeting is arranged involving County Council Planning Officers, County Council Highways Officers, representatives from St Bedes School, the Police and Parish Councillors

293/16 Financial Information

The Lead Officer presented report E

Resolved - that the report be received

294/16 Accounts for Payment

Resolved - that the following accounts be approved for payment:

S Laverick	Salary (November)	£1286.72
D Maddox	Salary (November)	£448.83
Durham County Council	Pension (November)	£395.37
Lanchester Brass Band	Christmas Event	£90.00
Lanchester Choral & Operatic	Christmas Event	£90.00
S Laverick	Expenses	£23.92
CCL Office Ltd	Stationery	£36.63
AD Purves Landscaping	Grass Cutting	£5593.20

295/16 Chairperson's Announcements

There were no announcements

296/16 Questions from Members – Information only

There were no questions from members

297/16 Date of next meeting

Resolved - that the next Ordinary meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday 10 January 2017 at 7.15pm at Lynwood House

Meeting ended at 7.55pm