

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held via 'Zoom' on Tuesday 8 December 2020 at 6.30pm

Present Cllr. J Considine (Chair)

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

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Cllr. K Leary - ill

Cllr. K Harrison - IT difficulties

The above apologies were received and approved

123/20 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

124/20 **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

125/20 **Minutes of the last meeting**

Resolved that:

- (i) the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10 November 2020 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

126/20 **Correspondence**

- (i) **War Memorials Trust – November Magazine**
Resolved - that the magazine be received
- (ii) **The Clerk Magazine – November Magazine**
Resolved - that the magazine be received
- (iii) **Clerk & Councils Direct – November Magazine**
Resolved - that the magazine be received

127/20 Planning

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

- Certificate of Existing Use for permanent residential occupancy and building works at Chapel View, Millershill Lane

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

- Tree work at The Paddock, Lanchester
- Single storey wrap around side and rear extension at Broadoak Drive, Lanchester

Resolved - that the information be received

128/20 Christmas Lights and Events 2020 (min 118/20)

(i) Christmas Light Switch On

The Christmas Lights were switched on on Saturday 28 November at 6pm. The County Council had undertaken snagging and maintenance work on the lights and an electrician attended the event to facilitate the switch on.

Lanchester Partnership organised a live streaming of the event which included a small speech from Councillor Keith Harrison and a countdown from schoolchildren. To date over 10K views of the event have taken place from all around the world.

Councillors agreed that the event had been very successful and would consider whether to stream the event again when the event is discussed next year.

The necessary returns have been made to the energy company so that the quantity of electricity used may be calculated.

Resolved - that the information be received

(ii) Santa Event

The Lanchester Partnership delivered an event on Saturday 5 December which involved Santa and his elves walking around the houses and estates in Lanchester to deliver a small present to children. The Parish Council supplied the presents for the children.

415 gifts were given out to children. The Partnership has indicated that they would wish to undertake the event again next year.

Councillors agreed that the event had been successful and well received.

Resolved that:

- (i) The information be received
- (ii) Thanks is passed to Lanchester Partnership for both Christmas events

129/20 Manor Grange Play Area (min 115/20)

Members were provided with an update on the project.

- The Heads of Terms for the lease have been signed and returned to the County Council. The full lease is now being prepared by the County Council.
- Consultation – Consultation is currently taking place with the two primary schools to seek feedback from children on the content of the scheme. Feedback from the schools is expected by 14 December

Resolved - that the information be received

Councillor B Gray entered the meeting at 6.45pm

130/20 Regional Transport Plan

Councillors considered the Regional Transport Plan, details of which had been previously e-mailed to members.

A lengthy discussion took place on the plan and in particular the suggestion by a Councillor to ask for a rail link to be restored between Durham, through Lanchester to Consett.

Councillor M Gray entered the meeting at 7.05pm

A resolution was made by Councillor D Smith and seconded by Councillor T Jones as follows:

To submit a request to the North East Transport Plan asking for a rail link between Durham through Lanchester to Consett to be included in the Plan with the proposed link from Newcastle to Consett.

A vote was taken on the proposed resolution which resulted in 6 votes for and 7 votes against.

Resolved - that the resolution is not approved

131/20 Annual Return 2019/20

The Lead Officer went through the papers returned from external audit. External audit confirmed that no matters had come to their attention which gave cause for concern.

Resolved - that the Annual Return be approved and accepted

132/20 Budgets 2020/21 and 2021/22

The Clerk presented the report.

Resolved - that the proposed budget for 2021/22 be approved

133/20 Financial Information

The Lead Officer presented report D.

Resolved - that the report be approved

134/20 Accounts for Payment

Resolved - that the following accounts be approved for payment:

S Laverick	Salary (Nov)	£1,407.48
D Maddox	Salary (Nov)	£491.29
Durham County Council	Pension (Nov)	£430.37
AD Purves Landscaping	Remembrance Seat	£456.00
AD Purves Landscaping	Grass Cutting	£5,727.09
British Red Cross	Remembrance Wreath	£100.00
S Laverick	Expenses	£630.82
Kompan	Play Parts	£812.52

135/20 Chairperson's Announcements

The Chair wished everyone a Merry Christmas

136/20 Date of next meeting

Resolved - that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will take place via 'Zoom' on Tuesday 12 January 2021 at 6.30pm

Meeting ended at 7.30pm