

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Lynwood House on Tuesday 14 December 2021 at 7.00pm

Present Cllr. K Harrison (Chair)

Cllr. I Tute, Cllr. S Walker, Cllr. D Friesner,
Cllr. T Jones, Cllr. J Considine, Cllr. E Hepplewhite,
Cllr. A Gray, Cllr. P Jackson, Cllr. L Montgomery

County Cllr. D Oliver
County Cllr. M McGaun

Keiron Young – Heritage 100 Walk Project
James Young – Durham County Council

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Cllr. D Toner - away
Cllr. D Smith - other commitments
Cllr. B McDermid - other commitments
Cllr. O Johnson - ill
Cllr. V Jackson - other commitments

The above apologies were received and approved

225/21 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

226/21 **Public Participation**

Members of the public were welcomed to the meeting.

227/21 **Minutes of the last meeting**

Resolved that:

- (i) the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9 November 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

228/21

Committees

Resolved that:

- (i) the minutes of the Finance, Development & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 24 November 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

229/21

'Heritage 100' walk project

Keiron Young was welcomed to the meeting. Keiron is the Operations Manager for Walk and Talk Trust. Walk & Talk Trust was founded for the public benefit, to promote the physical and mental health benefits associated with regular healthy exercise, specifically walking. In summer they undertook 50 walks over 2 weeks.

The Heritage 100 walk project aims to create 100 circular heritage walks across County Durham. The project attracted funding of £10K which created 5 walks in the first phase. This was very successful.

The second phase will create a further 15 walks. Each walk will tell a story about the heritage of the area. A walk in Lanchester could be included. The support of the Parish Council and the community would be needed to take this forward.

This would be a long term legacy project.

The Parish Council were pleased to be involved and supported the project. Information from the Lanchester Community Heritage audit could support this project.

Resolved - that a meeting is arranged in the New Year to progress a walk in Lanchester

230/21

Manor Grange Play Area

James Young from Durham County Council was welcomed to the meeting.

Councillors considered the three designs submitted as part of the tender process. Large scale versions of the plans had been available to view prior to the start of the Parish Council meeting.

James went through each plan in detail outlining the advantages and disadvantages of each. Councillors discussed the designs in detail.

It was agreed that the consultation with children prior to the tender process was sufficient to progress now to a decision.

Councillors voted unanimously for design one.

Durham County Council will correspond with the company of design one as part of the tender process. Lanchester Parish Council will then place the order for the works and receive the goods. All invoices will be addressed and sent to the Parish Council. The Parish Council will pay the invoice.

It is hoped that the play area will be completed for April 2022.

Resolved that:

- (i) the Parish Council unanimously select design one
- (ii) the previous consultation with children is deemed sufficient
- (iii) the Parish Council place the order for the works

231/21 Police Report

The Police report was considered by Councillors.

Resolved - that the information be received

232/21 Correspondence

(i) Letter of thanks – Richard Holden MP

Resolved - that the letter be received

(ii) Durham County Council – Welcome Back Fund Project – local businesses

Councillors considered a response

Resolved - that the information be received

(iii) Training session – Members Interests

Resolved that:

- (i) The Clerk attend the training
- (ii) Councillors inform the Clerk if they wish to attend

(iv) Clerk & Councils Direct – November magazine

Resolved - that the magazine be received

(v) War Memorials Trust – November 2021

Resolved - that the magazine be received

(vi) The Clerk Magazine – November

Resolved - that the magazine be received

233/21

Durham County Councillors

County Cllrs. Doug Oliver and Michael McGaun provided the following update:

- There is a new Neighbourhood Warden for Lanchester
- Following changes in Covid restrictions the majority of facilities will stay open with additional measures in place. The County Council have placed information on their website and there is also a council helpline.
- Communication with organisations following the power outage after Storm Arwen
- Progressing grants for the Table Tennis Club and the Flower Club
- Planning applications – The Pastures
- Drainage problem on Kitswell Road – awaiting options from County Council officers
- Parking outside schools – awaiting options from County Council officers

Resolved - that the information be received

Councillor Gray left the meeting at 8.00pm

234/21

Area Action Partnership (AAP) / Parish Councils Committee (PCC)

Resolved - that the minutes of the PCC meeting be received

The Police and Crime Commissioner had attended the last PCC meeting and had expressed an interest in visiting local communities.

Resolved - that the Police and Crime Commissioner is invited to attend and walk around Lanchester

235/21

Traffic and Speed Concerns (207/21)

Councillors were provided with an update.

Following a Community Speedwatch referral for B6296 Cadger Bank the location was subject to speed enforcement attention by the Roads Policing Unit during November. Only one ticket was issued.

A seven day 24 hours speed survey was undertaken at the bottom of Howden Bank within the 30mph speed limit area. There were significant levels of vehicles above the speed limit. There will now be a period of speed enforcement attention from the Roads Policing Unit

Resolved - that the information be received

236/21 Poppy Wreath Remembrance Sunday - Donation

Resolved - that a donation of £100 is made to the Royal British Legion

237/21 Solar Powered Seat / Bench

Councillors received information on a solar powered seat which would allow for the charging of phones, laptops etc. Limited prices sought had shown the seats to be expensive.

Resolved - that the information be received

238/21 Recycling Bins – Front Street

Resolved - that this item is carried forward to a future meeting

239/21 Planning Application

Application for Reserved Matters consisting: appearance, landscaping, layout and scale from approval DM/19/00118/VOC (resubmission) at 14 The Pastures (formerly plot 13), Lanchester DM/21/04079/RM

Councillors considered the application. It was agreed that the objections raised about the original application still apply.

Resolved - that a letter of objection is sent to the County Council

240/21 Budgets 2022/23

The Clerk presented report E.

Resolved - that the proposed budget for 2022/23 be approved

241/21 Financial Information

The Lead Officer presented report F.

Resolved - that the report be approved

242/21 Accounts for Payment

Resolved - that the following accounts be approved for payment:

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| S Laverick | Salary (November) | £1,409.28 |
| D Maddox | Salary (November) | £545.89 |
| Durham County Council | Pension (November) | £430.37 |
| MK Print Solutions | Printing | £128.00 |

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| AD Purves Landscaping | Grass Cutting | £5,727.10 |
| Lanchester Comm. Assoc | Room Hire | £9.00 |
| Churches Together | Donation | £100.00 |
| Olivers Tree Services | Tree Work | £300.00 |
| Lanchester Brass Band | Donation | £90.00 |
| Lanchester Choral Society | Donation | £90.00 |
| D P Supplies Ltd | Presents – Santa Walk | £335.60 |

243/21 Chairperson’s Announcements

The Chair informed Councillors that following the Santa Walk, Lanchester Partnership had some gifts remaining.

Resolved - that Lanchester Partnership keep the gifts and use them for the benefit of the Partnership

The Chair wished everyone a Happy Christmas

244/21 Date of next meeting

Resolved - that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will take place on Tuesday 11 January at 7.00pm

Meeting ended at 9.50pm