

Lanchester Parish Council

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

Present Cllr. K Harrison (Chair)

Cllr. S Walker, Cllr. D Friesner, Cllr. J Considine,
Cllr. T Jones, Cllr. I Tute, Cllr. V Jackson, Cllr. D Toner,
Cllr. O Johnson, Cllr. P Jackson, Cllr. D Smith

County Cllr. D Oliver
County Cllr. M McGaun

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Cllr. E Hepplewhite	- ill
Cllr. L Montgomery	- other commitments
Cllr. A Gray	- family commitments
Cllr. B McDermid	- work commitments

The above apologies were received and approved

The Chair expressed deepest sympathy for Ukraine and its community at this difficult time.

53/22 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

54/22 **Public Participation**

Members of the public were welcomed to the meeting.

55/22 **Minutes of the last meeting**

Resolved that:

- (i) the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 8 February 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

56/22 Committees

Resolved that:

- (i) the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 22 February 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

57/22 Police Report

The Police report was considered by Councillors.
The recording of road traffic accidents was discussed

Resolved that:

- (i) the information be received
(ii) clarification is sought on the recording of road traffic accidents

58/22 Correspondence

(i) **Lanchester Cricket Club**

Members received information from the club on the preparations for the beer festival to be held 2 - 4 June 2022. A number of measures are being proposed to address people bringing their own alcohol to the event and underage drinking.

Resolved - that the Parish Council supports the measures to address these issues

(ii) **Northern Saints Trails – Interpretation Board**

Councillors were informed that the wording on the board would be limited and consistent with other Northern Saints Trails and managed by Visit County Durham. The wording would be shared with the Parish Council in due course although opportunities to change the content may be limited.

Resolved - that the information be received

59/22 Durham County Councillors

County Cllrs. Doug Oliver and Michael McGaun provided an update on the following areas of work:

- Parking in village – consultation taking place on some changes around Victoria Terrace. Considering more fencing to stop verge parking
- Consett Incinerator – an appeal has been lodged by the developer
- Planning application – Cadger Bank
- Pot holes
- Drainage – work on Durham Road and near All Saints RC Church

- Tree Preservation Orders – the impact on tree work following damage from recent storms
- Public Rights Of Way

Resolved - that the information be received

60/22 Police and Crime Commissioner - visit

Councillors discussed the visit by the Police and Crime Commissioner which will take place on Tuesday 29 March at 1.30pm.

It was agreed that the meeting point should be at Lynwood House and the route should include the following key areas:

- Kings Head / Durham Road junction
- Ford Road
- Station Road / crossing of the Valley Walk
- Front Street
- St Bedes School
- Primary Schools

Councillors will join the route at different points.

Resolved that:

- (i) the schedule is sent to Councillors
- (ii) the schedule is sent to the Police and Crime Commissioner

61/22 County Durham Association of Local Councils (CDALC)

(i) 2021/22 Pay Agreement

Councillors were informed that the National Salary Award for 2021/22 had been agreed.

Resolved - that the pay award is applied backdated to 1 April 2021

(ii) Double Taxation

Councillors were informed that the County Association had received feedback from Parish and Town Councils. The overwhelming response was that Parish and Town Councils do not support the approach suggested by the County Council to address double taxation.

Resolved - that the information be received

62/22 Durham County Council – Consultations

The following consultation are currently taking place:

- Our Big Econ-versation – economy
- Area Action Partnership (AAP) Community Priorities 2022/23
- Libraries For You

Resolved that:

- (i) Councillors respond individually to the consultations
- (ii) The links to the consultations are sent to Councillors

63/22 Manor Grange Play Area

Councillors were informed that the order confirmation had been received from HAGs. A soil contamination form had been returned and the County Council were producing a utilities map. A pre-start meeting will take place shortly.

Councillors considered the proposed signage for the play area.

Resolved that:

- (i) The information be received
- (ii) The signage be approved

64/22 Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Councillors were informed of the outcome of a public meeting held on 3 March to consider a village event for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. There had been a good turn out and it had been agreed that a village picnic should be organised for Sunday 5 June at 12.30pm organised through the Partnership, the venue to be confirmed.

Resolved - that the information be received

65/22 Discharge into Watercourses

Councillor V Jackson raised concerns about the discharge into the Smallhope Burn. Information shows that there are several discharge points and that the quality of the water varies.

The key organisations are Northumbrian Water Ltd, Environment Agency and the Rivers Trust

Resolved - that further information and clarification is sought

66/22 Newsletter

Councillors considered the newsletter

Resolved - that the newsletter be approved for distribution

67/22 Maintenance Work

Councillors considered the following areas of maintenance work:

- Village Green Footpath – re-surfacing - £1020.00
- Fence Repairs – Kitswell Park - £1114.00
- Village Green – addressing exposed tree roots - £984.00

Resolved - that the works are undertaken

68/22 Grass Cutting 2022

Members considered the price received for grass cutting for 2022

Resolved - that the price be approved

69/22 Risk Assessment Schedule

Members considered and reviewed the policy.

Resolved - that the Risk Assessment Schedule be approved

70/22 Internal Audit Arrangements

Members considered and reviewed the policy.

Resolved that:

(i) the Internal Audit Arrangements be approved

(ii) Mr Mike Young be approved as the internal auditor

71/22 Schools – Distribution of newsletters

Resolved - that a donation of £100.00 is awarded to the two Primary schools in Lanchester

72/22 Grants / Donations

Councillors were informed that two donations had been made through the year which totalled £200.00.

There were no additional applications for funding to consider.

Councillors discussed the Parish Church Clock in the centre of the village. In previous years a donation had been made towards the servicing of the clock which provides an important visual and audial facility for the community.

Resolved - that a donation of £300.00 is made towards the servicing of the Parish Church Clock

73/22 Financial Information

The Lead Officer presented report H.

Resolved - that the report be approved

74/22 Accounts for Payment

Resolved - that the following accounts be approved for payment:

Durham County Council	Planning Fee	£117.00
Olivers Tree Services	Tree Work	£252.00
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Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath	£100.00
S Laverick	Expenses	£125.00
S Laverick	Salary (February)	£1,409.28
D Maddox	Salary (February)	£545.89
Durham County Council	Pension (February)	£430.37
S Laverick	Expenses	£202.27

75/22 Chairperson's Announcements

There were no Chairpersons announcements.

76/22 Date of next meeting

Resolved - that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will take place on Tuesday 12 April at 7.00pm

Meeting ended at 8.20pm