

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance, Development and General Purposes Committee Meeting held at Lynwood House on Wednesday 25 September 2019 at 7.15pm

Present Cllr. S Walker (Chair)

Cllr. P Jackson, Cllr. I Tute, Cllr. J Considine,
Cllr. D Friesner, Cllr. D Smith,
Cllr. K Harrison, Cllr. O Johnson

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Cllr. B Gray	- away
Cllr M Gray	- away
Cllr. A Gray	- other commitments
Cllr. T Jones	- away

The above apologies were received and accepted

205/19 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr O Johnson and Cllr J Considine declared an interest in agenda item 7

206/19 **Public Participation**

There were no public present.

207/19 **Finance Report**

The Clerk presented the finance report which Members discussed.

Recommended - that the information be received.

208/19 **Defibrillator**

Members were informed that an awareness training session had taken place on Tuesday 17 September between 2pm – 4pm at Lynwood House. The North East Ambulance Service delivered the training session which 23 members of the community attended.

An article for the Village Voice has been submitted which includes general information on how the defibrillator is used and accessed.

Recommended - that the information be received.

209/19 Lanchester Neighbourhood Plan

Members were informed that the representations received during the recent consultation period had been considered by the working group and a response had been formulated. Some changes to the Neighbourhood Plan document had been agreed. It is now necessary to update the consultation table and present it back to the full working group.

The Neighbourhood Plan document will need to be amended in light of the agreed changes.

The Basic Conditions Statement is being progressed through a planning consultant. The Consultation Statement is being progressed through the working group.

Members were informed of the timescale for completion. The aim is to complete all the documents during October and to pass everything to Durham County Council at the end of October for them to co-ordinate the next consultation period. In order for the Parish Council to approve the documents an extra council meeting will be arranged for the end of October.

Recommended - that the information be received.

210/19 Manor Grange Play Area

Members were informed that leaflets had been delivered to all houses on the Deanery View and Manor Grange estates. Residents were being asked to complete the questions and return the questionnaires to enable us to ascertain demand and feedback for the proposed play facility. The closing date for returns is 11 October. Returned questionnaires will be entered into a prize draw for a £10 voucher.

Members were informed that the County Council Area Budget and Neighbourhood Budget grants had been confirmed and paperwork had been received. Members agreed that the forms should be signed and returned.

Recommended - that the grant forms are signed and returned.

It is necessary to progress a lease with the County Council and further grant applications.

Recommended - that the information be received

211/19 Christmas Light Switch On

Proposals for the Christmas Light Switch On event for 2019 were discussed.

Recommended - that Mike Wardle be asked to switch on the lights

The use of more environmentally friendly cups was discussed

Recommended - that this is explored further

212/19 Date of next meeting

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

Meeting ended at 8.15pm