

Lanchester Parish Council

**Minutes of the Finance, Development and General Purposes Committee
held at Lynwood House on Wednesday 28 September 2016 at 7.15 pm**

Present Mr K Harrison (Chair)
Mr M Wardle, Mr S Walker, Mr K Leary, Mr P Jackson,
Mr O Johnson

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

There were no apologies for absence received

215/16 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

216/16 Public Participation

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

217/16 Budget Position

The Lead Officer presented the finance report.
Recommended - that the report be received

218/16 Kitswell Park Football Pitch

Members considered correspondence received from the Ashdown Grove Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator which outlined concerns of residents about inappropriate language of footballers and spectators, trespassing on private property and littering.

Representatives from the football club attended the meeting and spoke. They were not aware that these problems had arisen and state that there is not a history of problems with residents.

The representatives from the football club confirmed the following:

- (i) Players will be told not to enter gardens without permission.
- (ii) Home and away players and spectators are to be made aware of residents concerns

- (iii) Players and spectators will be told to pick up litter and dispose of it appropriately
- (iv) The referee should address any bad language from players
- (v) The football club will deliver leaflets to houses stating that they are addressing concerns and including a contact number

The Parish Council confirmed their support for the football club and look forward to the issues being resolved.

The Parish Council expressed concern about several gate entries from houses onto Kitswell Park. There are four official entrances into the park which include: Victoria Terrace, Fenhall Park, cricket club main entrance through the car park and the car park entrance to the bike track.

Recommended that:

- (i) A copy of the letter from the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator is sent to the cricket club for their information
- (ii) A letter is sent to the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator outlining the actions agreed
- (iii) A letter is sent to the football club thanking them for attending the meeting and confirming the agreed actions

219/16 Lanchester Neighbourhood Plan

Mike Wardle provided Members with an update. The Heritage Audit is being finalised. The topic papers on housing and the historic environment are being prepared and will be presented at the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan working group on 14 October.

Recommended - that the information be received

220/16 County Durham Association of Local Councils - AGM

Members were informed that the County Durham Association of Local Councils AGM will take place on Saturday 22 October. The Parish Council can send two representatives

Recommended - that any councillors wishing to attend contact the Clerk

221/16 Meeting with MP's and Parliamentary outreach workshop

Members were informed of a meeting with local MP's which will take place on Friday 14 October at Murton.

Recommended that:

- (i) the information is sent to all Councillors
- (ii) any councillors who wish to attend contact the Clerk

222/16 Christmas Light Switch on Event

The arrangements for the Christmas Light Switch On event were discussed and agreed. The event would take place between 5.30 pm – 6.15 pm on Saturday 26 November and include music by Lanchester Brass Band and Lanchester Choral & Operatic Society. Refreshments would be provided for adults and children along with a small gift for the children. The switch on will take place at 6.00pm and will involve local school children

Recommended that:

- (i) Expenditure of £500.00 - £600.00 be agreed for the event
- (ii) A donation of £90.00 be agreed for Lanchester Brass Band and Lanchester Choral & Operatic Society
- (iii) Terry Deary be invited to switch on the lights

Members discussed the possibility of introducing small lit Christmas trees along Front Street. It was agreed to consider this next year.

**223/16 Planning Appeal
Removal of condition 4 of permission 1/2011/0035 to permit the use of the residential annex as a dwelling at The Granary, Woodlea, Lanchester**

The Parish Council have been informed that an appeal has been made against the above refused planning decision by Durham County Council.

Recommended - that a letter is sent to the planning inspector re-enforcing what the Parish Council has previously said

224/16 Date of next meeting

Recommended - that the next Finance, Development & General Purposes Committee meeting be held on Wednesday 30 November at 7.15pm at Lynwood House

Business concluded at 8.00pm