

Lanchester Parish Council

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

Present Cllr. K Harrison (Chair)

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

Mike Wardle - Chair, Neighbourhood Plan Working Group
Clair Richardson - Northumbrian Water Ltd
Les Hall - Northumbrian Water Ltd

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Cllr. K Leary - ill
Cllr. M Gray - family commitments
Cllr. A Cook - family commitments
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The above apologies were received and accepted

A moments silence was held for Michael Cook a past Parish Councillor who passed away recently.

280/18 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

281/18 **Public Participation**

There were no public present.

282/18 **Northumbrian Water Ltd – Sewer System**

The Chair welcomed Clair Richardson, Sewerage Operations Controller and Lee Hall, Developer Services Manager from Northumbrian Water Ltd (NWL) to the meeting.

The Parish Council raised a number of concerns with Northumbrian Water Ltd regarding the sewer system in Lanchester and in particular on Ford Road. Concerns included: the response of NWL to recent planning applications, the computer modelling and flow calculations undertaken in response to recent planning applications, the capacity of the sewer

system on Ford Road, the results of recent investigation works undertaken along Ford Road, the history of flooding and sewer problems along Ford Road, the effect of further development on the current sewer system and any proposed plans to update or renew the combined sewer system.

A lengthy and detailed discussion took place.

NWL confirmed that they are a non-statutory consultee in the planning process. However they have a good interaction with Durham County Council planners and the flood risk management team. NWL only respond to foul water matters, they do not comment on surface water even if it goes into a combined system. The County Council are responsible for surface water matters as the lead local flood authority.

The levels and pattern of foul water discharge is very predictable and usually very low for proposed housing developments.

The County Council are responsible for surface water and have a surface water management programme which identifies a hierarchy for managing surface water. The last preferred option is for surface water to be accommodated in a combined system.

NWL are responsible for foul water levels. They are responsible for addressing capacity issues and improving the system and upgrading the network. They do not wish to object to proposed development but seek to address any issues arising from development. Any required works to the system would not take place until a development has commenced.

NWL confirmed that the recent flooding event in June 2018 demonstrated that there is a hydraulic incapacity in the sewer system on Ford Road. In periods of heavy rain, foul water can be displaced onto Ford Road. NWL confirmed that this matter is their responsibility. There is an incapacity in the system on Ford Road where during periods of rain the surface water entering the combined sewer results in sewage along Ford Road and in gardens.

NWL confirmed that residents can receive compensation if foul water impacts sufficiently on their property or land.

Councillors stated that the NWL website is difficult to navigate. NWL confirmed that the website is undergoing development.

NWL were asked whether the link between the foul water and surface water on Ford Road could be removed. If flooding then occurred it would be clean surface water. NWL agreed to look into this suggestion.

NWL confirmed that works to their system are prioritised by severity and frequency of flood incidents. They asked that any affected properties or flooding incidents are reported to them so that their records can be accurately maintained.

Councillors confirmed that they are aware of a number of residents being impacted by foul water flooding. NWL agreed to undertake community consultation along Ford Road to ascertain an accurate pattern of flooding.

NWL use in house modelling and engage external companies to undertake modelling in response to proposed development. NWL offered to accommodate a number of councillors at their offices to see the modelling calculations and computer simulations.

NWL confirmed that Ford Road does flood with a fairly low rain event.

NWL agreed to undertake the following:

- Look at ways to address the ongoing problems of foul water being displaced along Ford Road
- Confirm if any residents in Lanchester have received compensation following foul water impacting on their property
- Investigate the suggestion of removing the link between surface water and foul water on Ford Road
- To check the sewer system every 6 months to confirm it is clear / clean
- Undertake community consultation along Ford Road to ascertain an accurate pattern of flooding.
- Forward details of how to properly report incidents of foul water flooding
- To provide a progress report to the Parish Council periodically
- To arrange a visit for councillors to see the computer modelling

Resolved - that the information be received

283/18 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved that:

- (i) the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13 November 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

284/18 Police Report

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

- this month anti-social behaviour has been low in the village with only occasional one off issues taking place
- Increase in crime including:
 - Metal thefts on Manor Grange
 - Lead thefts on Station Road
 - Ford transit van stolen from Durham Road
 - Wood chipper stolen from Cadger Bank

- Rear windows smashed on vehicles at Greta Place and Humberhill Drive
- Door to door sellers have been reported to be operating in the village again

Resolved - that the information be received

285/18 Correspondence

- (i) **Durham County Council – Drainage works on Front Street**
Members considered the information received on proposed drainage works on Front Street which form part of the planned wider flood mitigation works in Lanchester. Some of the work will be on Parish Council owned land.
Resolved that:
 - (i) Permission is given to the County Council to undertake the work on Parish Council land
 - (ii) The information be received
- (ii) **Letter of thanks – resident - Beacon Event**
Resolved - that the letter be received
- (iii) **Letter of thanks – resident – Beacon Event**
Resolved - that the letter be received
- (iv) **Letter of thanks – All Saints Catholic Church – Donation**
Resolved - that the letter be received
- (v) **The Clerk Magazine – November 2018**
Resolved - that the magazine be received

286/18 Area Action Partnership (AAP) / Parish Councils Committee (PCC) (min 265/18)

The next PCC meeting will take place on 19 January in Lanchester. Work continues on progressing the Environmental Improvement Pot project.

Members were informed that the AAP Co-ordinator, Andy Coulthard has left his post for a new job. The process of appointing a new co-ordinator is ongoing.

Resolved - that the information be received

287/18 Neighbourhood Plan (min 266/18)

Mike Wardle provided an update.

Feedback on draft three of the document has been received and draft four of the document has been compiled. This draft will be sent to the County Council for a health check.

A meeting has been arranged to progress the printing and design of the document.

Resolved - that the information be received

288/18 Shotley Bridge Hospital

Councillors discussed their concerns over the current and future provision at Shotley Bridge Hospital, including the concerns over closure of the hospital site.

Councillors were informed that the community and stakeholders would be consulted on future options for the hospital in a consultation exercise which will take place next year, dates to be confirmed. The Parish Council will be able to submit their response as part of this process.

Resolved - that the information be received

289/18 Kitswell Park Play Area – Annual Inspection

Councillors were informed that the Annual Inspection for Kitswell Park Play Area had been completed. No major or high risk problems were raised, however a number of maintenance issues need to be undertaken.

Recommended - that the report be received and identified works be addressed

290/18 Budgets 2018/19 and 2019/20

The Clerk presented the report.

Members discussed the levels of ring-fenced reserves for play equipment repairs, maintenance and projects.

Resolved that:

- (i) the proposed budget for 2019/20 be approved
- (ii) £20,000 is retained in ring-fenced reserves for play equipment
- (iii) The ring-fenced reserves for play equipment is increased by £2000 every year

291/18 Financial Information

The Lead Officer presented report C.

Resolved - that the report be received

292/18 Accounts for Payment

Resolved - that the following accounts be approved for payment:

Durham County Council	Brass Event - Contribution	£500.00
AD Purves Landscaping	Beacon	£3024.00
MK Print Solutions	Rededication Service	£290.00
CCL Office Ltd	Stationery	£209.63
Paul Winship	Beacon Event	£50.00
Lanchester Brass Band	Beacon Event	£50.00
Bishop Auckland Pipes & Drums	Beacon Event	£50.00
S Laverick	Expenses	£141.63
British Legion	Poppy Wreath	£100.00
Lanchester Catholic Church	Donation	£165.00
S Laverick	Salary (November)	£1,335.21
D Maddox	Salary (November)	£435.00
Durham County Council	Pensions (November)	£413.96
Lanchester Brass Band	Rededication Service	£50.00
Lanchester Methodist Church	Rededication Service	£50.00
AD Purves Landscaping	Grass Cutting	£5,504.40
AD Purves Landscaping	Fence – Hurbuck	£612.00

293/18 Chairperson's Announcements

There were no announcements

294/18 Questions from Members – Information only

There were no questions from Members

295/18 Date of next meeting

Resolved - that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will take place on Tuesday 8 January at Lynwood House at 7.15pm

Meeting ended at 9.00pm