

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Lynwood House on Tuesday 12 June 2018 at 7.15pm

Present Cllr. K Harrison (Chair)

Cllr. O Johnson, Cllr. J Considine, Cllr. D Friesner,
Cllr. M Walker, Cllr. D Smith, Cllr. P Jackson, Cllr. B Gray,
Cllr. K Leary, Cllr. I Tute, Cllr. M Gray, Cllr. T Jones

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Cllr. A Gray - family commitments
Cllr. S Walker - away
Cllr. A Cook - ill

The above apologies were received and accepted

159/18 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

160/18 Public Participation

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

161/18 Minutes of the last meetings

Resolved that:

- (i) the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 8 May 2018 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 Ordinary Meeting held on 8 May 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

162/18 Committees

Resolved that:

- (i) the minutes of the Finance, Development & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 30 May 2018 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 Recreation Committee Meeting held on 30 May 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

163/18 Police Report

The Police report provided by PCSO Lisa Cullen-Jackson was read out which included the following incidents:

- Parking on Newbiggen Lane. Members of the public are struggling to safely use the footpath. This area is now receiving daily attention from Police. A short period of education will take place prior to enforcement action beginning.
- Investigations into the criminal damage in Doras Wood is ongoing. Two local teenage suspects are to be interviewed in relation to this crime.
- Door step sellers are continuing to operate in the village. Residents are being encouraged to report any incidents.
- Quad bikes riding in fields on Peth Lane have been reported.
- Speed checks have taken place this month. Community Speedwatch and/or laser gun have been deployed on 22 separate occasions at Cadger Bank, Ford Road, Durham Road and Howden Bank. At Cadger Bank 584 vehicles were recorded with 49 vehicles travelling over 30mph. This does not trigger the 15% speeding threshold to escalate to speed enforcement, however volunteers will continue to target the area. There were concerns from the public that HGVs were speeding. However during deployments numerous HGVs were checked and none were found to be speeding over 30mph with most travelling between 24 – 28mph

Resolved - that the information be received

Members discussed the speed visor on Cadger Bank.

Resolved - that the County Council are asked to consider placing a warning 30mph sign at the top of Cadger Bank or suggest other alternative measures

164/18 Correspondence

- (i) **County Durham Association of Local Councils – annual membership fee**

Resolved - that the annual membership be renewed at a cost of £567.00

- (ii) **Society of Local Council Clerks – Regional Training Event**
Resolved that:
 - (i) The Clerk attends the training event
 - (ii) Councillors contact the Clerk if they wish to also attend
- (iii) **Campaign to Protect Rural England – Spring Newsletter**
Resolved - that the newsletter be received
- (iv) **Clerk & Councils Direct – May Newsletter**
Resolved - that the newsletter be received
- (v) **The Clerk Magazine – May edition**
Resolved - that the magazine be received

**165/18 Area Action Partnership (AAP) / Parish Councils Committee (PCC)
(min 123/18)**

Members considered the minutes of the recent PCC meeting
Resolved - that the minutes be received

At the meeting of the Parish Councils Committee the Mid Durham Environment Pot project for 2018/19 was progressed. The project aims to address path encroachment/edging across the Mid Durham area. The Parish Councils have identified problem paths in their Parishes for inclusion in the project. This project will be progressed by the PCC over the coming months.

The following update on AAP activities was provided:

- Youth provision - funds available
- Community safety carousel event will take place in September
- Older Persons Group – funds available
- Lanchester Loneliness Project - progressing
- Small Grants Fund - £17,000 remaining for groups to access
- Dementia Friendly Communities – an officer has been appointed to progress this project which will include work in Lanchester

Resolved - that the information be received

Members were informed that a new lunch group will commence shortly at the All Saints Parish Centre.

Members were provided with an update on the Loneliness project. A comprehensive guide with maps is being produced which will be distributed widely in the community.

166/18 Neighbourhood Plan (min 124/18)

Members were provided with an update.

A meeting of the working group took place on 6 June. The County Plan Preferred Options Paper has been published for consultation. The group will consider the content of the County Plan document in relation to the content of the Lanchester Neighbourhood Plan. Work continues on policy development and mapping requirements.

The Planning Committee will respond formally to the County Plan Preferred Options Paper

Resolved - that the information be received

167/18 Plaque – Lady Diana Tree (min 82/18)

Members considered prices received for a replacement plaque for the tree next to the path by the Smallhope Burn.

Resolved that:

- (i) Prices are sought for a smaller plaque
- (ii) The plaque be in stainless steel
- (iii) The correct title for Diana is ascertained
- (iv) The Clerk and Chair to progress the purchase
- (v) Expenditure of up to £200 be agreed

Councillor O Johnson joined the meeting at 8.00pm

168/18 Community Defibrillator

Members were provided with information on community defibrillators including costs, location, training and benefits.

There is currently no community access defibrillator in Lanchester.

Members were supportive of progressing this project.

Resolved that:

- (i) The project be progressed
- (ii) The Area Action Partnership and Durham County Council are asked for assistance and advice
- (iii) Details of costs, location etc are progressed

169/18 Biodiversity in the Community

Members received information from a resident asking the Parish Council to consider actions to boost local biodiversity.

Members noted that the Parish Council owns very little land in the Parish.

Resolved that:

- (i) A response is provided to the resident thanking them and informing them that the Parish Council owns very little land in the Parish
- (ii) The County Council are asked to consider wild flower planting on the verges on the rural roads in the Parish

170/18 Manure on field above Ridgeway

Members were informed that a large amount of manure has been located on the field next to Ridgeway.

A resident attended the meeting and explained the problems with smell and visual impact.

Resolved - that a letter is sent to the landowner asking if it would be possible to move the manure further up the field

171/18 Do it online self-serve portal (min 31/18)

Members were informed that a response had been received from the County Council regarding their 'Do it online' reporting system. The County Council no longer use 'Fix My Street' to receive reported problems.

The 'Do it online' system logs and processes reported issues. The system is large to address all matters and can therefore be slow. Feedback on the system has been provided to the County Council.

Resolved - that the information be received

172/18 Year on Year Financial Information

Members considered the information provided comparing several years financial information.

Resolved - that the information be received

173/18 Financial Information

The Lead Officer presented report G.

Resolved - that the report be received

174/18 Accounts for Payment

Resolved - that the following accounts be approved for payment:

Npower	Electricity	£106.88
Durham County Council	Trade Waste Collection	£269.00
BHIB	Insurance	£670.12
Society of Local Council Clerks	Annual Membership	£165.00
County Durham Assoc Councils	County/National Memb.	£567.17
S Laverick	Expenses	£378.15
CCL Office Ltd	Stationery	£68.65
S Laverick	Salary (May)	£1356.00
D Maddox	Salary (May)	£463.66
Durham County Council	Pension (May)	£422.08
C Wilson	Play area – rent	£20.00

175/18 Chairperson's Announcements

The Chair informed members that Jack Richardson a former Clerk of the Parish Council had passed away. A service is to be held at All Saints Church on 13 June at 11.30am

Resolved - that the information be received

176/18 Questions from Members – Information only

Members were informed that Lanchester Partnership are starting a campaign to reduce single use plastics in the Parish

Resolved - that Lanchester Partnership are invited to a meeting of the Parish Council to inform members of their plans

177/18 Date of next meeting

Resolved - that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will take place on Tuesday 10 July at Lynwood House at 7.15pm

Meeting ended at 8.45pm