

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Lynwood House on Tuesday
8 October 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. A Cook,
Cllr. D Friesner, Cllr. K Leary, Cllr. D Smith,
Cllr. B Gray, Cllr. M Gray

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Cllr. A Gray - work commitments

The above apologies were received and accepted

213/19 Declarations of Interest

Councillor J Considine declared an interest in agenda item 6 (min
217/19)

214/19 Public Participation

The policy was distributed to the member of public present

215/19 Minutes of the last meeting

It was noted that Cllrs. B Gray and M Gray had submitted apologies for
the meeting.

Resolved that:

- (i) the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10 September 2019
be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson
and any recommendations contained therein be approved and
accepted

216/19 Committees

Resolved that:

- (i) the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 3
September 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 Finance, Development & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 25 September 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

217/19 Co-option to the Parish Council (min 194/19)

Members considered the co-option.

Resolved - that Lorraine Montgomery is co-opted onto Lanchester Parish Council

218/19 Police Report

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

- 1 x criminal damage at Lanchester Nursery relating to a tyre being punctured – still under investigation
- 4 x thefts at Valley Grove, All Saints School, The Close and Front Street. Low level thefts all under investigation due to recently occurring.
- 2 x ASB nuisance – Hollinside Terrace (personal) and Burnhopeside Avenue (noise complaint)
- 2 x vehicle crimes – Greenwell Park and the Kings Head Hotel. Entry forced to vehicles and items stolen from within. Both under investigation
- 2 x burglary. Stables broken into at Knitsley, nothing taken. Browney Bank Cottages, under investigation
- 1 x road traffic collision on the A691

In addition the following recent Community Speedwatch information was provided:

- A691 Lanchester – Durham Road South
94 vehicles passed – 10 speeding
- B6296 Lanchester – Cadger Bank
23 vehicles passed – 3 speeding
- A6076 – Maiden Law Bank
57 vehicles passed – 10 speeding

Members discussed the information provided

Resolved that:

- (i) the information be received
- (ii) the Police are asked to consider employing the Community Speedwatch at peak commuter times of the day
- (iii) the Police are asked if the speed cameras/speed radar could be operated at Ford Road

(i) Request from resident – works on the Village Green

Members considered a request and information received from a resident regarding digging a trench on part of the Village Green to access water supply.

Members were informed of correspondence received from a resident asking that a pipe be laid across part of the Village Green to enable the resident to access a water supply for their newly built property. The route of the pipe proposed would be from the entrance of The Lodge to a Northumbrian Water connection point in front of the Old Blacksmiths Shop an area which is Village Green. The work would be undertaken by a contractor appointed by the resident.

The law and rules appertaining to Village Greens are complex. Members were reminded of their responsibilities as set out in section 12 of the Inclosure Act 1857 and section 29 of the Commons Act 1876.

If permission were to be granted to allow the works to be undertaken then a wayleave / easement would need to be drawn up which would require legal advice.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the matter.

A member of the public attended the meeting and informed Members that the proposed route had been provided by Northumbrian Water Ltd. The pipe would be laid using a directional drilling method which would provide minimal disturbance to the ground. The property already has other services including electricity and gas.

Members considered the following matters:

- Whether the Parish Council have the legal right to give permission for the works
- How deep would the trench be
- Is there an alternative route which does not necessitate the need to go over the Village Green
- The need for more technical information on the proposed route and works including information on the directional drilling method
- Noting that this is a historic area and the concern of disturbing heritage assets
- The need to safeguard and protect the Village Green
- The need for legal advice if a wayleave were to be progressed and the costs this could generate. The need to clearly identify who would be responsible for future maintenance

Members felt that they needed more information before a decision could be made. It was necessary to ensure that any decision safeguarded the interests of the Village Green.

Resolved that the following is agreed:

- (i)** Further advice is sought on legal aspects

- (ii) Further technical information is requested on the proposed route and works
- (iii) A letter is sent to Northumbrian Water Ltd requesting that they consider any alternative routes given the status of a Village Green
- (iv) A site visit is organised with the resident, contractor and the Parish Council

(ii) County Durham and Cleveland County Training Partnership – Chairmanship Training Course

Members considered information on a Chairmanship Training Course
Resolved - that Councillors contact the Clerk if they wish to attend

(iii) Letter – Lanchester Partnership Village Vita group – Fun Run

Members considered a letter received providing information on the recent Fun Run.

Resolved - that the letter be received

(iv) Clerk & Councils Direct – September Newsletter

Resolved - that the newsletter be received

(v) The Clerk Magazine – September edition

Resolved - that the magazine be received

220/19 Area Action Partnership (AAP) / Parish Councils Committee (PCC) (min 192/19)

The next AAP meeting will take place on 13 November at Brandon. The next PCC meeting will take place on 9 November in Lanchester.

Members were informed that further training on the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) is being organised.

The updated Durham Local Councils Charter was considered

Resolved that:

- (i) the information be received
- (ii) that the Durham Local Councils Charter be received

221/19 Neighbourhood Plan (min 209/19)

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

Members were provided with the following update:

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. Changes to the Neighbourhood Plan document had been agreed. The consultation table has been updated.

The Neighbourhood Plan document will now 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 Wednesday 30 October.

Resolved - that the information be received

222/19 Footpath between Lynwood House and Kings Head

Members considered information received from a resident expressing concern over the uneven and narrow footpath between Lynwood House and the Kings Head.

It was noted that the path was overgrown and that many elderly residents and residents visiting the Lanchester Medical Centre use the path.

Resolved - that a letter is sent to the County Council outlining these concerns and asking if they could address these issues

223/19 Loneliness Project – Welcome to Lanchester Guide (min 62/19)

Cllr Friesner informed Members that following funding from the Area Action Partnership and the County Councillors, the guide was proceeding to publication. It was aimed to circulate the guide mid to end of November. There would then be work undertaken with key community groups about the guide and how it can be used.

Resolved that:

- (i) the information be received
- (ii) David Friesner be thanked for his time and work on preparing the guide

224/19 Lynwood House - Lease

Members were informed that dialogue had taken place with Karbon Homes regarding progress on the Parish Council office lease at Lynwood House. Further information will be presented in due course.

Resolved - that the information be received

225/19 Financial Information

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

226/19 Accounts for Payment

Resolved - that the following accounts be approved for payment:

S Laverick	Salary (September)	£1,369.17
D Maddox	Salary (September)	£472.50
Durham County Council	Pension (September)	£422.23
HMRC	Tax & NI (July – Sept)	£1,266.80
Andersons Wholesale	Christmas Event	£219.87
BT	Phone & Broadband	£202.44

227/19 Chairperson's Announcements

There were no announcements

228/19 Questions from Members – Information only

Members were informed that information had been received on plastic free products for the Christmas Light Switch On from Lanchester Partnership.

Members were informed that a Pilgrimage Route walk between Hexham and Durham (The Way of Light) will take place in 2020 and will pass through Lanchester. It was suggested that someone could attend a Parish Council meeting to provide more information.

Resolved - that the information be received

229/19 Date of next meeting

Resolved:

- (i) an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 30 October at Lynwood House at 7.15pm
- (ii) that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will take place on Tuesday 12 November at Lynwood House at 7.15pm

Meeting ended at 8.30pm