

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Lynwood House on Tuesday
14 January 2020 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,
Cllr. K Leary

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Cllr. A Cook - ill
The above apologies were received and accepted

1/20 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

2/20 **Public Participation**

The policy was distributed to the public present

3/20 **Minutes of the last meetings**

Resolved that:

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

4/20 **Committees**

Resolved that:

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

5/20

Tree Planting in the Parish (min 278/19)

A number of residents attended the meeting to discuss ideas for tree planting in the Parish. They explained their concerns regarding climate change and how tree planting could contribute to tackling the problem.

They wish to liaise with the Parish Council, County Council and other groups such as the Community Orchard Group and Lanchester Partnership to identify a way forward. They wish to identify public land and privately owned land which may be suitable for tree planting. They aim to provide volunteers, trees etc. They have been working with the Community Orchard.

Residents were informed of the limited Parish Council owned land and the tree planting schemes and management which have taken place over recent years.

In addition residents were given contact details for Durham County Council sections who deal with grassed areas within the Parish.

The Parish Council advised that insurance and risk assessments should be considered. The Parish Council felt that the work may be best undertaken under the umbrella of Lanchester Partnership who have experience of similar projects.

Resolved that:

- (i) the information be received
- (ii) the Parish Council would wish to be kept updated

6/20

Police Report

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

- 6 x Burglary Incidents – Ashdown Grove, Humberhill Farm, Lee Hill Court, Hurbuck Cottages, Broadoak Drive and Ashleigh Grove
These remain under investigation by CID. The Police ask that people keep an eye on neighbours properties. They advise people to:
 - Ensure a light is left on when they go out
 - Obtain some form of CCTV, whether this be doorbell cameras or dummy cameras
 - Purchase additional door locks to give extra protection
- 5 x Road Traffic Collisions – Kings Head Hotel, Holly House, West Butsfield, Bargate Bank and Lanchester Nursery
- 2 x thefts – West Hamsteels, signpost stolen and Parklands, theft of fuel

In addition detail had been received on the location of the 7 road traffic collisions reported in the November Police report as follows:

- Front Street
- Bargate Bank

- Hallgarth Terrace
- Peth Lane, Burnhope
- St Bedes, Lanchester
- Whickham Grange, Rowley
- Browney Bank

Resolved that:

- (i) the information be received
- (ii) information be requested on the outcome of the reported incidents

7/20 Correspondence

- (i) **Buckingham Palace Royal Garden Party**
Members considered nominations for the Garden Party
Resolved - that Councillor M Gray be nominated
- (ii) **Durham County Council Pension Fund – Actuarial Review**
Members were informed of the results of the actuarial review which will come into effect on 1 April 2020 for 3 years
Resolved - that the information be received
- (iii) **Clerk & Councils Direct – January newsletter**
Resolved - that the newsletter be received
- (iv) **The Clerk Magazine – January edition**
Resolved - that the magazine be received

8/20 Area Action Partnership (AAP) / Parish Councils Committee (PCC) (min 279/19)

The next PCC meeting will take place on 18 January. The next AAP meeting will take place on 11 March at Meadowfield.

Members were informed that Pam Sinclair who worked for the AAP had left the County Council for a new job.

Resolved - that the information be received

9/20 Neighbourhood Plan (min 280/19)

The Neighbourhood Plan Submission consultation commenced on 6 January for an 8 week period. This consultation has been organised by the County Council. The process of appointing an examiner for the Neighbourhood Plan has commenced.

Resolved - that the information be received

10/20 Speed Limit - Hollinside (min 242/19)

Members were informed of correspondence received from the Police and Durham County Council Highways. This was in response to concerns raised regarding the current speed limit.

The Police and County Council provided a comprehensive response outlining the results of a recent traffic survey and the criteria and national guidelines used to assess speed limits. Both the Police and the County Council are of the opinion that the speed limit is appropriate for the location and is observed by the majority of road users. They state that this location has been considered several times in recent years.

It was noted that the concerns of residents was that the speed limit at Hollinside was too high and not whether road users complied with the current 60mph limit.

The recent traffic survey indicated an average traffic speed of 46mph.

Resolved that:

- (i) The information be received
- (ii) Feedback is provided to residents at Hollinside

11/20 Kitswell Park – Annual Play Inspection

Councillors were informed that the Annual Inspection for Kitswell Park Play Area had been completed. No major or high risk problems were raised, however a number of maintenance issues need to be undertaken.

Resolved - that the report be received and identified works be addressed

12/20 Precept 2020/21

The Lead Officer presented report C.

Resolved - that the precept be set at £65,329.87 for 2020/21

This would result in an increase in band D council tax to £44.24 (an increase of £1.82 a year or 4.29%)

13/20 Financial Information

The Lead Officer presented report D.

Resolved - that the report be received

14/20 Accounts for Payment

Resolved - that the following accounts be approved for payment:

S Laverick	Salary (December)	£1,369.17
D Maddox	Salary (December)	£472.50
Durham County Council	Pension (December)	£422.23
HMRC	Tax & NI (Oct – Dec)	£1,266.80
Glazing Films & Blinds	Panel – Bus shelter	£142.20
Damascus Road	Sound – Christmas Event	£95.00
AD Purves Landscaping	Grass Cutting	£5,768.40
MK Print	newsletter – print	£93.00
Tyne & Wear Play Ltd	Play Inspection	£250.00
County Training Part.	Training	£81.00
S Laverick	Expenses	£588.92
BT	Phone and Broadband	£202.44

15/20 Chairperson’s Announcements

There were no announcements

16/20 Questions from Members – Information only

It was agreed that councillors attend the recently advertised community energy workshop and report back to the Parish Council.

17/20 Date of next meeting

Resolved - that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will take place on Tuesday 11 February at Lynwood House at 7.15pm

Meeting ended at 8.40pm