

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held at Lynwood House, Lanchester on Tuesday 16 May 2017 at 7.15 pm

Present Cllr. O Johnson (Chair)

Cllr. A Cook, Cllr. P Jackson, Cllr. J Considine,
Cllr. K Harrison, Cllr. B Gray, Cllr. S Walker, Cllr. D Friesner,
Cllr. K Leary, Cllr. A Gray, Cllr. D Smith, Cllr. M Walker

99/17 Election of Chair

Resolved - that Councillor Ossie Johnson be elected as
Chairperson for the ensuing year.

100/17 Acceptance of Office

The elected Chair signed the Declaration of Acceptance of
Office.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Council
following the local elections and introductions were made.

101/17 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Cllr. M Gray	- other commitments
Cllr. I Tute	- family commitments
Cllr. T Jones	- work commitments

The above apologies were received and accepted

102/17 Election of Vice Chair

Resolved - that Councillor Keith Harrison be elected as Vice
Chairperson for the ensuing year.

103/17 Appointment of Delegates / Representatives

Resolved - that the following members be elected to serve on
the committees as follows:

Planning Committee

Ann Cook, David Smith, Trevor Jones, David Friesner, Keith Harrison, Paul Jackson, Stuart Walker, Alison Gray, Bill Gray, Kevin Leary, Ian Tute, Jude Considine,

Recreation Facilities Committee

Ossie Johnson, Ann Cook, David Friesner, Jude Considine, Keith Harrison, Paul Jackson, Stuart Walker, Margaret Gray, Bill Gray

Finance, Development and General Purposes Committee

Ossie Johnson, Keith Harrison, Stuart Walker, Margaret Gray, Paul Jackson, David Smith, Trevor Jones, Martin Walker, David Friesner, Ian Tute,

Complaints Committee

Six Councillors to be selected as required

Members discussed the attendance at meetings and quorate arrangements for committees

Resolved that:

- (i) all Parish Council members can attend committee meetings
- (ii) all Members attending have a voting right
- (iii) a committee meeting is quorate with a Chair and three other members

Resolved - that the following members be elected to represent the Council as follows:

Lanchester Community Association

Ossie Johnson,

Members to contact the Clerk if they wish to also represent the Parish Council

Parish Council Committee

Clerk

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County Durham Association of Local Councils Smaller Local Councils Forum

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Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

Ossie Johnson, Keith Harrison, Paul Jackson, David Friesner, Ann Cook, Stuart Walker, Martin Walker, David Smith

Members discussed the continuation of Mike Wardle as Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

Resolved - that this is placed on a future agenda and advice is sought on the appointment of Chair

War Memorial Working Group

Ossie Johnson, Kevin Leary

104/17 General Power of Competence

The Government as part of the Localism Act 2011 introduced a new 'General Power of Competence' for local councils. The Power gives eligible local councils 'the power to do anything that individuals generally may do' providing it is within the law. In order to adopt the Power, Councils need to demonstrate that they fulfil the criterion which includes:

- (i) having a qualified Clerk
- (ii) the number of Councillors elected at the last election or at a subsequent by-election must equal or exceed $\frac{2}{3}$ of the total number of seats on the council

Members considered adopting the General Power of Competence.

Resolved - that Lanchester Parish Council meets the criteria for the General Power of Competence and adopts the Power

105/17 Banking Arrangements

Resolved - that Barclays Bank continue to provide the banking service for Lanchester Parish Council.

Members considered the signatory requirements

Resolved - that Councillor Keith Harrison is included as a cheque signatory

The business was concluded at 7.55pm