

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Lynwood House on Tuesday
9 October 2018 at 7.15pm

Present Cllr. K Harrison (Chair)

Cllr. J Considine, Cllr. D Friesner, Cllr. M Walker, Cllr. D Smith
Cllr. P Jackson, Cllr. B Gray, Cllr. M Gray, Cllr. S Walker,
Cllr. A Cook, Cllr. O Johnson, Cllr. A Gray

Lee Mowbray - Durham County Council
Michelle McIntosh - Durham County Council
Sonny Shepherd - The Lanchester Partnership

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Cllr. K Leary - ill
Cllr. I Tute - away
Cllr. T Jones - away

The above apologies were received and accepted

241/18 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

242/18 **Public Participation**

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

243/18 **Minutes of the last meeting**

Resolved that:

- (i) the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11 September 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

244/18 **Committees**

Resolved that:

- (i) the minutes of the Finance, Development & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 26 September 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 Planning Committee Meeting held on 26 September 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

245/18 The Lanchester Partnership – Single Use Plastics

The Chair welcomed Sonny Shepherd from The Lanchester Partnership to the meeting to talk about the problem of single use plastics. The Lanchester Partnership have set up a working group to progress 'Plastic Free Status' in Lanchester.

To gain 'Plastic Free Status' which is promoted through the 'Surfers against Sewerage' (SAS) organisation, the group must comply with five objectives which include working with businesses and schools and organising events and awareness.

One of the qualifying criteria is that the Parish Council pass a resolution to support the group and its events, allocate a Councillor to the group and look at the Parish Council single use plastic usage.

Resolved - that the resolution is presented to the next Parish Council meeting for consideration

246/18 Parking and Traffic Issues

The Chair welcomed Lee Mowbray and Michelle McIntosh to the meeting to talk through a number of parking and traffic issues.

Peth Bank

A previous site meeting with Durham County Council had taken place regarding double yellow lines and white lines.

It was agreed to hold a further site meeting with Durham County Council to consider the scope of the restrictions

Junction of Peth Bank and Durham Road and junction of Manor Grange and Durham Road

It was agreed to look at these two junctions at the site meeting

A691 – access, speeding, crossing points, condition of the refuges

It was agreed to look at the crossing points/refuges at the site meeting.

Members felt that the crossing points/refuges do not offer enough protection for pedestrians. The County Council was asked to consider metal fencing on the refuge near Deanery View.

It was confirmed that the Community Speedwatch equipment is regularly deployed on Durham Road.

Members were informed that the advisory 20mph speed limit was being progressed outside St Bedes School. Michelle agreed to send the scheme plan to distribute to Councillors.

The County Council were thanked for their recent repairs to the pedestrian crossing near Deanery View.

Kitswell Road – traffic and parking issues

Members discussed the problems caused by parking on pavements on both sides of the road and the speed of vehicles. This problem is worse at school drop off and pick up times.

A member of the public attended the meeting and spoke about these problems.

The County Council agreed to undertake a site visit to look at the problem and agreed to meet with the resident. However it was noted that generally parking restrictions in residential areas are difficult to implement.

Viewing mirrors on Station Road – which aids pedestrian crossing

The County Council informed Members that the advice from the Department of Transport is not to use mirrors as it can distort the image/speed/proximity of a vehicle.

Members considered there to be a problem with crossing Station Road. The County Council confirmed that they have considered all options and have improved signage and provided an alternative crossing point.

Suggestion of an early warning 30mph speed visor at the top of Cadger Bank

The County Council agreed to look at a 30mph speed visor at the top of the bank, however there may be a funding issue.

Councillor A Gray left the meeting at 8.30pm

Newbiggen Lane – parking restrictions

This matter is with the legal department at the County Council for clarification on parking areas.

Agricultural slurry tankers - Peth Bank and Ford Road

It was noted that large agricultural vehicles are traveling along Ford Road and Peth Bank. This is causing problems for passing traffic and causing damage to path verges and footpaths and is a concern to residents.

Drop kerbs on Station Road – between the two groups of houses before coffee shop

The County Council agreed to look into this matter

No stopping markings and signs around Primary Schools and Community Centre

To consider no stopping signs outside the community centre.

The County Council will request more enforcement outside the schools at appropriate times.

It was confirmed that the schools already undertake road safety awareness with children.

Hollinside – speeding vehicles

The Police have confirmed that Hollinside receives speed checks as part of the routine cycle of areas

Members were informed that the recent works at St Bedes School to alleviate traffic and parking congestion has had a positive impact.

247/18 Police Report

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

- there have been incidents of quad bike thefts and an attempted theft of a Land Rover

Resolved - that the information be received

248/18 Correspondence

(i) The Clerk Magazine – September 2018

Resolved - that the magazine be received

(ii) Clerk & Councils Direct – September 2018

Resolved - that the magazine be received

(iii) Royal Mail – Scam Mail

Resolved - that the poster is displayed in the Parish Council notice board

(iv) County Durham Association of Local Councils – AGM

Members considered attendance at the AGM

Resolved - that the information be received

249/18 Area Action Partnership (AAP) / Parish Councils Committee (PCC) (min 217/18)

The Environmental Improvement project had been discussed at the last PCC meeting. Previously the Parish Councils had identified footpath encroachment in their Parishes which needed addressing and which the project would focus on. However the County Council have confirmed that these identified paths would now be addressed as part of the routine work of the Council. Members at the PCC meeting then considered other projects for the Environmental Improvement Pot. It was agreed that wildflower planting should be considered by the Parish Councils.

Lanchester Parish Council considered this suggestion. It was agreed that it may be appropriate to plant wildflowers at Malton. It was also

agreed that bulbs and native flowers could be planted along the path and side of the burn on the village green.

Members received an update on the Village Action Plans prepared by the AAP.

Resolved - that the information be received

250/18 Neighbourhood Plan (min 218/18)

Mike Wardle, Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group submitted his apologies for the meeting.

Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 September be approved

Members were informed that feedback had been received on the first draft of the plan and work was being undertaken to produce a second draft.

Resolved - that the information be received

251/18 Lanchester War Memorial (min 219/18)

Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 September be approved

Members were informed that the work to extend the War Memorial had commenced and should be completed within the next few days. The list of names for inclusion on the War Memorial has been agreed.

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

252/18 Salt Bins (min 31/18)

Councillors have undertaken a survey of all the salt bins in the village and received feedback from residents. A number of areas have been identified for improvements.

Resolved - that a letter is sent to the County Council asking them to consider these areas for improvement

253/18 Maintenance Report

Members considered report F which identified the maintenance work undertaken in the last six months

Resolved - that the report be received

254/18 Footpath – Village Green

Members were informed that a duct pipe has broken the surface of the footpath on the Village Green. Several meetings have taken place to ascertain who the duct belongs to. A meeting is to take place on Thursday to progress the matter.

Resolved - that the information be received

255/18 Financial Information

The Lead Officer presented report G.

Resolved - that the report be received

256/18 Accounts for Payment

Resolved - that the following accounts be approved for payment:

S Laverick	Salary (September)	£1,335.41
D Maddox	Salary (September)	£435.20
Durham County Council	Pensions (September)	£413.96
HMRC	Tax & NI (July – Sept)	£1,276.83
CCL Office Ltd	Stationery	£25.20
CCL Office Ltd	Stationery	£98.23
BT	Phone and Broadband	£181.73
Society of Local Council Clerks	Training	£123.00

257/18 Chairperson’s Announcements

There were no announcements

258/18 Questions from Members – Information only

There were no questions from Members

259/18 Date of next meeting

Resolved - that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will take place on Tuesday 13 November at Lynwood House at 7.15pm

Meeting ended at 9.30pm