

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee held at Lynwood House, Lanchester on Tuesday 10 January 2017 at 8.00pm

Present Mr M Wardle (Chair)

Mr K Harrison, Mr P Jackson, Mr S Walker, Mr K Leary,
Mr O Johnson, Mr B Gray, Mr Peter Richardson

Mr R Young (County Councillor - Observer)

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Mrs M Gray - other commitments
Mrs A Cook - ill

The above apologies were received and accepted

17/17 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Paul Jackson declared an interest in item 4 (ii)

18/17 Public Participation

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

19/17 Planning Applications

(i) Retention of an agricultural access, including hardstanding and replacement hedging on land to the rear of 2 Ridgeway, Lanchester DM/16/04002/FPA

Members discussed the application.

Several members of the community had passed on their concern at the application to Members.

It was noted that this location is part of the site of the recently dismissed planning appeal. The planning inspector referred to the significance of Newbiggen Lane Holloway, a non-designated heritage asset in her final report.

Members discussed the removal of part of the hedge and the new gateway and questioned whether this work had changed the nature and look of the sunken lane.

The applicant attended the meeting and made the following points:

- A gateway has been in this location for 12 years
- Works to a hedge can be undertaken by a landowner
- There is a need to maintain fencing and hedging
- There is an entrance further up the road, but this is often blocked by vehicles from the orchard / allotments
- Agricultural machinery is getting bigger, so a wider entrance is needed

Recommended - that a letter is sent to Durham County Council seeking confirmation that the nature, look and impact of Newbiggen Lane sunken lane and Holloway has not been affected by this work

**(ii) Shop fascia sign at 13 Front Street, Lanchester
DM/16/04031/AD**

Members considered the application.

Recommended - that no objection is made to the application

20/17 Public Consultation – Housing Development – East of Ford Road

Members were informed of a community consultation event for a proposed housing development on land east of Ford Road, Lanchester, which is to take place on Thursday 12 January between 3.00pm – 7.00pm at Lanchester Community Centre. Councillors have been invited to attend the event

Recommended - that the information be received

21/17 Decisions of the Planning Authority

There were no decisions to report.

Business concluded at 8.30pm