

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Lanchester Community Centre on Tuesday 18 May 2021 at 7.50pm

Present Cllr. K Harrison (Chair)

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

Reverend Lesley Sutherland

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Cllr. D Friesner - family commitments

The above apologies were received and approved

76/21 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

77/21 Public Participation

Members of the public were welcomed to the meeting.

78/21 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved that:

- (i) the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 27 April 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

79/21 Correspondence

(i) Removal of Public Payphone – Front Street

Councillors were informed of the draft decision received from the County Council to remove the public payphone

Resolved - that the information be received

(ii) County Durham Association of Local Councils - Training

Councillors were informed of several Councillor training opportunities

Resolved - that details of the training sessions are forwarded to Councillors for consideration

- (iii) **Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) – annual membership fee**
Resolved - that the annual membership is renewed at a cost of £208.00
- (iv) **Clerks & Councils Direct – May magazine**
Resolved - that the magazine be received
- (v) **The Clerk Magazine – May edition**
Resolved - that the magazine be received

80/21 Northern Saints Trails – Pilgrimage Routes

Reverend Lesley Sutherland was welcomed to the meeting.

Revd Sutherland provided information on the Pilgrimage Routes and in particular the 'Way of Light' route which is based around St Cuthbert. This route links Heavenfield to Durham and passes through Lanchester.

The Way of Light will be walked by four Bishops starting on Thursday 20 May. They will stop off at Lanchester All Saints Church on Saturday 22 May.

There are spaces if anyone would like to walk part of the way with the Bishops. However this must be booked with Lesley.

All the Pilgrimage routes are detailed on the 'This is Durham' website and leaflets are also available. The website provides an opportunity for Lanchester and its businesses to be promoted.

Pilgrimage routes are very popular around the world and increasingly so in this country.

Resolved - that the information be received

81/21 Remote Parish Council Meetings (min 55/21)

Councillors were informed that the regulations which allowed Parish Councils to meet remotely ended on 6 May 2021.

A claim was heard by the High Court on 21 April to determine if remote meetings may continue. This claim was dismissed.

Present regulations mean that going forward the Ordinary Meetings of the Council will need to take place face to face.

Resolved - that the information be received

82/21 Manor Grange Play Area (min 56/21)

Members were provided with an update on the project.

The grant monies to undertake the project will be released to the Parish Council this week.

The tender process will commence shortly.

Everything is in place for the project to progress.

Councillors were informed that Barrie Alderson from the County Council who has helped develop the project has retired.

Resolved that:

- (i) the information be received and approved
- (ii) a letter of thanks be sent to Barrie Alderson

83/21 Neighbourhood Plan (min 57/21)

The referendum for the Lanchester Neighbourhood Plan took place on 6 May 2021. There was a 50% turn out with 89.28% voting yes for the Neighbourhood Plan.

The County Council now need to formally make the plan at a County Council meeting.

It was suggested that a celebration of some kind should take place once restrictions allow. It was also agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to members of the working group for their continued work and commitment to the plan over a substantial period of time.

Resolved that:

- (i) the information be received
- (ii) a letter of thanks be sent to members of the working group

84/21 Annual Play Inspection Reports

Councillors were informed that the annual play inspections have been received for Hollinside Play Area, Hurbuck Cottages Play Area, Park House Play Area and Manor Grange Play Area. Several matters had been raised which are being progressed.

Resolved - that the information be received

85/21 Internal Audit Report 2020 / 21

Members considered the Internal Audit report.

Resolved - that the report be approved

86/21 Durham County Councillors

Councillors were informed that the two County Councillors would be sent the Parish Council agendas in advance of future Parish Council meetings.

Resolved - that the information be received

87/21 Financial Information

The Lead Officer presented report C.

Resolved - that the report be approved

88/21 Accounts for Payment

Resolved - that the following accounts be approved for payment:

S Laverick	Salary (April)	£1,409.28
D Maddox	Salary (April)	£510.09
Durham County Council	Pension (April)	£430.37
County Durham Assoc.LC	Training	£30.00
Olivers Tree Services	Tree Work	£3,276.00
BHIB	Annual Insurance	£741.90
M Young	Internal Audit Fee	£140.00

89/21 Chairperson's Announcements

There were no Chairpersons announcements.

It was agreed that a number of matters referring to traffic speed and parking be considered at the next meeting.

90/21 Date of next meeting

Resolved - that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will take place on Tuesday 8 June at 7.00pm at the Community Centre.

Meeting ended at 8.40pm