

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Lynwood House on Tuesday 12 November 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. T Jones, Cllr. L Montgomery
Cllr. D Friesner, Cllr. D Smith, Cllr. B Gray,

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Cllr. A Gray - other commitments
Cllr. K Leary - other commitments
Cllr. M Gray - other commitments
Cllr. A Cook - ill

The above apologies were received and accepted

Councillor L Montgomery was welcomed to the Parish Council and introductions were made.

237/19 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

238/19 Public Participation

The policy was distributed to the members of public present

239/19 Minutes of the last meetings

Resolved that:

- (i)** the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8 October 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted
- (ii)** the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 30 October 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

240/19 Committees

Resolved that:

- (i) the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 30 October 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

241/19 Police Report

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

- 1 x Anti-Social Behaviour – Ford Road, Lanchester – report of 3 youths throwing a wheelie bin into the road
- 1 x vehicle crime – West Drive, Lanchester – damage caused to the rear windscreen
- 3 x thefts. 1 of diesel from petrol station. 1 from Three Horse Shoes at Maiden Law where several items had been stolen. 1 from Hall Hill Farm where a tractor battery was stolen.
- 1 x criminal damage which occurred at The Paddock, Lanchester relating to damage of a diesel bowser.
- 1 x burglary at The Paddock, Lanchester where a total station machine was stolen.

At present the main issue in the area relates to off road bikes riding around the Lanchester/Burnhope area. The Police would ask anyone with information to ring the 101 number so officers can tackle the matter.

Resolved - that the information be received

242/19 Traffic Issues at Hollinside

Members considered the concern of residents regarding the speed limit at Hollinside. The current speed limit past Hollinside is 60mph.

A resident from Hollinside attended the meeting.

Members were informed that the County Council Highways section and the Police had already been contacted, however they indicated that they would not wish to reduce the speed limit. The Police have agreed to undertake a speed survey, the last survey being in 2014 which showed an average vehicle speed of 43mph.

Members considered that since 2014 the volume and speed of traffic may have changed along with the demographic of the residents of Hollinside and neighbouring properties.

A resident spoke and outlined the following concerns of Hollinside residents:

- Change in demographics of the Hollinside population. There are children including 5 under the age of 5 years.
- There is a play area at one end of Hollinside Terrace which children go to and from
- There are elderly residents some with reduced mobility. Some are reluctant to use their cars which requires turning onto and off the main road with a 60mph speed limit
- Increased level of HGV's from nearby businesses
- There have been 5 road traffic accidents in the last 7 years – no significant injuries
- The residents are compiling their own risk assessment
- The residents would be grateful for any support in this matter

Resolved that:

- (i) A letter is sent to the County Council and Police supporting a new speed survey at Hollinside
- (ii) A site visit is arranged with Councillors and the Police and County Council Highways

243/19 Trees – Lanchester Valley Walk

Members considered information and photographs received from a resident concerned about the proximity of trees on the Lanchester Valley Walk to his property on Ridgeway.

Resolved – that a letter is sent to the County Council outlining the concerns of the resident and the Parish Council and asking that the trees at this point and the surrounding area are checked and appropriate action taken.

244/19 Correspondence

(i) County Durham and Cleveland County Training Partnership – Planning Applications Training

Members considered attendance on the training course which will take place on Tuesday 26 November

Resolved - that 6 places are booked on this course

(ii) Letter – Northumbrian Water Ltd (min 197/19)

Members were informed that a letter had been received from Northumbrian Water Ltd stating that they would provide a regular update to the Parish Council and would attend the Ordinary meeting on 10 December to present information on the results of the investigation surveys, hydraulic modelling and flood mitigation measures

Resolved - that the information be received

- (iii) **Letter - Breathe Easy – Proposed Dissolution**
Members considered a letter received regarding the proposed dissolution of the Breathe Easy Group
Resolved - that the letter be received
- (iv) **Campaign to Protect Rural England – Autumn Newsletter**
Resolved - that the newsletter be received
- (v) **War Memorials Trust – November newsletter**
Resolved - that the newsletter be received

245/19 Area Action Partnership (AAP) / Parish Councils Committee (PCC) (min 220/19)

Resolved - that the minutes of the Parish Council Committee meeting be received

The next PCC meeting will take place on 18 January.

The AAP meeting scheduled for November has been cancelled due to the pre-election purdah period.

Resolved - that the information be received

246/19 Neighbourhood Plan (min 221/19)

Resolved - that the minutes of the working group meeting be approved

Members were informed that following approval at the Special Meeting on 30 October the Neighbourhood Plan Submission documents had been submitted to the County Council. Unfortunately the consultation has been delayed due to the General Election 'Purdah' period. The Neighbourhood Plan Submission consultation is now planned to commence on 13 December for an 8 week period.

Resolved - that the information be received

247/19 Loneliness Project – Welcome to Lanchester Guide (min 223/19)

Councillor Friesner provided an update.

The guide will be printed this week and distributed the following week.

On 4 December there will be a drop in session at the Community Centre to talk about the guide.

On Thursday 16 January there will be a launch event at the Community Centre between 11am – 1pm. This will be an invitation event and will

include key speakers. Parish Councillors will be invited to this event. It is expected that the guide will attract media coverage.

The guide will be available on-line. Following the launch there will be a series of sharing it activities including work with schools and young people.

Resolved - that the information be received

248/19 Christmas Light Switch On

Members were informed that arrangements for the event were progressing including: volunteers, sound system, purchase of presents and refreshments etc.

The County Council are due to undertake works on the Christmas Lights this week

Resolved - that the information be received

249/19 Works on Village Green (min 219/19)

Following the last meeting communication has taken place with Northumbrian Water Ltd. It is Northumbrian Water Ltd who will be undertaking the works on the Village Green not the individual resident.

Northumbrian Water Ltd intend to upgrade the water main by replacing the existing 35mm pipe with a 63mm pipe to serve a number of properties. The pipe will run from the front of the Blacksmiths Cottage to The Lodge. Northumbrian Water Ltd have served the Parish Council with a Notice of Intent to undertake the works.

A site meeting took place on 28 October between the Parish Council, Northumbrian Water and Fastflow. Northumbrian Water Ltd will be responsible for the works including: traffic management, informing nearby residents, Health & Safety, scanning for pipes and other utilities, trial holes, heritage scan and maintenance.

Resolved that:

- (i)** The Parish Council agree that the works can be undertaken
- (ii)** The information be received

250/19 Lynwood House – Meeting Room

Members discussed the audio quality of the communal room at Lynwood House. It was noted that residents and visitors have difficulty hearing when using the communal room for activities and meetings.

Resolved - that Karbon Homes are asked to consider improvements to the room to improve sound quality

251/19 Litter Bins and Dog Bins

Members considered information and photographs from a resident regarding full and overflowing bins.

Resolved - that a letter be sent to the County Council asking for information on the frequency of bin emptying and whether this has changed recently and informing them of recent problems.

252/19 Water – Newbiggen Lane

Members considered the problem of water running down Newbiggen Lane. This water is entering Newbiggen Lane at the top but is by-passing the large drain hump and running over the pavement and down Newbiggen Lane. It is running approximately 300m down the road. There is a concern that this could be dangerous in icy weather as both the footpath and road are affected.

Resolved - that a letter is sent to the County Council asking them to look into this matter

253/19 Quarterly Newsletter

Members considered the newsletter.

Resolved - that the decision to distribute the newsletter be ratified

254/19 Maintenance Report

Members considered report F which identified the maintenance work undertaken between July and September.

Resolved that:

- (i) the report be received
- (ii) the Handyperson be thanked for his hard work

255/19 Financial Information

The Lead Officer presented report G.

Resolved - that the report be received

256/19 Accounts for Payment

Resolved - that the following accounts be approved for payment:

S Laverick	Salary (October)	£1,369.17
D Maddox	Salary (October)	£472.50
Durham County Council	Pension (October)	£422.23
Planning Advice Plus	Neighbourhood Plan	£2,500.00
P Snowdon	Hanging Baskets – Water	£557.60
Information Commission	Data Protection Fee	£40.00
S Laverick	Expenses	£423.26

257/19 Chairperson’s Announcements

There were no announcements

258/19 Questions from Members – Information only

There were no questions from Members

259/19 Date of next meeting

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

Meeting ended at 8.45pm