

# Lanchester Parish Council

August 2021

# Newsletter

Welcome to Lanchester Parish Council's newsletter. This newsletter is produced quarterly to provide the community with information on the services and activities that the Council provides.

## Manor Grange Play Area

Lanchester Parish Council are developing a project to improve the play facilities at Manor Grange Play Area which will include providing a more accessible and improved play facility for children aged under 12. A survey undertaken prior to the pandemic generated a good response with a majority in favour of the project, indicating that the play area would be well used.

Over the last year the Parish Council has secured a lease for the land from the County Council and secured the funding for the project. Funding has been made available from the County Councils Area Budget and Neighbourhood Budget with a contribution from the Parish Council.

In December 2020, we consulted with schoolchildren in the two primary schools to determine which play equipment was most popular.

In summer 2021 the project will be put out to tender. It is expected that a contractor will be appointed during the summer with the works commencing in the Autumn.

We look forward to the community enjoying this new and accessible play area.



## Lanchester Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan includes a number of planning policies developed to reflect the wishes of the local community. It was progressed through a working group of the Parish Council and included representatives from local groups and residents.

Following many years of hard work and a delay due to the pandemic, on 6 May the community voted **YES** to the Lanchester Neighbourhood Plan at referendum. The turn out was high and an overwhelming 89% voted yes to the Neighbourhood Plan. This is a great endorsement from the local community.



Durham County Council also approved the Lanchester Neighbourhood Plan at their meeting on 23 June.

**The Parish Council would wish to thank all the people who were involved in developing the plan for their commitment and enthusiasm over recent years.**

## Lanchester Community Emergency Plan

The Lanchester Community Emergency Plan was adopted in February 2016 and was the first community emergency plan to be adopted in the County.

The plan includes actions to inform key groups and organisations in the parish in the event of an emergency. Other actions may include the use of equipment from the emergency sheds and opening of a number of safe rest centres.

Earlier this year the plan was reviewed, updated and approved by the Parish Council.

If you would like further information on the Community Emergency Plan please contact Sally Laverick on 01207 520146

## Dog Fouling

There have been reported incidents of dog fouling at Kitswell Park, particularly around the football and cricket fields.

Neighbourhood Wardens do patrol this area and will issue fixed penalty notices to anyone who allows their dog to foul.

The Parish Council would ask all dog owners to be responsible and clear up after their dogs.

Please report any incidents of dog fouling to the Neighbourhood Wardens on 03000 261000



## Parish Council Elections

On 6 May 2021 the Parish Council elections took place.

Lanchester Parish Council had an uncontested election with 14 people standing for the 15 Councillor positions. The Parish Councillors took up their positions on 10 May. At the Parish Council meeting in June, Mr Eric Hepplewhite was co-opted onto the Parish Council to fill the remaining position.

Details of all Lanchester Parish Council Councillors can be seen at the bottom of the page. The Parish Councillors will remain in post until the next local elections scheduled for May 2025.

## Idling of Traffic

Lanchester Parish Council and residents are concerned about the problem of air pollution caused by idling vehicles in the village and in particular outside of schools at drop off and pick up times. This can impact on air pollution and could cause health problems.

The Parish Council would ask that drivers turn off their car engines when parked up.

Thank you



## Hanging Baskets

The hanging baskets have once again been erected throughout the village centre. We look forward to them providing a colourful display throughout the village during the summer months.



## Lanchester Parish Councillors

Jude Considine		07920 798403
David Friesner	56 Briardene,	529982
Alison Gray	14 Lee Hill Court,	
Keith Harrison	Colepike Home Farm,	529522
Eric Hepplewhite	13 Deanery View	521323
Paul Jackson	Stonebeck, Front Street,	521208
Vicky Jackson	25 Ashdown Grove	07885 700968
Ossie Johnson	Stella House, Durham Road,	521937
Trevor Jones	Willow Green, Ford Road,	
Barrie McDermid	21 Kitswell Road	
Lorraine Montgomery	18 Lee Hill Court,	07866 414363
David Smith	53 Humberhill Drive,	529880
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Ian Tute		529286
Stuart Walker	2 St Bedes Court,	520790

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