

## Lanchester Parish Council

### Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Lynwood House on Tuesday 9 November 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, Cllr. D Toner,  
Cllr. P Jackson, Cllr. L Montgomery

County Cllr. D Oliver

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

There were no apologies for absence

**197/21      Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. E Hepplewhite declared an interest in agenda item 7(i)

**198/21      Public Participation**

Members of the public were welcomed to the meeting.

**199/21      Minutes of the last meeting**

**Resolved that:**

- (i) the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12 October 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

**200/21      Committees**

**Resolved that:**

- (i) the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 12 October 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

**201/21      Police Report**

The Police report was considered by Councillors.

**Resolved** - that the information be received

**202/21 Christmas Light Switch On 2021 (min 172/21)**

The Clerk provided an update on the event. The Clerk had sent an e-mail to Councillors a week ago which outlined concern in delivering the full event due to Covid rates. It had been suggested that the event be live streamed only as happened last year.

Councillors discussed the event at length.

Cllr Hepplewhite proposed that an event should take place on the Village Green to include the switch on only with no other elements of the event on the green. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Jones.

The proposal was passed with 7 votes for and 6 votes against.

**Resolved** - that an event should take place on the Village Green to include the switch on only with recorded music and no other elements of the event

**203/21 Correspondence**

**(i) Churches Together Service of Remembering, Thanksgiving and Hope**

Councillors were informed that due to adverse weather the service had been re-arranged for Saturday 13 November at 10am on the Village Green

**Resolved** - that the information be received

Councillors considered a request from Churches Together for a donation of £100 towards the sound system for the event

**Resolved** - that a donation of £100 is approved

**(ii) North Pennines AONB Partnership – Annual Forum**

Councillors considered attendance at the Annual Forum

**Resolved** - that the information is circulated to Councillors for consideration

**(iii) Meeting – Richard Holden MP**

Councillors were informed that a meeting had been arranged for Friday 12 November at 4.30pm at the Community Centre

**Resolved** - that the information be received

Councillor D Toner entered the meeting at 7.40pm

**204/21 Durham County Councillors**

County Cllr. Doug Oliver provided the following update

- Footpath, Durham Road – the County Councillors have met with Officers from Durham County Council to consider improvements to the steps and path. Options are awaited

- County Hall – the current building will be used until 2023. The new site and existing site are being reviewed including a business case analysis with options for the site
- Consett Swimming Pool – expecting to re-open in Spring 2022
- Parking problems at the schools – options from Durham County Council officers are awaited
- Drop Kerbs at various locations are being considered
- Planning – spoken at committee to several applications at The Pastures

**Resolved** - that the information be received

Cllr T Jones left the meeting at 7.55pm

**205/21 Area Action Partnership (AAP) / Parish Councils Committee (PCC)**

The next Parish Council Committee meeting will take place on Saturday 20 November at Brandon & Byshottles Parish Council Offices. The Police and Crime Commissioner will be attending.

With regard to the Solar Planet walk a meeting has been held with representatives from York University to gain information about their walk that was installed in 2000. Contact has been made with County Council officers. A meeting has been arranged with AAP officers to explore funding matters.

**Resolved** - that the information be received

**206/21 Planning Application**

Reserved matters for plot 3: appearance, landscaping, layout, materials, and scale of the residential development at 3 The Pastures, Lanchester DM/21/03477/RM

**Resolved** - that the response submitted to the County Council be ratified

**207/21 Traffic and Speed Concerns (187/21)**

Councillors were provided with an update.

At the last Council meeting it had been agreed to ask the Police to undertake a full speed survey on Ford Road and the A691 near to St Bedes School.

The following response had been received:

- Ford Road – the process agreed by the County Council and the Police is that Community Speed Watch is engaged first, following any complaint of speed. If Community Speed Watch shows a speed problem there is an escalation process which can include a

full speed survey. Community Speed Watch activity since 2017 has not identified a problem. Therefore a full speed survey would not be requested.

- A691 near to St Bedes School – a full speed survey was undertaken in March 2020 prior to Covid lockdown. The survey showed a good level of compliance with the speed limit. A new full speed survey would not be requested.

Councillors considered the information and it was agreed to bring up the concern of speeding vehicles at a forthcoming meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner

**Resolved** - that the information be received

## **208/21 Car Emissions – Stationary Vehicles (152/21)**

Councillors were provided with an update following recent correspondence with the County Council.

The County Council still consider that the current legislation to address idling vehicles requires an application to the Secretary of State.

The County Councillors agreed to co-ordinate with the Parish Council to progress this matter.

Councillors considered creating a smokeless zone or undertaking air quality samples. It could be considered a Health & Wellbeing issue.

A suggestion was made to put up banners on the railings of the two primary schools asking drivers of stationary vehicles to turn off their engines. It was suggested that the children could design the banners.

**Resolved that:**

- (i) The information be received
- (ii) The schools are asked to design and display a banner on the railings, the banners to be provided by the Parish Council

Cllr. B McDermid left the meeting at 8.30pm

## **209/21 Bus Stop Issues – Maiden Law Bank**

Councillors discussed the bus stop location going up Maiden Law Bank which is not convenient for Willow Burn Hospice. In addition the old bus stop opposite Ornsby Hill has been demolished but the debris is still lying there.

**Resolved** - that the matter is progressed with Durham County Council

**210/21 CCTV – Park House Play Area**

Councillors discussed CCTV provision at Park House Play Area. A CCTV camera had been located there in previous years.

It was agreed to contact the Police and the County Council to explore CCTV provision.

**Resolved** - that the matter be progressed

**211/21 Financial Information**

The Lead Officer presented report E.

**Resolved** - that the report be approved

**212/21 Accounts for Payment**

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

S Laverick	Salary (October)	£1,409.28
D Maddox	Salary (October)	£545.89
Durham County Council	Pension (October)	£430.37
CCL Office Ltd	Stationery	£220.12
Lanchester Comm. Centre	Room Hire	£18.00
J. Hanley & Sons	Buffet - Neighbourhood Plan	£178.50
E Hepplewhite	Crocus Bulbs	£194.00
Lanchester Comm. Centre	Room Hire	£102.50
ICO	Data Protection Fee	£40.00
S Laverick	Expenses	£168.44
On-line Playgrounds	Play parts	£105.80

**213/21 Chairperson's Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**214/21 Date of next meeting**

**Resolved** - that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will take place on Tuesday 14 December at 7.00pm

Meeting ended at 9.00pm