

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held at Lynwood House, Lanchester on Tuesday 8 May 2018 at 7.15 pm

Present Cllr. K Harrison (Chair)

Cllr. A Cook, Cllr. P Jackson, Cllr. J Considine, Cllr. O Johnson,
Cllr. B Gray, Cllr. S Walker, Cllr. D Friesner, Cllr. I Tute
Cllr. K Leary, Cllr. A Gray, Cllr. D Smith, Cllr. M Walker

Mike Wardle - Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

Councillor Ossie Johnson opened the meeting and chaired the first item 'Election of Chair'.

109/18 Election of Chair

Resolved - that Councillor Keith Harrison be elected as Chairperson for the ensuing year.

110/18 Acceptance of Office

The elected Chair signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

111/18 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Cllr. M Gray	- other commitments
Cllr. T Jones	- away

The above apologies were received and accepted

112/18 Election of Vice Chair

Resolved - that Councillor Jude Considine be elected as Vice Chairperson for the ensuing year.

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Appointment of Delegates / Representatives

Resolved - that the following members be elected to serve on the committees as follows:

Planning Committee

Ann Cook, David Smith, Trevor Jones, David Friesner, Keith Harrison, Paul Jackson, Stuart Walker, Alison Gray, Bill Gray, Kevin Leary, Ian Tute, Jude Considine,

Recreation Facilities Committee

Ossie Johnson, Ann Cook, David Friesner, Jude Considine, Keith Harrison, Paul Jackson, Stuart Walker, Margaret Gray, Bill Gray

Finance, Development and General Purposes Committee

Ossie Johnson, Keith Harrison, Stuart Walker, Margaret Gray, Paul Jackson, David Smith, Trevor Jones, Martin Walker, David Friesner, Ian Tute,

Complaints Committee

Six Councillors to be selected as required

Members discussed the attendance at meetings and quorate arrangements for committees

Resolved that:

- (i)** all Parish Council Members can attend committee meetings
- (ii)** all Members attending have a voting right
- (iii)** a committee meeting is quorate with a Chair and three other members

Resolved - that the following members be elected to represent the Council as follows:

Lanchester Community Association

Ossie Johnson and Martin Walker

Parish Council Committee

Margaret Gray and the Clerk

County Durham Association of Local Councils Smaller Local Councils Forum

David Friesner

Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

Ossie Johnson, Keith Harrison, Paul Jackson, David Friesner, Ann Cook, Stuart Walker, David Smith

War Memorial Working Group

Ossie Johnson, Kevin Leary

114/18 General Power of Competence

The Government as part of the Localism Act 2011 introduced a new 'General Power of Competence' for local councils. The Power gives eligible local councils 'the power to do anything that individuals generally may do' providing it is within the law. In order to adopt the Power, Councils need to demonstrate that they fulfil the criterion which includes:

- (i) having a qualified Clerk
- (ii) the number of Councillors elected at the last election or at a subsequent by-election must equal or exceed $\frac{2}{3}$ of the total number of seats on the council

Resolved - that Lanchester Parish Council meets the criteria for the General Power of Competence and adopts the Power

115/18 Banking Arrangements

Resolved - that Barclays Bank continue to provide the banking service for Lanchester Parish Council.

116/18 Councillor Ossie Johnson was thanked for his many years of service as Chair of the Parish Council

The business was concluded at 7.30pm