

## Lanchester Parish Council

### Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Lanchester Community Centre on Tuesday 8 June 2021 at 7.00pm

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

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

Cllr. E Hepplewhite (following item 94/21)

County Cllr. D Oliver  
County Cllr. M McGaun

A moments silence was held for Kevin Leary a past Parish Councillor who passed away recently.

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

Cllr. J Considine - isolating

The above apologies were received and approved

**91/21** **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**92/21** **Public Participation**

Members of the public were welcomed to the meeting.

**93/21** **Minutes of the last meeting**

**Resolved that:**

- (i) the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 18 May 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted
- (ii) the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 18 May 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

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## Co-option to the Parish Council

**Resolved - that under the powers contained in Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 the Press and Public be excluded from the following item of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted**

Councillors considered the eligibility form and statement provided by a resident wishing to be considered for co-option to the Parish Council. It was confirmed that the candidate fulfilled the eligibility criteria.

**Resolved** - that Eric Hepplewhite is co-opted onto Lanchester Parish Council

The public were invited back into the meeting.

Eric Hepplewhite signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and received his induction pack.

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## Correspondence

- (i) **Letter from resident – Woodlands – subsidence problems**  
Councillors considered a letter received from a resident in Woodlands regarding subsidence to their property which they believe is caused by nearby trees.  
**Resolved** - that a letter is sent to the County Council asking them to investigate the problem and the residents are informed accordingly
- (ii) **Letter from resident – concerns of recent road traffic accidents**  
Councillors considered the letter received and acknowledged that more accidents occur than just the reported ones. It was noted that works to the Kings Head junction had taken place in recent years to address the number of road traffic accidents.  
**Resolved** - that the letter is passed to the County Council
- (iii) **County Durham Association of Local Councils (CDALC) – annual membership fee**  
**Resolved** - that the annual membership is renewed at a cost of £582.52
- (iv) **Lanchester Partnership – request to put banner on the Village Green**  
Councillors considered the request to put a banner on the Village Green  
**Resolved** - that permission is granted for two weeks in both July and August
- (v) **Information from resident – Parish boundary**  
Councillors considered information received regarding suggested changes to the Parish boundary. The County Council are responsible for Community Governance Reviews. The initial opinion of the Parish

Council is that they would not be supportive of actions which would result in Parish boundary changes or would affect the precepting capacity of neighbouring parishes.

**Resolved** - that the individual is signposted to the County Council

**96/21            Kitswell Park – Dog Fouling (min 61/21)**

Councillors were informed that a site meeting had taken place in May with the Neighbourhood Warden to discuss the current problem of dog fouling.

The Neighbourhood Warden has put up signage around the park regarding dog fouling. He has also undertaken a number of patrols during May.

Information on the cleansing schedule of the County Council and the siting of dog waste bins is still awaited.

**Resolved** - that the information be received

**97/21            Car Emissions – Stationary Vehicles (58/21)**

Following discussion at a recent Parish Council meeting, information had been sought from the County Council regarding the idling of traffic outside the schools and the impact on air quality.

The legislation that covers vehicle idling can only be used within a declared Air Quality Management Area (AQMA). There is a further requirement to demonstrate that the emissions are significantly contributing to the exceedance of air quality objectives. The County Council are of the opinion that Lanchester would not fulfil the criteria to be declared an AQMA. However the County Council is undertaking actions to improve air quality including visits to schools by a representative of Living Streets. It was agreed that the representative of Living Streets would contact the schools in Lanchester regarding a visit.

**Resolved that:**

- (i)**     the information be received
- (ii)**    an update on the school visits is sought
- (iii)**   the Head Teachers are asked to pass the message regarding idling of traffic to parents
- (iv)**    the MP is asked to consider this matter at a national level

**98/21            Manor Grange Play Area (min 82/21)**

Councillors were informed that the grant monies had now been received.

The County Council will undertake the procurement process to secure a contractor to the point of placing the order. The order will then come

from the Parish Council and be in the Parish Councils name. The County Council will undertake the project management role for the project.

The old play equipment was discussed. It was agreed that the removal of the old play equipment should not be included in the tender information. This play equipment will be removed once the new play area has been installed.

**Resolved** - that the information be received

## **99/21            Parking and Traffic Speed**

Councillors discussed a number of areas of concern including:

- Maiden Law Bank
- Front Street
- Hollinside
- Station Road junction with A691
- Cadger Bank
- Kitswell Road
- Ford Road
- A691
- Peth Bank

Concerns included speed of traffic, accident history, flow of traffic at peak times and large farm vehicles. In addition the crossing point at Station Road was considered to cause concern.

Recent correspondence with the County Council regarding the Station Road crossing requested a meeting with the County Council.

**Resolved** - that a site meeting is arranged with the County Council and the Police to discuss the above matters

## **100/21            Financial Year 2020/21 End of Year Accounts**

The Lead Officer presented the report

**Resolved that:**

- (i)**     the Council approve the Annual Return – Annual Governance Statement
- (ii)**    the Council approve the Annual Return – Accounting Statement
- (iii)**   the Council approve the financial position for the end of year

## **101/21            Financial Information**

The Lead Officer presented report D.

**Resolved** - that the report be approved

**102/21 Accounts for Payment**

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

S Laverick	Salary (May)	£1,409.28
D Maddox	Salary (May)	£581.69
Durham County Council	Pension (May)	£430.37
MK Print Solutions	Neighbourhood Plan	£2,058.00
CCL Office Ltd	Stationery	£176.30
Lanchester Comm Assoc	Room Hire	£52.50
Wel Medical	Defibrillator parts	£153.42
Society Local Coun Clerk	Annual Membership	£208.00
S Laverick	Expenses	£149.67

**103/21 Chairperson's Announcements**

There were no Chairpersons announcements.

**104/21 Date of next meeting**

**Resolved** - that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will take place on Tuesday 13 July at 7.00pm at the Community Centre.

Meeting ended at 8.15pm