

# Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Lanchester Community Centre on  
Tuesday 8 July 2014 at 7.15pm

**Present** Mr O Johnson (Chair)

Mr C Burton, Mr Peter Richardson, Mr P Jackson,  
Mr S Walker, Mr M Wardle, Mr K Leary,  
Mrs J Richardson

Mr R Young - County Councillor – observer

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

Mrs A Cook	- ill
Mr K Harrison	- other commitments
Mr B Gray	- other commitments
Mrs M Gray	- other commitments
Mr B Glass	- work commitments
Mr A Nairn	- work commitments
Mr Philip Richardson	- other commitments

The above apologies were received and accepted

**173/14**      **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

**174/14**      **Public Participation**

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

**175/14**      **Minutes of the last meeting**

**Resolved that:**

(i) the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10 June 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson

**176/14**      **Committees**

**Resolved that:**

(i) the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 11 June 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

**177/14 Neighbourhood Warden Report**

**Resolved** - that the Neighbourhood Warden report for May be received

**178/14 Correspondence**

**(i) Outdoor and Sustainability Education Specialists (OASES) – Request to use Park House Play Area for childrens summer activities**

Members were informed that a request to use Park House Play Area to provide several free play sessions for children during the summer holidays had been received. Due to the timescale, permission had been granted.

**Resolved** - that the decision be ratified by the Council

**(ii) Campaign to Protect Rural England – Summer Newsletter**

**Resolved** - that the newsletter be received

**(iii) Planning Training Session**

Members were informed of a free training session delivered by the County Council

**Resolved** - that members inform the Clerk if they wish to attend

**(iv) Durham County Council – Register of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Registerable Interests**

The County Council have requested that all Councillors review their current forms

**Resolved** - that the information be received

**(v) LCR – summer publication**

**Resolved** - that the publication be received

**179/14 Cricket Club Grant Working Group (min 155/14)**

Members considered the minutes of the recent meeting

**Resolved** - that the minutes of the working group are approved

**180/14 Banner Celebration Event Working Group (min 129/14)**

Members considered the minutes of the recent meeting

**Resolved** - that the minutes of the working group are approved

**181/14 Area Action Partnership (AAP) / Parish Councils Committee (PCC)  
(min 159/14)**

**Resolved** - that the minutes from the recent PCC meetings be received

A letter had been received from the PCC asking all Parish Councils to consider the purpose and role of the PCC . All Parish Councils were encouraged to attend the next meeting in September to discuss the future of the group.

Members agreed that the PCC was a useful meeting, however there needed to be a commitment from all Parish Councils to attend meetings.

**182/14 Employers Choices under the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations (min 163/14)**

Members were informed that under the regulations that govern the Local Government Pension Scheme from 1 April 2014, employers are required to prepare and publish a written policy in relation to specific choices and discretions that they have.

The draft policy was considered by Members

**Resolved** - that the policy is adopted by the Parish Council

**183/14 Request to release a restrictive covenant on land at Ornsby Hill  
(min 171/14)**

Mike Wardle declared an interest in this item.

Members considered the current and proposed wording for the covenant.

**Resolved** - that the Parish Council objects to the amendment to the covenant and requests that the existing conditions be maintained

**184/14 Venue for Parish Council Meetings / Update on Parish Council Office**

A short term licence has been signed to allow the Parish Council to remain in Park House until at least the end of August. Information is awaited from Derwentside Homes regarding an agreement for renting office space in the Lynwood development.

**Resolved** - that the Chair is authorised to sign an agreement with Derwentside Homes if a Council meeting is not scheduled

The requirements for the new office were discussed  
**Resolved** - that this is placed on the next Finance agenda for further discussion

#### **185/14 Maintenance Progress Report**

The Lead Officer presented report I.

**Resolved that:**

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

(ii) the report be received

#### **186/14 Financial Information**

The Lead Officer presented report J

**Resolved** - that the report be received

#### **187/14 Accounts for Payment**

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

DMCBGA	Membership	£20.00
A D Purves Landscaping	Grass Cutting	£2091.23
Swinburne, Snowball & Jackson	Legal Advice	£60.00
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MK Print Solutions	Banner Packs	£3050.00
On-Line Playgrounds	Swing Seats	£285.60
S Laverick	Salary (June)	£1209.93
D Maddox	Salary (June)	£387.34
Durham County Council	Pension (June)	£367.07
HMRC	Tax & NI (April – June)	£848.15
Talk Talk	Phone	£39.89
Top Banana	Leaflet Distribution	£126.00
County Durham Ass Local Coun	Training	£27.00
S Laverick	Expenses	£480.93

#### **188/14 Chairperson's Announcements**

The Chair informed Members that a meeting had taken place with County Councillors, Parish Council Clerk and County Council Officers to discuss the plans to improve the village centre. Plans include:

- Repairs to paving
- Improved entrance to car parks
- Replacement of bins
- Repairs to flower beds
- Parking markings

It was confirmed that a meeting to discuss parking in the village will take place in the Autumn.

**189/14 Questions from Members – Information only**

Stuart Walker asked that the grass cutting of the bowls area be placed on a future agenda for discussion

**190/14 Date of next meeting**

**Resolved** - that the next Ordinary meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday 9 September 2014 at 7.15pm, venue to be confirmed

Meeting ended at 8.00pm