

## Lanchester Parish Council

### Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held via 'Zoom' on Tuesday 13 October 2020 at 6.30pm

**Present** Cllr. K Harrison (Chair)

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

**Apologies** Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Cllr. K Leary - ill

The above apologies were received and approved

**96/20**      **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

**97/20**      **Public Participation**

There were public present at the meeting.

**98/20**      **Minutes of the last meeting**

**Resolved that:**

- (i) the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8 September 2020 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

**99/20**      **Correspondence**

- (i) **Clerk & Councils Direct – September newsletter**

**Resolved** - that the newsletter be received

- (ii) **County Durham Association of Local Councils – training**

Members considered the training opportunities

**Resolved that:**

- (i) Councillors inform the Clerk if they wish to attend any of the training sessions
- (ii) A place is booked on the VAT training for the Clerk

The following planning application had been refused by Durham County Council:

- Erection of 3 no. timber cabins for holiday let purposes (amended layout received 30/10/19) on land to the west of Lanchester Cemetery, Kitswell Road, Lanchester

The following planning applications had been approved by Durham County Council:

- Variation of conditions 2 – 6 and 9 – 17 (incl.) of DM/16/01861/FPA to permit revised internal site layout on land east of Ornsby Hill, Lanchester
- Variation of condition 9 pursuant to planning application 1/2006/0150/24156 in relation to use of the site as a livery (retrospective) and alterations to access on land off Peth Bank, Lanchester
- Certificate of Existing Lawful Use for Storage purposes (B8) at Malton Works, Malton
- Single storey rear extension at Foxhills Crescent, Lanchester
- Reserved matters consisting appearance, scale, landscaping and layout for one two storey detached dwelling following approval DM/19/00118/VOC on plot 11 The Pastures, Lanchester
- Change of use from A1 retail to Sui Generis beauty salon and semi-permanent make up on Front Street, Lanchester
- Resubmission of approved planning application DM/19/03535/FPA to include addition of canopy to agricultural shed and erection of polytunnel on land to the east of Eliza Farm
- Retrospective listed building consent for the erection of garden wall to rear using salvaged stone, opening for cat flap to rear and addition of roof light to rear single storey pitched roof at The Deanery Farm
- Installation of a ground mounted solar pv array. One row of 20 x 350w all back panels which equates to a 7kW system at Shepherds Barnes, Newbiggen Lane
- Erection of garage at Manor Grange
- Erection of first floor side extension at Sycamore Place
- Single storey rear extension at Humberhill Drive
- Demolition of existing garage and rear porch, erection of two-storey rear extension and loft conversion with roof lights at Durham Road
- Single storey rear extension (retrospective) at Lee Hill Court
- Replacement conservatory to rear at Woodlands
- Demolition of existing garage and rear porch. Erection of two-storey rear extension with windows within gable and loft conversion with roof light (resubmission) at Durham Road
- Tree work at The Paddock
- Tree work at Margery Flatt Farm
- Tree work at Ford House, Ford Road

- Tree work at The Paddock

**Resolved** - that the information be received

Members were informed that planning application DM/20/01201/FPA *Proposed 37no holiday lodges (including 10no highly accessible lodges and 1no managers lodge) and Play Barn with associated Farm Experience* had been approved by Durham County Council at their remote meeting on 2 September. Councillor Friesner the Chair of the Planning Committee had attended the meeting to represent the views of the Parish Council. The report from Durham County Council had recommended the planning application for approval. Councillors were disappointed with the decision. Councillor Friesner was thanked for attending the meeting and representing the Parish Council.

**Resolved** - that a letter be submitted to Durham County Council expressing the disappointment of the Parish Council

Councillors were provided with an update on the proposed housing development on Durham Road / Oakwood. The County Council have confirmed that they are waiting for additional information from the developer following which a further consultation period will take place. The next County Council planning committee will take place on 25 November, however it is not known yet whether the application will be in a position to be considered at this meeting.

**Resolved** - that the information be received

#### **101/20 Activity in Field near Doras Wood**

Members were informed that information had been received from the County Council on this matter. An officer has undertaken a site visit and spoken with the landowner. The land is designated as agricultural land. The works undertaken on the land to date are permitted development.

**Resolved** - that the information be received

Councillors Bill Gray and Margaret Gray entered the meeting at 7.00pm.

#### **102/20 Garage Break-In – Park House Play Area**

Councillors were informed that following the theft from the Parish Council garage on 30 August 2020 a claim has been progressed with our insurers. A list of items has been costed and the insurance company have settled the claim.

It was agreed that the Clerk consult with the Handyperson to compile a list of tools/equipment that need replacing to ensure that the maintenance needs of the Parish are met.

Councillors were also informed that there had been a further attempted break in at the garage on 19 September. On this occasion no entry was made. On both occasions the Police had attended and made enquiries.

The works to provide additional security to the front of the garage have been completed and the metal work has been painted.

It was agreed that a security light is installed at the garage.

**Resolved that:**

- (i) The Clerk replaces the tools as required
- (ii) A security light is installed
- (iii) The information be received

**103/20 Tractors and Trailers on Peth Bank**

Residents on Peth Bank have reported concerns of large tractors and trailers driving up and down Peth Bank. This activity is intermittent, however on one recent occasion the activity was continuous for 36 hours.

In addition members were aware of a recent accident where a tractor hit a utility post on Peth Bank.

Members are aware that this concern has been reported before and believe the activity relates to tractors and trailers travelling between Peth Bank and the digester works at High Hedleyhope. At that time it was confirmed that the vehicles complied with licence conditions.

**Resolved** - that a letter is sent to the County Council Highways to inform them of ongoing concerns

**104/20 Christmas Lights 2020**

At the meeting in September it was agreed that the Christmas Lights would be switched on, on Saturday 28 November.

A suggestion has been made by Councillor Considine to extend the times that the lights are on to include also a morning session. The extra electricity costs could be met through the County Council Neighbourhood Budget Members Small Grant Fund.

It was agreed that the lights are displayed between 3.00pm and 12midnight and 7am – 9am.

Members discussed and agreed to extend the switch off date to the end of January.

Correspondence has been received from a resident and a member of Lanchester Partnership with a suggestion to encourage people to stay at home and switch on their home lights at the same time as the Village Green lights are switched on.

**Resolved that:**

- (i) The lights are switched on on 28 November and switched off at the end of January
- (ii) The lights are lit between 3pm - 12midnight and 7am - 9am
- (iii) A grant application is progressed to contribute towards the cost of electricity
- (iv) Work is undertaken with the resident to develop the event

**105/20 Financial Information**

The Lead Officer presented report C.

**Resolved** - that the report be approved

**106/20 Accounts for Payment**

**Resolved** - that the following accounts be approved for payment:

S Laverick	Salary (Sept)	£1,555.21
D Maddox	Salary (Sept)	£548.24
Durham County Council	Pension (Sept)	£487.98
HMRC	Tax & NI (July – Sept)	£1,354.13
Total Results Ltd	Website Compliance	£350.00
BT	Phone & Broadband	£202.44
Durham County Council	Trade Waste Service	£277.16
Durham County Council	Christmas Lights Work	£1,528.66

**107/20 Chairperson's Announcements**

The Chair informed Councillors that a request had been received from Lanchester Partnership to use the Village Green during November and December for a craft market. Councillors agreed that permission could not be granted in the current circumstances.

**Resolved** - that the Lanchester Partnership is informed of the decision.

The Chair informed members that a local resident and businessman had been awarded the MBE in the recent list.

**Resolved** - that a letter of congratulations is sent from the Parish Council

Councillor Jones informed Members that Churches Together were still considering arrangements for the Remembrance Service.

**108/20**      **Date of next meeting**

**Resolved** - that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will take place via 'Zoom' on Tuesday 10 November 2020 at 6.30pm

Meeting ended at 7.45pm