

Lanchester Parish Council

August 2019

Newsletter

Welcome to Lanchester Parish Council's newsletter. This newsletter is produced quarterly to provide the community with information on the services and activities that the Council provides.

Lanchester Neighbourhood Plan - Pre-Submission Consultation

The Neighbourhood Plan is a document which will guide development, regeneration and conservation within our Parish over future years. The Neighbourhood Plan contains a Vision and Objectives. It sets out a number of clear and important planning policies. Policies include the Settlement Boundary, Design, Historic Environment, Green Spaces and the Rural Environment as well as Landscape and Views.

The Lanchester Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Submission consultation took place between 24 June - 9 August 2019. During this period the community and interested parties were asked to consider the document and provide feedback on the plan. Summary leaflets were delivered to houses and businesses, a display of the plan was available in the Community Centre and a number of staffed sessions took place. Many thanks for those who responded.

Your feedback will now be considered by the working group and appropriate amendments will be fed into a final draft of the plan.

The next stage will be that the final draft of the plan will be consulted upon again for 6 weeks by the County Council before it is sent to an independent examiner who will decide if the Plan can proceed to a referendum. We will be advising later in the year on progress with the Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Submission document can be viewed on the Parish Council website Neighbourhood Plan page at <http://lanchesterparishcouncil.co.uk/neighbourhood-plan/>

Manor Grange Play Area

Lanchester Parish Council are considering a project to improve the play facilities at Manor Grange Play Area. The project is in the early stages of development. The project would include relocating the play area down the field and providing a more accessible and improved play facility for children aged under 12.

In order to ascertain the demand for an improved play facility the Parish Council intends to deliver a leaflet / survey sheet to houses in the area surrounding the current play area. It is hoped that this survey will provide information and feedback on the potential usage of the proposed play area. It is planned to deliver this information to houses towards the end of September. Please look out for this leaflet and let us have your comments. It is important that if the project is to progress that we know it will be well used.

If you would like to register your support for the proposed play area or have any comments to make please contact Sally on 01207 520146.



Annual Report 2018/19

Lanchester Parish Council's Annual Report for 2018 / 19 was published in July and distributed in Lanchester Parish. If you didn't receive a copy or would like further copies, please contact the Clerk on the number below.

The report outlines the services that the Parish Council provides and the main achievements of the year. The report also provides an overview of expenditure and income for the year. A summary of the financial picture is shown as follows:

Balance at 1 April 2018	£102,810.61
Total Income	£68,286.90
Total Expenditure	£80,037.44
Balance at 31 March 2019	£91,060.07

Defibrillator

A defibrillator has been installed in the centre of the village for the benefit of the community.

The defibrillator is located on the outside wall of the pharmacy on Front Street making it available 24 hours a day. Many thanks to Lanchester Pharmacy for allowing the defibrillator to be located here.

The defibrillator has been funded by Lanchester Parish Council with a very generous donation from Mrs Viv Watson and Mr Colin Watson who live in the village. Many thanks to Viv and Colin for their kind donation towards this valuable community facility.

An awareness session has been arranged to understand how the defibrillator can be accessed and used. This awareness session run by the North East Ambulance Service will take place on Tuesday 17 September between 2pm – 4pm at Lynwood House, Durham Road, Lanchester. Please ring Sally on 01207 520146 to book a place.



Photo – Colin and Viv Watson with Keely and Abby from Lanchester Pharmacy pictured with the new defibrillator

Hanging Baskets

The hanging baskets are once again providing a colourful display throughout the village during the summer months.



Grants received

Since 2008 the Parish Council, working with partners and independently have secured over **£325,000** to deliver projects and improve services.

Sources of funding have included: Heritage Lottery Fund, Rural Development Programme for England, Durham County Council, Youth Opportunities Fund, Northern Gas Networks, County Durham Environment Trust, CIF grant, Area Action Partnership, Sport England, local businesses etc.

Projects undertaken include:

Bike Track & Play Area	- £90,000.00
Village Green phase one	- £16,700.00
Village Green phase two	- £1,955.00
Tree Grants	- £600.00
Locality Map project	- £68,000.00
Walk Leaflets	- £3,200.00
Quality Status Bursary	- £500.00
Gateway Project	- £12,274.00
Lynwood	- £800.00
Village Comp. Prize Money	- £800.00
Xmas Light Replacement	- £18,000.00
Miners' Banner project	- £23,500.00
Neighbourhood Plan	- £4,000.00
Neighbourhood Plan	- £1660.00
Cricket Changing rooms	- £47,700.00
DIAL document	- £400.00
Village Improvements	- £500.00
Neighbourhood Plan	- £5000.00
Play Area Improvements	- £18,000.00
War Memorial	- £9,500.00
Defibrillator	- £500.00
Beacon Project	- £1515.00

Many thanks go to the organisations and individuals who have worked with us on these projects.

Lanchester Parish Councillors

Jude Considine		659720
Ann Cook	46 Manor Grange,	529334
David Friesner	56 Briardene,	529982
Alison Gray	14 Lee Hill Court,	520292
Bill Gray	27 Foxhills Crescent,	520656
Margaret Gray	27 Foxhills Crescent,	520656
Keith Harrison	Colepike Home Farm,	529522
Paul Jackson	Stonebeck, Front Street,	521208
Ossie Johnson	Stella House, Durham Road,	521937
Trevor Jones	Willow Green, Ford Road,	
Kevin Leary	60 Deanery View,	521627
David Smith	53 Humberhill Drive,	529880
Ian Tute		529286
Stuart Walker	2 St Bedes Court,	520790



CHAIR

Staff	Lead officer / Clerk	Sally Laverick	520146 / 529415
	Handyperson	David Maddox	



Need to speak to your Councillor?

Lanchester Parish Council has introduced open sessions to allow time for residents to speak to their councillors about issues that concern or affect them. The next sessions will be at Lynwood House on:

**Tues 10 September
6.30pm - 7.00pm**

**Tues 12 November
6.30pm - 7.00pm**