

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Lynwood House on Tuesday 10 December 2019 at 7.15pm

Present Cllr. K Harrison (Chair)

Cllr. P Jackson, Cllr. J Considine, Cllr. O Johnson, Cllr. M Gray
Cllr. I Tute, Cllr. S Walker, Cllr. T Jones, Cllr. L Montgomery
Cllr. D Friesner, Cllr. D Smith, Cllr. B Gray, Cllr. A Gray

David Pott - Pilgrimage Routes Coordinator
Clair Richardson - Northumbrian Water Ltd

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Cllr. K Leary - ill
Cllr. A Cook - ill

The above apologies were received and accepted

271/19 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. T Jones declared an interest in item 7 (min 276/19)

272/19 Public Participation

The were no public present

273/19 Minutes of the last meetings

Resolved that:

- (i) the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12 November 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

274/19 Committees

Resolved that:

- (i) the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 12 November 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 and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 27 November 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

275/19 Pilgrimage Routes – Way of Light (min 228/19)

David Pott, Pilgrimage Routes Coordinator for Northern Saints Trails attended the meeting and presented information on the new Pilgrimage Routes.

Four new Pilgrimage Routes have been established in County Durham where previously there had been no routes. The new routes aim to increase visitor numbers and provide new opportunities for Pilgrimage Routes in the North East of England. A wide variety of partners have been involved in the project which will create a major European pilgrimage destination. The routes will open in Spring/Summer 2020.

One of the new routes, 'The Way of Light' will pass through Lanchester on its way from Heavenfield to Durham a distance of 45 miles.

The first pilgrimage of 'The Way of Light' is planned between 28 – 31 May 2020.

Work is currently being undertaken on marking the routes and producing a guide book and website details.

The Chair congratulated David on this exciting project

Resolved that:

- (i) the information be received
- (ii) the presentation is forwarded to Councillors

276/19 Northumbrian Water Ltd – Sewer System (244/19)

Clair Richardson from Northumbrian Water Ltd attended the meeting.

Clair provided an update on activities in Lanchester and presented information on the investigation surveys, hydraulic modelling and flood mitigation measures.

A survey had taken place with a number of properties to ascertain the experience of flooding.

Northumbrian Water Ltd can address flooding problems by either looking at larger scale engineering works or by addressing problems at individual properties.

Any larger scale schemes need to be costed up and ranked in order of priority and consulted with the public. They need to be sure that the

scheme is assessed against other schemes and the money is spent in the right places.

Members discussed the information presented including the complex detail of some of the information.

It was suggested that a written report attached to the agenda would be useful for Members to receive in advance of the Parish Council meeting.

Resolved that:

- (i) Clair produce a written summary of the information presented at the meeting, this summary to be presented at a future meeting
- (ii) An written update report is provided quarterly by Northumbrian Water Ltd
- (iii) A list of meeting dates is forwarded to Northumbrian Water Ltd

Clair was thanked for attending the meeting.

277/19

Police Report

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

- 5 x Anti-Social Behaviour – All youth related issues, predominantly around the village centre
- 4 x Burglary Incidents – 1 Humber Hill, quad bike stolen, later located by officers and returned. 2 Burnhopeside Avenue, copper piping stolen. 3 Howden Bank, personal items stolen. 4 The Paddock, theft of diesel tank
- 1 x vehicle crime – West Drive – damage caused to the rear windscreen
- 3 x thefts – shoplifting offences
- 1 x criminal damage - The Paddock
- 7 x Road Traffic Collisions

Resolved that:

- (i) the information be received
- (ii) information on the location of the road traffic collisions is sought

278/19

Correspondence

- (i) **Letter of thanks – Choral Society - Donation**

Resolved - that the letter be received

- (ii) **Lanchester Partnership and the Plastic Free Lanchester Group**

Members considered the notes from the Annual Review of the Plastic Free Lanchester Group (attached D)

Resolved - that the information be received

Members considered a request to use the Village Green for the 2020 litter pick

Resolved – that permission is granted

- (iii) **Tree Planting in the Parish**
Members considered information received from residents regarding planting of trees in the Parish
Resolved – that the residents are invited to a Parish Council meeting to discuss the matter further
- (iv) **Generations Together – Durham University Student Volunteering and Outreach**
Members considered information on a volunteering scheme with Durham University students aimed at addressing loneliness and isolation in elderly people
Resolved - that the information be received
- (v) **Clerk & Councils Direct – November newsletter**
Resolved - that the newsletter be received
- (vi) **The Clerk Magazine – November edition**
Resolved - that the magazine be received

279/19 Area Action Partnership (AAP) / Parish Councils Committee (PCC) (min 245/19)

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

280/19 Neighbourhood Plan (min 246/19)

The Neighbourhood Plan Submission consultation is now planned to commence on 13 December for an 8 week period. This consultation will be organised by the County Council.

Resolved - that the information be received

281/19 Loneliness Project – Welcome to Lanchester Guide (min 247/19)

Councillor Friesner provided an update.

The Welcoming Lanchester publication was formally tabled for consideration. The publication has been printed and distributed in the community.

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 have been invited to this event. It is expected that the guide will attract media coverage.

The guide will be available on-line including the Parish Council website. 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

282/19 Planning Training

Members were provided with information on a Planning Training session which two Councillors and the Clerk had attended. The session had been useful and informative. A further training session is being organised by the County Training Partnership in the New Year which other Councillors may wish to attend.

Resolved - that the information be received

283/19 Footpath – Durham Road (min 222/19)

Members were provided with information received from Durham County Council in response to a letter sent about the footpath which included information on inspection regimes and programmed maintenance.

Resolved - that the information be received

284/19 Maintenance Work – Park House, Village Green and Kitswell Park

Members received information on a recent site meeting to consider maintenance work. The work included removing foliage, pruning, hedge trimming etc..

Resolved - that the work is undertaken at a price of £1,270.00

285/19 Financial Information

The Lead Officer presented report F.

Resolved - that the report be received

286/19 Accounts for Payment

Resolved - that the following accounts be approved for payment:

S Laverick	Salary (November)	£1,369.17
D Maddox	Salary (November)	£472.30
Durham County Council	Pension (November)	£422.23
CCL Office Ltd	Stationery	£187.63
CCL Office Ltd	Stationery	£90.64
MK Print Solutions	Neighbourhood Plan	£1,798.00
Lanchester Brass Band	Christmas Event	£90.00
Lanchester Choral Society	Christmas Event	£90.00
Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath	£50.00

287/19 Chairperson's Announcements

There were no announcements

288/19 Questions from Members – Information only

There were no questions from Members

289/19 Date of next meeting

Resolved - that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will take place on Tuesday 14 January at Lynwood House at 7.15pm

Meeting ended at 9.00pm