

Lanchester Parish Council

August 2017

Newsletter

Welcome to Lanchester Parish Council's newsletter. This newsletter is produced quarterly to provide the community with information on the services and activities that the Council provides.

Lanchester Parish Council

Local elections took place in May 2017. The following Parish Councillors were duly elected following a contested election.

- * Jude Considine
- * Ann Cook
- * David Friesner
- * Alison Gray
- * Bill Gray
- * Margaret Gray
- * Keith Harrison
- * Paul Jackson
- * Ossie Johnson
- * Trevor Jones
- * Kevin Leary
- * David Smith
- * Ian Tute
- * Martin Walker
- * Stuart Walker



This newly appointed Parish Council will serve for four years until the next election in 2021.

Annual Report 2016/17

Lanchester Parish Council's Annual Report for 2016 / 17 was published in July and distributed in Lanchester Parish. If you didn't receive a copy or would like further copies, please contact the Clerk on the number below or pick up a copy at the Library or Community Centre.



The report outlines the services that the Parish Council provides and the main achievements of the year. The report also provides an overview of expenditure and income for the year. A summary of the financial picture is shown as follows:

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| Balance at 1 April 2016 | £99,612.89 |
| Total Income | £66,779.63 |
| Total Expenditure | £68,135.61 |
| Balance at 31 March 2017 | £98,256.91 |

Publication Scheme

Lanchester Parish Council has a publication scheme, the purpose of which is to make the maximum amount of information readily available to the public at minimum inconvenience and cost to the public. The scheme promotes the release of information and intends to demonstrate openness and transparency in its work.

There is a guide to information which lists the information held by the Parish Council and the methods by which this can be accessed by the public. A copy of this guide can be obtained from the Clerk on 01207 520146.

Lanchester Neighbourhood Plan

Following on from the community consultations in 2015 and 2016 it was necessary to draw together all the evidence, facts and public opinion to begin the process of considering policy options for the Neighbourhood Plan.

The following documents have been prepared:

- Housing - Topic and Review Paper
- Historic Environment - Topic and Review Paper
- Green Spaces & Rural Environment - Topic and Review Paper
- Transport & Travel and Business & Employment - Topic Paper and policy option

The working group are now at the stage of drafting policies. The Housing policy is being prepared by a consultant. Significant progress has been made on the Neighbourhood Plan and it is expected that a draft plan will be available within 12 months.

Schedule of Council meetings 2017 / 18

All meetings commence at 7.15pm

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| Tues 12 September | Ordinary |
| Wed 27 September | Finance & Development |
| Tues 10 October | Ordinary |
| Tues 14 November | Ordinary |
| Wed 29 November | Finance & Development |
| Tues 12 December | Ordinary |
| Tues 9 January 2018 | Ordinary |
| Wed 31 January | Finance & Development |
| Tues 13 February | Ordinary |
| Tues 13 March | Ordinary |
| Wed 28 March | Finance & Development |
| Tues 10 April | Annual Village Conference followed by Ordinary meeting |
| Tues 8 May | Annual Council Meeting followed by Ordinary meeting |

Notice of all meetings can be found in the Library and the Parish Council notice board on the Village Green. Planning and Recreation meetings are scheduled as required. Meetings are open to the press and public and attendance and participation is welcome.

Hanging Baskets

The hanging baskets are once again providing a colourful display throughout the village during the summer months.



Village Green War Memorial

Work continues on the Village Green War Memorial project. The Parish Council are leading a project to have the names of fallen soldiers added to the Village Green War Memorial. Prices and designs for the work to the war memorial have been sought. A grant of £9,500.00 has been secured from the County Council Neighbourhood Budget. The Parish Council have also committed funds to enable the project to progress. Work continues on checking the list of names for inclusion to ensure that it is complete and accurate. Further consultation with the community will take place later in the year.

Lanchester Parish Councillors

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| Jude Considine | | 659720 |
| Ann Cook | 46 Manor Grange, | 529334 |
| David Friesner | 56 Briardene, | 529982 |
| Alison Gray | 14 Lee Hill Court, | 520292 |
| Bill Gray | 27 Foxhills Crescent, | 520656 |
| Margaret Gray | 27 Foxhills Crescent, | 520656 |
| Keith Harrison | Colepike Home Farm, | 529522 |
| Paul Jackson | Stonebeck, Front Street, | 521208 |
| Ossie Johnson | Stella House, Durham Road, | 521937 |
| Trevor Jones | Willow Green, Ford Road, | |
| Kevin Leary | 60 Deanery View, | 521627 |
| David Smith | 53 Humberhill Drive, | 529880 |
| Ian Tute | | 529286 |
| Martin Walker | 28 Broadoak Drive, | 529594 |
| Stuart Walker | 2 St Bedes Court, | 520790 |

Staff Lead officer / Clerk Sally Laverick 520146 / 529415
Handyperson David Maddox



VICE CHAIR

CHAIR



Need to speak to your Councillor?

Lanchester Parish Council has introduced open sessions to allow time for residents to speak to their councillors about issues that concern or affect them. The next sessions will be at Lynwood House on:

Tues 12 September
6.30pm - 7.00pm

Tues 14 November
6.30pm - 7.00pm