

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Lynwood House on Tuesday 8 February 2022 at 7.00pm

Present Cllr. K Harrison (Chair)

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

County Cllr. D Oliver
County Cllr. M Mcgaun

A moments silence was held for Jim Owens a past Parish Clerk who passed away recently.

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

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| Cllr. I Tute | - ill |
| Cllr. J Considine | - work commitments |
| Cllr. D Smith | - family commitments |

The above apologies were received and approved

32/22 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

33/22 **Public Participation**

Members of the public were welcomed to the meeting.

34/22 **Minutes of the last meeting**

Resolved that:

- (i) the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11 January 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

35/22

Committees

Resolved that:

- (i) the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 11 January 2022 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 Finance, Development & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 26 January 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

- (iii) the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 26 January 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

36/22

Police Report

The Police report was considered by Councillors.

Resolved - that the information be received

37/22

Correspondence

- (i) **Lanchester Partnership**
Councillors considered a request to use the Village Green for the annual litter pick on 19 March

Resolved - that permission is granted

Councillors considered information on a meeting organised by the Partnership on 'Contemplating Going Electric'

Resolved - that the information be received

- (ii) **Northern Saints Trails**
Councillors considered the information received from the County Council which included the proposed location point for an interpretation board on the Lanchester Valley Walk. The Parish Council raised no objection to the location of the interpretation board but would ask that they are consulted on the detail and wording for the interpretation board.
Resolved - that this response is sent to the County Council

Councillor A Gray arrived at the meeting at 7.15pm

(iii) Memorial Seat

Councillors considered a request for a memorial bench on the Village Green. The current practise is that plaques are not added to existing seats. Memorial plaques and seats are allowed if they are replacing an old seat and there is still a need for a seat in that location or if the seat is in a new location, is needed and it complies with highways and planning implications. Where there is a plaque on a seat, the seat and plaque have been purchased by the resident/family. An alternative location of the play area was suggested for the memorial seat.

Resolved - that further communication is undertaken with the resident

(iv) The Clerk Magazine – January magazine

Resolved - that the magazine be received

(v) Clerk & Councils Direct – January magazine

Resolved - that the magazine be received

38/22

Durham County Councillors

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

- Parking outside schools – meeting undertaken with Head Teacher. County Council are undertaking a consultation regarding extra double yellow lines. Extra wooden railings are being considered
- Trees – Following the recent storms, TPO's have held up some tree removals
- Drainage problem on Kitswell Road – awaiting information from County Council officers
- Durham Road – pavement – awaiting information from County Council officers
- A meeting with Go North East to take place shortly
- Planning – Cadger Bank
- Boys Brigade – visit and talk

Resolved - that the information be received

The Councillors discussed the effect of recent storms on the trees.

Resolved - that the County Council are asked to attend a future meeting to discuss tree management

39/22

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

Resolved that:

- (i)** the minutes of the PCC meeting held on 20 November 2021 be received
- (ii)** the minutes of the PCC meeting held on 22 January 2022 be received

The next PCC meeting will take place on Saturday 19 March. The AAP meeting in January was postponed.

Resolved - that the information be received

40/22 Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Councillors discussed the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend which will take place between 2 – 5 June 2022.

The Parish Council with Burnhope Parish Council are organising the Beacon event which will take place on 2 June in the evening at Burnhope Picnic Area.

Eric Hepplewhite informed Members that he will be putting an article in the Village Voice advertising a meeting for individuals or organisations to attend if they are interested in being involved in organising a community event.

Resolved - that the outcome of the meeting is reported back to the Parish Council

41/22 Kitswell Park Play Area – Annual Inspection

Councillors were informed that the Annual Inspection for Kitswell Park Play Area had been completed. No major or high risk problems were raised, however a number of maintenance issues need to be undertaken.

The Annual Play Inspections for the remaining four play areas will be undertaken by Durham County Council.

Resolved - that the report be received and identified works be addressed

42/22 Recycling Bins – Front Street

Councillors were informed that following correspondence and a request from the Parish Council the County Council have confirmed that they will undertake a trial of street recycling bins in Lanchester. The location of the bins is to be decided. It is expected that the bins will be installed in May/June.

It was agreed that in order for the trial to be a success that the community will need to be informed. It was agreed to put an article in the Village Voice.

Resolved that:

- (i) the information be received
- (ii) an article is placed in the Village Voice

43/22 Police and Crime Commissioner - Visit

Councillors discussed the meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner which will take place at the end of March. A route was discussed to cover the key locations.

Resolved that:

- (i) Councillors inform the Clerk if they wish to attend the meeting
- (ii) the details of the meeting be finalised at the next Parish Council meeting

44/22 Olivers Tree Services – 40 Anniversary

Olivers have asked if they can plant a tree in Lanchester to celebrate their 40 year anniversary. The company was established in Lanchester and has a huge connection to Lanchester.

Resolved - that permission be given to plant a tree, the location to be agreed

45/22 Financial Information

The Lead Officer presented report H.
Resolved - that the report be approved

46/22 Accounts for Payment

Resolved - that the following accounts be approved for payment:

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| MK Print Solutions | Printing | £107.00 |
| BT | Phone & Broadband | £186.42 |
| Damascus Road | PA Hire | £40.00 |
| S Laverick | Salary (January) | £1,409.28 |
| D Maddox | Salary (January) | £545.89 |
| Durham County Council | Pension (January) | £430.37 |
| Tyne & Wear Play Ltd | Play Inspection | £275.00 |
| CCL Office Ltd | Stationery | £270.78 |

47/22 Chairperson's Announcements

There were no Chairpersons announcements.

48/22 Date of next meeting

Resolved - that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will take place on Tuesday 8 March at 7.00pm

Meeting ended at 8.35pm