

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance, Development and General Purposes Committee Meeting held at Lynwood House on Wednesday 27 November 2019 at 7.15pm

Present Cllr. S Walker (Chair)

Cllr. D Friesner, Cllr. D Smith, Cllr. T Jones,
Cllr. K Harrison, Cllr. O Johnson, Cllr. I Tute

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Cllr. L Montgomery	- family commitments
Cllr. P Jackson	- ill
Cllr. J Considine	- family commitments

The above apologies were received and accepted

264/19 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

265/19 Public Participation

There were no public present.

266/19 Finance Report

The Clerk presented the finance report which Members discussed.

Recommended - that the information be received.

267/19 Budgets 2019/20 and 2020/2021

The Clerk presented the report.

It was noted that a national pay award had not yet been agreed and that a pension actuarial review was taking place the results of which would come into place in April 2020.

Recommended that:

- (i)** 2% be added to the salary budget
- (ii)** the proposed budget for 2020/21 be approved

268/19 Manor Grange Play Area

Members were presented with the results of the resident's survey undertaken in September / October on the Manor Grange and Deanery View estates. The survey aimed to ascertain demand for the proposed play area and asked for comments on the proposals.

Forty responses had been received with 5 responses expressing concerns or objections to the proposals. The majority of the responses were positive with enthusiastic comments for the project. Responses indicated well over a hundred children who would use the play area.

Members considered the full content of the responses.

Members considered that the survey had generated a good response with a majority in favour of the project. They were however mindful of the concerns raised.

Recommended that:

- (i) the project is progressed further
- (ii) an article is placed in the Village Voice providing information on the results of the survey

269/19 Christmas Light Switch On Event

Members discussed the recent Christmas light switch on event.

Despite the challenging weather, the turn out had been good with all the refreshments and most of the presents being handed out. The intense rain had created very muddy conditions on the Village Green. The volunteers had worked hard to manage the event.

Members were provided with a breakdown showing attendances and costs.

Recommended that:

- (i) the information be received
- (ii) the volunteers are thanked for their involvement

270/19 Date of next meeting

Resolved - that the next Finance, Development and General Purposes Committee Meeting of the Council will take place on Wednesday 29 January at Lynwood House at 7.15pm

Meeting ended at 8.00pm