

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Finance, Development and General Purposes Committee Meeting held at Lynwood House on Wednesday 25 May 2022 at 7.00pm

Present Cllr. P Jackson (Chair)

Cllr. I Tute, Cllr. D Friesner, Cllr. B McDermid,
Cllr. D Smith, Cllr. O Johnson, Cllr. V Jackson

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Cllr. K Harrison - other commitments
Cllr. E Hepplewhite - other commitments
Cllr. A Gray - other commitments
Cllr. T Jones - away

The above apologies were received and approved

129/22 Election of Chair

Resolved - that Cllr Paul Jackson be elected as Chairperson for the ensuing year.

130/22 Election of Vice Chair

Resolved - that Cllr. Stuart Walker be elected as Vice Chairperson for the ensuing year.

131/22 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

132/22 Public Participation

There were no members of public present.

133/22 Finance Report

The Clerk presented the finance report which Members discussed.

Recommended - that the information be received.

134/22 Solar Planet Walk – Lanchester Valley Walk

A meeting of the working group had taken place on 3 May 2022. Notes from the meeting were presented to Councillors.

Information has been sent to the County Council so they can undertake due diligence on the project. This will include checks confirming land ownership, flood risks as well as consulting with various stakeholders. A project brief has been put together and some provisional prices for the design, manufacture and installation of the sun and planet structures have been gathered.

Meetings to progress funding and design will take place in June and July.

Cllr. D Smith informed Councillors that he had visited York and cycled their solar route.

Recommended that:

- (i)** the notes from the working group meeting be approved
- (ii)** the information be received

135/22 Manor Grange Play Area

Councillors were informed that a pre-start meeting had taken place on 25 April with the play company and the County Council.

The additional seat for the play area has been ordered and the path surface material confirmed. Residents surrounding the play site have received letters informing them of the upcoming works. An article has been submitted to the Village Voice with the plan of the new play area.

The work is confirmed to start this week. The play area has been staked out today with ground works due to be completed this week.

Councillors discussed a launch event for the new play area.

Recommended that:

- (i)** the information be received
- (ii)** the launch event be discussed at the Parish Council meeting in June

136/22 Beacon – Relocation and the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Beacon event

The notes from the meeting held in April had previously been circulated and approved by the Parish Council.

Councillors were informed that the Safety Advisory Group has signed off the event and a licence to hold the event has been received from the County Council.

The beacon will be put in position in the coming days.

A meeting of the working group will take place on 26 May to finalise all arrangements.

Recommended - that the information be received

137/22 Heritage 100 Walk

A meeting of the working group had taken place on 4 May 2022. Notes from the meeting were presented to Councillors.

The proposed route is currently being assessed by the County Council. Once approved, the waymarks and signage will be ordered and the physical elements of the route will be installed. A grant is being progressed by Keiron Young from the Walk and Talk Trust who are leading and managing the project. Each walk will have a heritage story. The walk and the story may not be completed at the same time. The walk is progressing and the story will follow at a slightly later date.

Recommended that:

- (i) the notes from the working group meeting be approved
- (ii) the information be received

138/22 Annual Play Inspections

Councillors were informed that the annual play inspections have been received for Hollinside Play Area, Hurbeck Cottages Play Area, Park House Play Area and Manor Grange Play Area. Several matters had been raised which are being progressed.

Resolved - that the information be received

139/22 Durham County Council – Grass Cutting Licence

The grass cutting licence between Durham County Council and Lanchester Parish Council is due for renewal. This allows the Parish Council to cut the grass on the valley walk between Newbiggen Lane and Station Road.

Recommended - that a one year licence is agreed, the matter to be ratified at the next Parish Council meeting

140/22 Date of next meeting

Resolved - that the next Finance, Development and General Purposes Committee Meeting of the Council will take place on Wednesday 27 July at 7.00pm

Meeting ended at 7.30pm