

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance, Development and General Purposes Committee Meeting held at Lynwood House on Wednesday 30 January 2019 at 7.15pm

Present Cllr. S Walker (Chair)

Cllr. J Considine, Cllr. D Friesner, Cllr. D Smith, Cllr. T Jones,
Cllr. P Jackson, Cllr. K Harrison, Cllr. M Gray, Cllr. B Gray,
Cllr. O Johnson

Barrie Alderson - Durham County Council

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Cllr. I Tute - other commitments
Cllr. K Leary - ill
Cllr. A Gray - family commitments
Cllr. M Walker - work commitments
The above apologies were received and accepted

16/19 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

17/19 Public Participation

There were no public present.

18/19 Manor Grange Play Area (min 8/19)

The Chair welcomed Barrie Alderson from Durham County Council to the meeting.

Following discussion at a recent Council meeting the AAP had been asked if the identified monies could be used to undertake a feasibility study to consider the concerns of drainage and access on the site.

Barrie has since undertaken a further site visit and presented the following information to members.

Barrie informed members that the current location of the play area at the top of the field had problems of drainage and access which could be costly to address. Any drainage works would require the permission of the landowner as the surrounding fields are privately owned.

Members were informed that it may be possible to relocate the play area towards the bottom of the field near the street light. This would address the drainage problem and the site would be more accessible as a much

shorter path would be required to access the play area. The site is still sloped at this point and a cut and fill technique would be required to accommodate a play area.

If the play area was to be located as suggested a feasibility study would not be required.

Barrie has a site meeting organised with a play company who should be able to provide indicative figures of what a scheme would cost including: cut and fill, access path, fencing and play equipment.

Barrie was thanked for his work on the project.

Recommended that:

- (i) The information be received
- (ii) The relocation of the play area be explored and indicative costs are sought
- (iii) The AAP are asked if the identified monies can be put towards the play project

19/19 Finance Report

The Clerk presented the finance report which Members discussed.

Recommended - that the information be received.

20/19 Parish Council Events 2018

Councillors reviewed the following events which had taken place in 2018:

- Rededication of the War Memorial – 19 October 2018
- Beacons of Light Event – 11 November 2018
- Christmas Light Switch On Event – 24 November 2018

All three events had proved successful and were well attended by the community. The weather had been favourable at all events. Photos and press articles were circulated to members.

The Beacon event had been a joint event with Burnhope Parish Council. The event preparation had included: safety advisory group submission, first aid provision, provision of site lighting, erection of the Beacon, steward information packs, risk assessments, transport hire, stewarding of site etc.

The Christmas Light Switch On Event attracted high attendance. Members considered the arrangements in place in terms of stewards, risk assessment, fencing etc. and considered them to be adequate. It was agreed that the event for 2019 should follow the same content and organisation. Members discussed whether a charity collection could be taken at the event and agreed that this could be considered.

Recommended that:

- (i) The information be received
- (ii) The Christmas Event for 2019 follow the same content and organisation as previous years, the arrangements having been considered to be adequate

21/19

War Memorial

Councillors were informed that since the War Memorial had been rededicated two further names had been put forward for inclusion on the War Memorial.

Members were informed of the costs of adding further names which would require the marble panel being removed from the War Memorial and taken away for engraving.

Recommended that:

- (i) Research is undertaken on the names
- (ii) In principle it is agreed that the names be added subject to research findings
- (iii) An article is placed in the Village Voice regarding the two additional names and asking if there are any further names for consideration
- (iv) Due to the cost of adding additional names this work is only undertaken periodically

22/19

Annual Play Inspections

Members were informed that the annual play inspections have been completed for Hollinside, Hurbeck Cottages, Manor Grange and Park House. The inspections identified some routine maintenance which would be addressed.

Recommended - that the information be received

23/19

Newsletter

Members considered the newsletter

Recommended - that the newsletter be approved for distribution

24/19

Date of next meeting

Resolved - that the next Finance, Development and General Purposes Committee Meeting of the Council will take place on Wednesday 27 March at Lynwood House at 7.15pm

Meeting ended at 8.30pm