

# Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Conference Room in Park House,  
Lanchester on Tuesday 14 January 2014 at 7.15pm

**Present** Mr O Johnson (Chair)

Mr C Burton, Mr S Walker, Mr M Wardle, Mrs A Cook  
Mr K Harrison, Mr K Leary, Mr P Jackson, Mr A Nairn  
Mr B Gray, Mr Peter Richardson, Mrs J Richardson

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

Mrs M Gray - other commitments  
Mr B Glass - other commitments  
The above apologies were received and accepted

## **1/14 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made at this point in the meeting.

## **2/14 Public Participation**

The public participation policy was distributed for the benefit of the public present.

## **3/14 Minutes of the last meeting**

**Resolved that:**

(i) the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10 December 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson

## **4/14 Neighbourhood Warden Report**

The Neighbourhood Warden report for November was received.

Members noted that correspondence had been received stating that the Police report would take a new format. It was agreed to receive and consider the new format before making comments.

## **5/14 Correspondence**

(i) **LCR – winter magazine**

**Resolved** - that the information be received

- (ii) **World War I – centenary events**  
Members were informed of information received from the County Council regarding projects to commemorate the centenary of World War One  
**Resolved** - that the information be received
- (iii) **Royal Garden Party – 3 June 2014**  
**Resolved** – that Members inform the Clerk if they wish to be considered for attendance at the above event
- (iv) **Durham County Council Pension Fund – Employer contribution rates**  
Members were informed of the Employers contribution rate which would be fixed for three years  
**Resolved** - that the information be received
- (v) **Derwentside Homes – change to company status**  
**Resolved** - that the information be received
- (vi) **Royal British Legion – Lanchester Branch Standard**  
Members received information from the Royal British Legion regarding the Lanchester Branch Standard and whether the Council would like it returned to the Parish.  
**Resolved that:**
  - (i) further information is sought on the condition of the Standard
  - (ii) an interest is expressed in returning the Standard to Lanchester

**6/14 Area Action Partnership (AAP) / Parish Councils Committee (PCC)  
(min 273/13)**

There was no progress to report

**7/14 Maintenance Progress Report**

The Lead Officer presented report C.

**Resolved that:**

- (i) the appreciation of Members be passed to David Maddox on the work undertaken to date.
- (ii) the report be received

**8/14 Financial Information**

The Lead Officer presented report D

**Resolved** - that the report be received.

**9/14 Precept 2014/15 (min 265/13)**

The Lead Officer presented report E.

Members considered the staffing rates of pay and their aspiration to implement the living wage hourly rate.

**Resolved** - that the precept be set at £51,636.00 for 2014/15

**10/14 Accounts for Payment**

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

S Laverick	Salary (Dec)	£1190.32
D Maddox	Salary (Dec)	£387.14
Durham County Council	Pension (Dec)	£377.55
HMRC	Tax & NI (Oct – Dec)	£884.25
Talk Talk	Phone	£21.00
CCL Office Ltd	Stationery	£219.39
S Laverick	Expenses	£12.92

**11/14 Chairperson's Announcements**

The Chair informed Members that he had received information from Councillor Glass regarding World War One centenary projects. He suggests buying poppy seeds to sow on Parish Council land.

**Resolved** - that the purchase of seeds is investigated and that consideration is given to offering seeds to schools and individuals

**12/14 Questions from Members – Information only**

Councillor Harrison informed members that a resident had reported that his car windscreen had been smashed by a branch knocked from a tree by a van travelling in front of them on the road from Lanchester to Satley.

**Resolved** - that a letter is sent to the County Council informing them of the incident and asking that they inspect the trees along this stretch

**13/14 Date of next meeting**

**Resolved** - that the next Ordinary meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday 11 February 2014 at 7.15pm.

Meeting ended at 8.00pm