

# Lanchester Parish Council

## Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Lynwood House on Tuesday 12 December 2017 at 7.15pm

**Present** Cllr. O Johnson (Chair)

Cllr. K Harrison, Cllr. S Walker, Cllr. D Friesner,  
Cllr. I Tute, Cllr. M Walker, Cllr. P Jackson  
Cllr. D Smith, Cllr. J Considine

Mike Wardle - Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

**Apologies** Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Cllr. M Gray - other commitments  
Cllr. B Gray - other commitments  
Cllr. A Gray - family commitments  
Cllr. T Jones - hospital appointment  
Cllr. K Leary - ill

The above apologies were received and accepted

### **269/17 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

### **270/17 Public Participation**

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

### **271/17 Minutes of the last meeting**

With reference to 263/17 it was agreed to add the first initial to the Councillors name

#### **Resolved that:**

- (i)** the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 29 November 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

**272/17 Correspondence**

- (i) Buckingham Palace Royal Garden Party**  
Members considered nominations to the above event  
**Resolved** - that Councillor Paul Jackson be included in the county draw
- (ii) Local Government Finance Act**  
Members were informed of certain restrictions in setting the precept  
**Resolved** - that the information be received
- (iii) Christmas & New Year Waste Collections**  
Members received information on Christmas waste collection services  
**Resolved** - that the information be received
- (iv) Bird Flu – poster**  
**Resolved** - that the poster is displayed on the notice board

**273/17 Area Action Partnership (AAP) / Parish Councils Committee (PCC)  
(min 254/17)**

Members considered the evaluation received from the AAP on the children's summer activities and were pleased with the attendances at the Lanchester sessions. Members considered future financial support of the programme.

**Resolved** - that the Parish Council agree to further financial support of the summer activities subject to receiving further detail

Councillor Friesner provided feedback on a workshop attended on Friday 1 December at Hamsteels Community Centre regarding Dementia Friendly Communities. Further information is awaited on the project.

**Resolved** - that the information be received

**274/17 Neighbourhood Plan (min 255/17)**

Mike Wardle provide members with an update.  
Draft policies have been received from the groups which will be considered at a meeting on Thursday 14 December.  
It is hoped that a draft document will be available in February

**Resolved** - that the information be received

**275/17 Christmas Light Switch-On**

Councillors discussed the recent event. It was agreed that the event had been a great success with large numbers attending.

Members were informed that a number of volunteers had worked on the event. The Police had been in attendance and correspondence received

after the event confirmed that they were happy with arrangements. The extended fencing and relocation of the gazebo to the middle of the Village Green had worked well.

This year had seen the introduction of a sound system for the speech which had improved the sound. It is hoped that further improvements will be made for next year.

A photographer had attended the event and provided a number of professional photos.

A letter of thanks was read out which had been received from one of the children who had turned on the lights.

**Resolved** - that the information be received

**276/17      Parking Signs**

Members considered correspondence received from the County Council regarding a complaint received from a resident about a recently installed parking sign.

**Resolved** - that this matter is referred to the next meeting to allow Councillors the opportunity to view the sign

**277/17      Fencing at Hurbeck Cottages**

Members were informed of a price received to install fencing at Hurbeck Cottages.

**Resolved** - that the price of £612.00 be accepted

**278/17      Street Furniture – Front Street**

Members discussed the street furniture on Front Street and in particular the recently installed bollards in several locations. It was agreed that advice should be sought from the County Council regarding street furniture on Front Street

**Resolved** - that advice is sought from the County Council on this matter

**279/17      Financial Information**

The Lead Officer presented report B

**Resolved** - that the report be received

## 280/17 Accounts for Payment

**Resolved** - that the following accounts be approved for payment:

S Laverick	Salary (Nov)	£1305.97
D Maddox	Salary (Nov)	£382.14
Durham County Council	Pension (Nov)	£405.84
Planning Advice Plus	Neighbourhood Plan	£1925.40
County Durham Assoc L C	Training	£54.00
S Laverick	Expenses	£266.85
Lanchester Brass Band	Donation – Xmas event	£90.00
Lanchester Choral Society	Donation – Xmas event	£90.00
A D Purves Landscaping	Grass Cutting	£5523.65
A D Purves Landscaping	Path Repairs	£1368.00

## 281/17 Chairperson's Announcements

The Chair commented on the wooden animal carvings on the village green path which are showing signs of wear

**Resolved** - that this is placed on a future agenda for discussion

## 282/17 Questions from Members – Information only

Councillor Tute raised the following matters:

- (i) Land at Oakwood – a piece of land at Oakwood has been fenced and trees removed. Members were informed that the County Council were aware of this matter and had met with the owner
- (ii) Signs on land at Valley Walk – a sign has been erected on a fence accessing land of community use  
**Resolved** - that the County Council is informed of this matter
- (iii) Damaged car – a damaged car has been located in the car park at Lynwood House for a number of weeks.  
**Resolved** - that Karbon Homes are informed of this matter

## 283/17 Date of next meeting

**Resolved** - that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will take place on Tuesday 9 January at 7.15pm at Lynwood House

Meeting ended at 8.00pm