

## Lanchester Parish Council

### Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Lynwood House on Tuesday 12 October 2021 at 7.00pm

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

Cllr. I Tute, Cllr. S Walker, Cllr. D Friesner, Cllr. E Hepplewhite,  
Cllr. T Jones, Cllr. D Smith, Cllr. J Considine, Cllr. B McDermid,  
Cllr. O Johnson, Cllr. A Gray, Cllr. V Jackson

County Cllr. D Oliver  
County Cllr. M McGaun

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

Cllr. D Toner - family commitments  
Cllr. P Jackson - away  
Cllr. L Montgomery - work commitments

The above apologies were received and approved

#### **178/21 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **179/21 Public Participation**

Members of the public were welcomed to the meeting.

#### **180/21 Minutes of the last meeting**

##### **Resolved that:**

- (i) the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14 September 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

#### **181/21 Committees**

##### **Resolved that:**

- (i) the minutes of the Finance, Development & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 29 September 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 Planning Committee Meeting held on 29 September 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

**182/21 Police Report**

The Police report was considered by Councillors.

**Resolved** - that the information be received

**183/21 Correspondence**

**(i) Tree Planting in Lanchester – Lanchester Partnership**

Councillors considered a request to assist Lanchester Partnership in contacting local landowners regarding tree planting.

**Resolved** - that help in contacting local landowners is given

**(ii) Richard Holden MP – meeting**

Communication has been received from Richard Holden MP regarding a meeting with the Parish Council. Unfortunately a meeting on a Tuesday evening is not convenient, however the suggestion of a Friday afternoon/evening or a Saturday morning has been made.

**Resolved** - that a meeting is arranged for early on a Friday evening in November

**(iii) Letter of thanks – resident**

A letter of thanks had been received from a resident regarding action on some trees near his property.

**Resolved that:**

- (i) the letter be received  
(ii) the County Council are thanked for their action in this matter

**184/21 Parking around Lanchester EP School**

Councillors considered information received regarding the parking around the EP Primary School during school drop off and pick up times.

A member of the public attended the meeting to discuss the matter.

A lengthy discussion took place which included:

- the volume of cars parked on Front Street, Victoria Terrace, Fenhall Park and other areas
- the inappropriate parking on grass verges and pavements
- the safety of children and adults walking to school
- the parked vehicles which are causing an access issue for residents and service/emergency vehicles
- Front Street becomes very difficult to navigate
- Parking near to junctions

The member of the public spoke about the safety of children and the elderly residents of Victoria Terrace. Emergency vehicles struggle to access the houses. There is anxiety in the older people in the community.

It was considered that the problem is caused to some extent by parents dropping off children on their way to work.

It was also considered that the problem has become worse over recent times.

It was acknowledged that the schools are aware of the problem and are sending out the message through their newsletters.

It was agreed that this matter required a multi-agency approach including: Durham County Council, Schools, Police and County and Parish Councillors.

The County Councillors informed the meeting that they had had a meeting with a Durham County Council officer today. They are waiting for feedback and suggested solutions.

**Resolved** - that the Parish Council wait to receive further information from the County Councillors

**185/21 Churches Together Service of Remembrance, Thanksgiving and Hope**

Reverend Stephen Martin was welcomed to the meeting. Councillors were provided with details of a Churches Together Service of Remembrance, Thanksgiving and Hope which is planned to take place on Saturday 30 October at 10am. The service will be in three parts with a blessing at the end. The Parish Council were asked to speak at the service. Posters had been produced for the service.

**Resolved that:**

- (i)** a representative from the Parish Council speaks at the service
- (ii)** a copy of the poster is forwarded to Councillors
- (iii)** the posters are distributed around Front Street

**186/21 Area Action Partnership (AAP) / Parish Councils Committee (PCC)**

The next PCC meeting will take place on Saturday 20 November via Zoom. The Police and Crime Commissioner will attend.

Councillors were informed that Addison Park in Meadowfield had won the bulb competition.

Councillor Hepplewhite informed the meeting that he had a number of crocus bulbs which would be planted on the village green. The Council discussed funding for additional bulbs

**Resolved** - that £200 is spent on additional crocus bulbs

The Parish Council discussed a project to install a solar planet walk on the Lanchester Valley Walk. Councillor Friesner and the Clerk had attended a Zoom meeting yesterday with a representative from York University where a similar walk had been installed in 2000. The AAP have been approached and are happy to receive further information and an application for funding from one of their new funding streams. The County Council will need to be in agreement, planning permission will be required and the details and costs of the project developed.

**Resolved that:**

- (i) the project be progressed
- (ii) a working group is established to carry the project forward

#### **187/21 Traffic and Speed Concerns (154/21)**

Following the meeting with the Police and County Council officer on 2 August the following update has been received from the Police.

- B6296 Cadger Bank. A new full 7 day 24 hour speed survey has been requested from Durham County Council
- A691 Durham Road (30mph). Community speed watch has been deployed 15 times in the first 8 months of 2021. A 7 day 24 hour speed survey undertaken in April 2021 showed an average speed of 31mph
- A6076 Howden Bank. A new speed survey has been requested between A691 junction and Ornsby Hill.
- Ford Road. The last data from community speed watch and full 7 day surveys have not shown an excess speed issue
- Peth Bank. Have no plans for a speed survey

Councillors considered the information.

**Resolved that:**

- (i) The Police are asked to consider a full 7 day speed survey on Ford Road since that last one is 7 years old
- (ii) The Police are asked to consider a full 7 day speed survey on the A691 near to St Bedes School

#### **188/21 Lanchester Neighbourhood Plan – Celebration Event (min 158/21)**

Councillors were provided with an update on preparations for the Neighbourhood Plan celebration event which will take place on Wednesday 20 October at 1pm at Lanchester Community Centre. Unfortunately the schools are not able to attend.

Invites have been sent out and displays and refreshments have been organised.

**Resolved** - that the information be received

**189/21 Financial Information**

The Lead Officer presented report E.

**Resolved** - that the report be approved

**190/21 Accounts for Payment**

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

S Laverick	Salary (September)	£1,409.28
D Maddox	Salary (September)	£545.89
Durham County Council	Pension (September)	£430.37
HMRC	Tax & NI (July – Sept)	£1,112.34
Wicksteed	Play Equipment	£714.01
Durham County Council	Christmas Lights work	£1,383.29
County Durham Assoc.LC	Booklets	£54.99
Lanchester Comm Assoc	Room Hire	£31.50
BT	Phone & Broadband	£186.42

**191/21 Chairperson's Announcements**

A number of items were agreed for the next meeting.

**192/21 Date of next meeting**

**Resolved** - that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will take place on Tuesday 9 November at 7.00pm

Meeting ended at 8.30pm