

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Lynwood House on Tuesday 11 September 2018 at 7.15pm

Present Cllr. K Harrison (Chair)

Cllr. J Considine, Cllr. D Friesner, Cllr. M Walker,
Cllr. P Jackson, Cllr. B Gray, Cllr. T Jones,
Cllr. S Walker, Cllr. A Cook

Mike Wardle - Chair, Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Cllr. O Johnson	- work commitments
Cllr. D Smith	- work commitments
Cllr. K Leary	- ill
Cllr. I Tute	- away
Cllr. M Gray	- family commitments
Cllr. A Gray	- family commitments

The above apologies were received and accepted

211/18 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

212/18 Public Participation

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

213/18 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved that:

- (i)** the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10 July 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

214/18 Committees

Resolved that:

- (i)** the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 10 July 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 Finance, Development & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 25 July 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

215/18 Police Report

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

- current priority is antisocial behaviour specifically in the area of Deanery View Woods and the rear of the Green School. There have been several reports of youths and young adults congregating in these locations to engage in nuisance behaviour, potential drug activity and setting fires. Additional patrols are taking place.
- On Monday 27 August the alarm was activated at the Spar on Front Street. Officers witnessed an unknown person within the premises who made off from the scene.
- Over the summer holidays Lanchester EP School has been targeted by unknown persons, suspected to be youths, congregating in the school grounds during the hours of darkness. Damage has been caused to the sheds.
- An address in Valley Grove has been targeted several times with plants stolen from the garden.

Resolved - that the information be received

216/18 Correspondence

- (i) **The Clerk Magazine – July 2018**
Resolved - that the magazine be received
- (ii) **Campaign to Protect Rural England – summer newsletter**
Resolved - that the newsletter be received
- (iii) **Durham County Council – Consultation on Proposal to Remove Street Lights**
Members considered the consultation information which proposed the removal of 12 lighting columns between the A691 and Malton. A detailed discussion took place.

A number of residents attended the meeting. The following concerns were raised by them regarding the proposed removal of the street lights

- (i) Safety issues for young people
- (ii) If the street lights are removed then children and young people who have previously walked along this route will need to be driven. This will increase the use of vehicles and a loss of

independence for young people. It may curtail the interests/hobbies/work of the young people.

- (iii) The top of the road at the A691 would be dangerous to cross in the dark to access the bus stop
- (iv) There is no footpath along the route
- (v) It will be dark in the winter months both in the morning and afternoon when children and young people are going to school and college
- (vi) One child who is partially sighted and hearing would be greatly affected if the lights were removed
- (vii) Very concerned about the risk of accidents along this narrow road
- (viii) Due to the industrial activity at Malton there are large HGV's using this stretch of road
- (ix) There is the potential to miss the turning off the A691 to Malton in the dark if the street lights are removed
- (x) Aware of drug activity at Malton Picnic area. This area will be more vulnerable to antisocial activities

Resolved - that the Parish Council respond to the consultation and object to the removal of the lighting columns for the following reasons:

- (i) The consultation commenced at the end of August when many people are away
- (ii) The consultation does not include public consultation which means those that are directly affected have not been informed
- (iii) The risk assessment is very basic
- (iv) The removal of the lights will create road safety issues for vehicles and pedestrians
- (v) The road leads to a hamlet at Malton and an industrial area which carries a significant amount of traffic
- (vi) There is no footpath along this route which creates a risk for pedestrians walking in the dark
- (vii) The removal of the street lighting will encourage anti-social behaviour. There is already a history of litter, fly tipping, dog fouling, drug activity, damage to property etc in this area
- (viii) The road will be difficult and dangerous to navigate in the dark if the street lighting is removed
- (ix) There are children and young people who live at Malton. During the winter they may need to walk to the bus stop on Durham Road to get to school / college. Similarly they will need to access the bus for social and work reasons. The removal of the street lighting will create a dangerous environment for these vulnerable young people
- (x) The Parish Council feel the benefits to retaining the street lighting far outweigh the cost of retaining this service

The Parish Council would ask that the current street lighting is maintained.

- (iv) **Request to spread ashes on the Village Green**
Councillors considered a request to scatter the ashes of a past Councillor on the Village Green. The Councillor had served on the Parish Council for many years and provided exceptional service to the Parish Council.
Resolved - that due to the special circumstances and his record of service on the Parish Council that permission is granted for the ashes to be scattered on the Village Green
- (v) **Lanchester Christmas Lights**
Members considered the quotation received from Durham County Council to undertake annual works on the Christmas Lights
Resolved - that the price of £1,190.00 is accepted
- (vi) **Lanchester Partnership – Fun Run**
Members received feedback on the event in July. The event had run successfully with 200 people taking part in the run. The organisers will start planning next year’s event in due course
Resolved - that the information be received
- (vii) **Durham County Council – consultation on tree management work on the Lanchester Walk, Malton**
Members considered the information received on tree management work
Resolved - that the information be received

217/18 Area Action Partnership (AAP) / Parish Councils Committee (PCC) (min 184/18)

The next PCC meeting will take place on Wednesday 19 September at Hamsteels Community Centre. The next AAP meeting will take place on Wednesday 12 September at Satley Village Hall

Resolved - that the information be received

218/18 Neighbourhood Plan (min 181/18)

Resolved - that the minutes of the meetings be approved

Mike Wardle provided Members with an update. The County Council were thanked for their involvement in work to produce maps and identify Locally Valued Landscapes.

The first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan document was distributed to Councillors. Those Councillors not in attendance would receive a copy through the door. Feedback on the document was requested by 25 September.

It is intended to undertake public consultation in the New Year.

Resolved - that the information be received

219/18 Lanchester War Memorial

Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting be approved

Members were informed that the work to extend the War Memorial had commenced. A final consultation on the list of names for inclusion on the War Memorial had taken place. The panels are now being proofed before they are engraved.

The rededication of the War Memorial will take place on Friday 19 October at 2pm. Work continues on organising this event.

Resolved - that the information be received

**220/18 Planning
Discharge of reserved matters relating to landscaping, scale, layout and appearance pursuant to Planning Permission DM/16/03313/OUT at Ornsby Hill House DM/18/02450/RM**

Members considered the response that had been sent to the County Council regarding this planning application

Resolved - that the action be ratified and the letter approved

221/18 Flooding Events and Flood Alleviation Works (min 187/18)

Members were informed of the following information received from the County Council.

The flood alleviation works include works to the culvert in Woodham Court which will require removal of trees. This work has commenced. Following this a large grated channel is to be installed against the kerb line opposite Woodham Court to intercept runoff coming down Newbiggen Lane. A grated channel is also to be installed across the full width of Newbiggen Lane close to the entrance of Lee Hill Court to intercept runoff coming down Newbiggen Lane.

With regard to the flood event on 2 June the County Council have confirmed that this was a 1 in 185 year event. Typically highway drainage and sewers are designed to a 1 in 30 year event. The scheme in Lanchester is designed to a 1 in 100 year event.

Resolved - that the information be received

222/18 Community Defibrillator (min 168/18)

Members were informed that an appropriate community defibrillator had been identified. Lanchester Pharmacy had been approached and were happy for the defibrillator to be installed on their outside wall. It will be necessary to provide electricity to the box. Planning permission will also be required for the defibrillator.

Members were informed that a resident has offered to fund the defibrillator. It was agreed that the Parish Council should part fund this project. It was agreed that the Parish Council would be delighted to receive a contribution towards the project

Resolved that:

- (i) The information be received
- (ii) The project be progressed

223/18 Annual Return 2017/18

The Lead Officer went through the papers returned from external audit. External audit confirmed that no matters had come to their attention which gave cause for concern.

Resolved - that the Annual Return be approved and accepted

224/18 Financial Information

The Lead Officer presented report I.

Resolved - that the report be received

225/18 Accounts for Payment

Resolved - that the following accounts be approved for payment:

S Laverick	Salary (July)	£1335.21
D Maddox	Salary (July)	£435.00
Durham County Council	Pensions (July)	£413.96
County Durham A L C	Training	£27.00
Art of Stone Memorial	War Memorial	£3320.00
Lanchester Timber Company Ltd	Wood Carving	£200.00
P Snowdon	Hanging Baskets	£279.00
S Laverick	Salary (August)	£1335.21
D Maddox	Salary (August)	£435.20
Durham County Council	Pensions (August)	£413.96
CCL Office Ltd	Stationery	£147.35
Mazars	External Audit Fee	£360.00
S Laverick	Expenses	£77.24

226/18 Chairperson's Announcements

The Chair informed Members that the Remembrance Service on Sunday 11 November is planned to take place between 10.45am – 11.15am

227/18 Questions from Members – Information only

There were no questions from Members

228/18 Date of next meeting

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

Meeting ended at 8.30pm