

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Lynwood House on Tuesday 10 October 2017 at 7.15pm

Present Cllr. O Johnson (Chair)

Cllr. K Harrison, Cllr. S Walker, Cllr. D Friesner,
Cllr. M Gray, Cllr. I Tute, Cllr. T Jones, Cllr. K Leary,
Cllr. B Gray, Cllr. M Walker

Mike Wardle – Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group
Simon Longstaff – Durham County Council
Rachael Smith – Durham County Council

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Cllr. A Cook - family commitments
Cllr. P Jackson - other commitments
Cllr. D Smith - family commitments
Cllr. J Considine - away
Cllr. A Gray - work commitments

The above apologies were received and accepted

222/17 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

223/17 **Public Participation**

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

224/17 **Lanchester Flood Alleviation Scheme**

Simon Longstaff, Drainage and Coastal Protection Manager from Durham County Council attended the meeting to present information on the proposed flood alleviation scheme.

Members were reminded of recent works which included the installation of beany block kerb drains in Front Street and the works undertaken to clear and reinstate 16 gullies up Newbiggen Lane.

The proposed flood alleviation scheme for Lanchester comprises of a number of elements:

- Work to re-line the culvert on Front Street at Woodham Court.
- To insert large gully grids in three locations:
 - Up Newbiggen Lane at the edge of the village
 - Newbiggen Lane near the Social Club
 - Front Street at the bottom of the grass bank near the fish and chip shop
- Create a slight hump in the road in front of Woodham Court
- Rebuild and redirect one gully on Front Street

Members were informed that modelling has been undertaken to ascertain the effectiveness of the proposed works and consultation on these proposals in September had received positive feedback.

Members were informed that some investigatory work was required which would take 2/3 days to complete. Part of the scheme would be implemented as soon as possible with the more major works being undertaken in the New Year.

Simon confirmed that they would work with the contractor to reduce the impact on businesses and residents as much as possible.

Residents who attended the meeting commented on the following:

- Concern that the culvert cannot cope with additional water
- Previous floods have resulted in drain covers on Front Street lifting
- Concern for the impact on businesses if further construction works limit the access to Front Street
- Pleased for the proposals to the culvert at Woodham Court
- Concern that the stone wall at Woodham Court may be damaged

The County Council confirmed that they are confident that the proposed works will manage the capacity of water.

It was suggested that it would be useful for businesses to have a contact at the County Council. Good signage and communications with the community was deemed beneficial.

Simon was thanked for attending the meeting.

225/17

Lanchester Parking Scheme

Rachael Smith, Traffic Engineer from Durham County Council attended the meeting to discuss the recent parking scheme in the village.

The recently implemented parking scheme had included marking parking bays, inclusion of a disabled parking bay and introduction of time limited parking on part of Front Street.

Rachael confirmed that there had been 32 visits from enforcement in the last 3 months. There had been no tickets issued or warnings given. The

parking restrictions seem to be being complied with. Rachael gave information on how enforcement takes place through clocking vehicle details on hand held devices. When enforcement teams attend they will address all parking infringements not just those connected with the recent scheme.

It was confirmed that the area in front of Woodham Court is not time restricted parking. The bollards around the war memorial have addressed inappropriate parking there.

Members considered that there were still issues with parking in the village.

Rachael is to request for targeted enforcement in the village.

Rachael confirmed that the suggestion of resident parking at St Bedes Court was not considered suitable.

Rachael is looking at a scheme from the A691 past EP Primary School to address problems at the start and end of the school day.

Members were also informed that consideration was being given to mark bays up from the Post Office to formalise parking and make it more efficient.

Rachael was thanked for attending the meeting.

226/17 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved that:

- (i)** the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12 September 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

227/17 Committees

Resolved that:

- (i)** the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 19 September 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted
- (ii)** the minutes of the Finance, Development & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 27 September 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

228/17 Police Report

The Police report provided by PCSO Lisa Cullen-Jackson was read out.

The report covered the period 1/8/17 – 5/10/17

Current issues include:

- 2 x burglaries to properties where car keys have been taken and cars stolen
- Antisocial behaviour continues to be a concern in relation to drug activity on the waterside behind Front Street
- Over recent months the site of Maiden Law Hospital has come to Police attention due to alarm call out in derelict buildings. This site is now under demolition
- Rural crime continues to be a trend – incidents of metal gates being stolen from farmers' fields have been reported
- Community Speedwatch continues to be deployed in the areas of Cadger Bank, Ford Road, Durham Road and Maiden Law.

Resolved - that the report be received

229/17 Correspondence

(i) County Durham and Cleveland County Training Partnership – General Data Protection Regulations training session

Resolved - that the Clerk and Councillor M Gray attend the training session

230/17 Area Action Partnership (AAP) / Parish Councils Committee (PCC) (min 195/17)

Members were informed that the AAP is working alongside the Alzheimer's Society, three other AAP's as well as the County Durham Housing Forum to put in post a 2 year full time Dementia Friendly Communities Officer to work with villages and services to make them dementia friendly

Resolved - that the Parish Council expresses an interest to be involved in the project

Members considered fly tipping hot spots in the Parish and identified an area up Newbiggen Lane, Ragpath Lane north of Ragpath Heath and Hurbeck Cottages as areas needing attention

Resolved - that these areas are reported to the County Council for attention

Members were informed that the County Council have been working with Groundwork and have created teams of Environmental Task Forces.

These teams can undertake environmental works for a fee of £150.00 a day.

Resolved - that the information be received

231/17 Neighbourhood Plan (min 218/17)

Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting be approved

Mike Wardle provided Members with an update. The edge of settlement housing policy has been agreed. Work continues on producing the remaining policies for the plan. A small group is working on the design guidance document. A small group is working on the mapping requirements for the plan.

A half day workshop has been arranged for 1 November to progress policy development and ensure consistency of approach.

Resolved - that the information be received

Members discussed Back Lane near Ornsby Hill. Clarification on its status/designation is required. The Parish Council would like its classification progressed.

Resolved - that a letter is sent to Durham County Council

232/17 Ford Road – request for a mirror to assist exiting from Smallhope Drive

Members were informed that information has been received from the County Council stating that they have not provided traffic mirrors for many years. They state that national research indicates that mirrors are not effective.

Resolved - that further information is sought from the County Council

233/17 Hurbuck Cottages – Bus Shelter and Fencing

Members considered information received from the County Council informing the Parish Council that due to the poor condition of the bus shelter and as it is no longer on a bus route they intend to remove the shelter and reinstate the area with verge. If the Parish Council wish for the bus shelter to be retained at Hurbuck Cottages we could pay for the maintenance works estimated to be £2,000 - £3,000.

Members discussed the need for the shelter.

Residents from Hurbuck Cottages attended the meeting and had no objection to the shelter being removed

Resolved - that the County Council is informed that the Parish Council agrees with the removal of the bus shelter

Members considered the request to erect a fence along the road side.
Resolved - that prices and designs for fencing are sought

234/17 Maintenance Report

Members considered report E
Resolved - that the report be received

235/17 Financial Information

The Lead Officer presented report F
Resolved - that the report be received

236/17 Accounts for Payment

Resolved - that the following accounts be approved for payment:

S Laverick	Salary (Sept)	£1306.17
D Maddox	Salary (Sept)	£382.14
Durham County Council	Pension (Sept)	£405.84
HMRC	Tax & NI (July – Sept)	£1334.81
BT	Phone	£88.87
BT	Broadband	£84.00
Planning Advice Plus	Neighbourhood Plan	£1000.00
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S Laverick	Expenses	£38.04

237/17 Chairperson's Announcements

There were no announcements

238/17 Questions from Members – Information only

There were no questions from Members

239/17 Date of next meeting

Resolved - that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will take place on Tuesday 14 November at 7.15pm at Lynwood House

Meeting ended at 9.00pm