# **Lanchester Parish Council**

# Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Lynwood House on Tuesday 9 July 2019 at 7.15pm

# Present Cllr. K Harrison (Chair)

Cllr. P Jackson, Cllr. J Considine, Cllr. O Johnson, Cllr. I Tute, Cllr. S Walker, Cllr. D Smith, Cllr. A Gray, Cllr. M Walker, Cllr. B Gray, Cllr. M Gray, Cllr. K Leary

**PCSO Lewis Formosa** 

Mike Wardle - Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

# **Apologies** Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Cllr. D Friesner - away
Cllr. T Jones - away
Cllr. A Cook - ill

The above apologies were received and accepted

#### 145/19 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

# 146/19 Public Participation

There were no public present.

#### 147/19 Minutes of the last meeting

#### Resolved that:

(i) the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11 June 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

# 148/19 Committees

#### Resolved that:

(i) the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 11 June 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

#### 149/19 Police Report

PCSO Lewis Formosa was welcomed to the meeting.

The Police report for June was read out which included the following incidents:

- Criminal Damage None
- Theft 4 x incidents of shoplifting under investigation
- Anti-Social Behaviour Nuisance 3 x underage drinking at Deanery View
- Vehicle Crime 1 x damage to rear bumper on Front Street under investigation
- Burglary none

Resolved - that the information be received

#### 150/19 Correspondence

# (i) Lanchester Cricket Club Football Club – request to use football pitch at Kitswell Park

Members considered the request from Lanchester Cricket Club Football Team to use the football field for the 2019 / 20 season

**Resolved -** that permission is granted subject to the usual conditions

# (ii) Clerk & Councils Direct – July edition

**Resolved -** that the magazine be received

# (iii) Durham County Council – BT Proposed removal of telephone box on Front Street

Members considered information received on the proposed removal of the telephone box on Front Street

Resolved - that the information be received

#### (iv) Changes to local bus services

Members considered information received on changes to the Lanchester bus services which will come into effect on 21 July.

**Resolved -** that Go North East are asked to place new timetables in the bus shelters and put an article in the Village Voice explaining the changes

# 151/19 Area Action Partnership (AAP) / Parish Councils Committee (PCC) (min 130/19)

The dates for the next meetings were provided.

#### Resolved that:

- (i) the minutes of the PCC meeting be received
- (ii) the information be received

#### **152/19 Neighbourhood Plan (min 131/19)**

Mike Wardle, Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group attended the meeting to provide an update.

#### Resolved that:

- (i) the minutes of the meeting held on 23 May be approved
- (ii) the minutes of the meeting held on 5 June be approved

The Lanchester Neighbourhood Plan pre-submission consultation document and summary document were distributed to councillors.

The consultation will take place between 24 June – 9 August. The presubmission draft document has been placed in key community locations. A display will be displayed in the Community Centre between 1 – 20 July. During this period a number of staffed sessions will be held. Written feedback will be welcomed. Feedback can be dropped into boxes in community locations or posted or e-mailed to the Parish Council. Information is available on the Parish Council website.

Following the consultation period the working group will meet to consider all responses and amend the document accordingly. The County Council will then undertake a further consultation and forward the document to an independent assessor. The assessor can amend the document and approve it to proceed to referendum.

#### Resolved that:

- (i) the information be received
- (ii) thanks be forwarded to the working group for their continued work on the plan
- (iii) a letter of thanks be sent to MK Print for their help and cooperation in printing the document

# 153/19 Maintenance Report

Members considered report F which identified the maintenance work undertaken between April and June.

Resolved - that the report be received

# 154/19 Crocus Planting on the Village Green (min 129/19)

Members were informed that a community meeting had taken place to progress the project, co-ordinated by Croft View Halls.

The estimated cost of a project to plant 20,000 crocus bulbs on the Village Green is £1100.00. Some funding has already been secured towards the project. Local schools and organisations have been

contacted and are interested in being involved. The aim is for the bulbs to be delivered in October and planted at the end of October.

Members discussed a financial contribution towards the project

#### Resolved that:

- (i) the information be received
- (ii) a donation of £100.00 be made towards the project

# 155/19 A691 – by-pass

Members considered information from Durham County Council on proposed accident remedial measures on the A691 / B6296 junction following a recent spate of accidents

#### Resolved that:

- (i) the proposals are supported
- (ii) the County Council are asked to be mindful of the Christmas Lights when pruning the trees

It was noted that the 20mph scheme was now in operation outside St Bedes School

The proposed traffic regulation order which included works to the junction of Peth Bank and Durham Road and the junction of Manor Grange and Durham Road were discussed

**Resolved -** that clarification is sought from Durham County Council on when these works will be completed

#### 156/19 Newbiggen Lane – Weed killer applied to Grass Verge

Members discussed an area of grass verge up Newbiggen Lane which has been sprayed with weed killer.

**Resolved -** that the County Council are asked if they have undertaken this work.

#### 157/19 Annual Report

Members considered the Annual Report

Resolved - that the Annual Report be approved for distribution

#### 158/19 Parish Council – Schedule of Meetings 2019 / 20

Members considered the schedule of meetings **Resolved** - that the information be received

#### 159/19 Financial Information

The Lead Officer presented report I. **Resolved -** that the report be received

#### 160/19 Accounts for Payment

**Resolved -** that the following accounts be approved for payment:

S Laverick	Salary (June)	£1,369.17
D Maddox	Salary (June)	£472.30
Roch ndt	Lighting Column Testing	£1,140.00
Durham County Council	Pension (June)	£422.23
HMRC	Tax & NI (April – June)	£1,266.60
AD Purves Landscaping	Grass Cutting	£2,196.00
Npower	Electricity	£225.25
CCL Office Ltd	Stationery	£156.94
BT	Phone & Broadband	£202.74
S Laverick	Expenses	£69.84
Durham County Council	Summer activities	£300.00

# 161/19 Chairperson's Announcements

The following announcements were made:

- the Street Ceilidh, part of the Durham Brass Festival will take place in the car park of the Community Centre on Tuesday 16 July between 6 – 8pm
- the Velo North event due to take place on Sunday 1 September has been cancelled due to low numbers of attendees

# 162/19 Questions from Members – Information only

There were no questions from Members

# 163/19 Date of next meeting

**Resolved -** that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will take place on Tuesday 10 September at Lynwood House at 7.15pm

Meeting ended at 8.15pm