

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Lynwood House on Tuesday 13 November 2018 at 7.15pm

Present Cllr. K Harrison (Chair)

Cllr. J Considine, Cllr. D Friesner, Cllr. D Smith, Cllr. T Jones,
Cllr. P Jackson, Cllr. S Walker, Cllr. I Tute, Cllr. A Gray,
Cllr. B Gray, Cllr. M Gray, Cllr. M Walker

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Cllr. K Leary - ill
Cllr. O Johnson - work commitments
Cllr. A Cook - family commitments
The above apologies were received and accepted

260/18 Declarations of Interest

Councillors P Jackson, M Walker and D Smith declared an interest in item 14.

261/18 Public Participation

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

262/18 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved that:

- (i) the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9 October 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

263/18 Police Report

The Police report provided by PCSO Lisa Cullen-Jackson was read out which included the following incidents:

- the priority this month has been anti-social behaviour
 - Youths throwing eggs at addresses. Police have been working with victims and local businesses to help identify potential suspects.
 - Several incidents of right wing graffiti on seats. Special branch is involved in investigating this matter.

- The wooden fox on the village path has been damaged. A social media appeal has been carried out but no information has come forward yet.
- Increase in rural crime with the darker nights including: diesel theft, theft of quads, attempted theft of plant machinery and large scale fires. Farmwatch Operations and additional patrols are being carried out.

Resolved - that the information be received

264/18 Correspondence

- (i) **Durham County Council – Proposed part time 20mph speed limit in the vicinity of St Bedes Catholic School**
Resolved - that the information be received

Councillor Martin Walker arrived at the meeting (7.30pm).

- (ii) **Durham County Council – Proposed public bridleway creation at Red House Farm near Oxen Law**
 Members considered the consultation information. It was understood that the proposed bridleway will avoid going through the centre of the farm. The Parish Council welcomes public access to the countryside.
Resolved - that a response is sent to Durham County Council
- (iii) **Campaign to Protect Rural England – Autumn newsletter**
Resolved - that the newsletter be received
- (iv) **Clerk & Councils Direct – November magazine**
Resolved - that the magazine be received
- (v) **War Memorials Trust – November bulletin**
Resolved - that the bulletin be received

265/18 Area Action Partnership (AAP) / Parish Councils Committee (PCC) (min 249/18)

Resolved - that the minutes of the PCC meeting be received

Members were provided with details of the children's summer activity evaluation.

Resolved - that the report is forwarded to Councillors

Members were informed that the AAP Co-ordinator, Andy Coulthard will be starting a new job in December.

Resolved - that a letter is sent thanking him for his work and support

266/18 Neighbourhood Plan (min 250/18)

Resolved - that the minutes of the meeting held on 1 November be approved

Members were informed that feedback on the second draft of the Neighbourhood Plan is due by 14 November. The feedback received will be considered and a third draft produced.

Resolved - that the information be received

267/18 The Lanchester Partnership – Single Use Plastics (min 245/18)

Members considered the following resolution in support of the campaign.

The Council agrees to elect a named Councillor onto the strategic group and he/she will attend at least one meeting a year.

The Council agrees to support all Plastic Free Communities initiatives in the area.

The Council pledges to act by example and remove single use items wherever possible from its premises and events.

Resolved that:

- (i) The resolution be passed
- (ii) Councillor David Smith be elected onto the strategic group for the remainder of the year
- (iii) Members of the strategic group attend the Parish Council office to offer advice

268/18 Morrison Busty Recycling Centre – Recycling Shop

Durham County Council operate the recycling centre at the Morrison Busty. It was suggested that a recycling shop on site where electrical and other household items could be resold would be a good idea. Councillor David Smith agreed to explore this matter.

Resolved that:

- (i) Contact is made with the County Council to explore the possibility of a recycling shop
- (ii) Information on other similar schemes around the country is sought

269/18 Sign on gate on the Lanchester Valley Walk

Members discussed a sign restricting public access on a gate on the Lanchester Valley Walk. This signs restrict public access into what is considered to be public land owned by the County Council. It was noted that this sign has been erected for some time

Resolved - that a letter is sent to the County Council requesting that this sign is removed

270/18 Manor Grange Play Area

Members were informed that the County Council had been asked to provide advice on appropriate schemes and costs for the play area at Manor Grange.

The County Council are supportive of improvement works to the area.

However although the Parish Council maintain the play equipment at Manor Grange there is no formal lease or licence in place between the Parish Council and the County Council.

Members were still keen to explore this project further.

Resolved that:

- (i) A site meeting is arranged with the County Council to consider the potential for the project including drainage issues, accessibility and design/costs of scheme
- (ii) Depending on the outcome of the site meeting a lease/licence arrangement is progressed with the County Council

271/18 Lanchester Loneliness Project

Councillor Friesner provided an update on the project which started a year ago to address loneliness in the community. The project initiated by the Patient Participation Group at The Medical Centre has involvement and support from the Area Action Partnership, County Councillors, Lanchester Partnership, Medical Centre, Parish Council and residents. Regular articles in the Village Voice have informed the community of progress.

The main aim of the project is to produce a document called the Lanchester Welcome Guide. This publication will be 40 pages, to be circulated in spring 2019 and will have a life span of 10 years.

The Area Action Partnership consider that this project demonstrates good practise which can be replicated in other areas.

There is an update meeting on 27 November at 10am at the medical centre

Resolved that:

- (i) the information be received
- (ii) the Parish Council supports the work of the group

272/18 All Saints Catholic Church – Grant for War Memorial Improvements

Members considered a request for funding for War Memorial improvements.

Resolved - that a donation of £165.00 is made towards the project

Councillor Margaret Gray and Councillor Bill Gray arrived at the meeting (8.30pm).

273/18 Newsletter – November 2018

Members considered the newsletter

Resolved - that the newsletter be approved for distribution

274/18 Christmas Light Switch On

Members were provided with an update on the event which will take place on Saturday 24 November at 5.30pm on the Village Green.

Mr Eric Hepplewhite has agreed to switch on the lights accompanied by four children from the local schools. The main elements of the event including: volunteers, refreshments, equipment, entertainment etc are being finalised.

Resolved - that the information be received

275/18 Financial Information

The Lead Officer presented report G.

Resolved - that the report be received

276/18 Accounts for Payment

Resolved - that the following accounts be approved for payment:

Stanley Travel	Beacon Event	£195.00
Durham County Council	Summer Activities	£300.00
Clay Poppies	Rededication Service	£180.00
P Snowdon	Hanging Baskets	£657.90
Art of Stone Memorials	War Memorial	£7,200.00
CCL Office	Stationery/uniform	£225.08
CCL Office	Napkins	£3.59
CCL Office	Stationery	£103.24
Information Commissioners Off.	Data Protection Fee	£40.00
S Laverick	Expenses	£474.61
S Laverick	Salary (October)	£1,335.21

D Maddox	Salary (October)	£435.20
Durham County Council	Pensions (October)	£413.96
S Laverick	Expenses	£247.70

277/18 Chairperson's Announcements

There were no announcements

278/18 Questions from Members – Information only

There were no questions from Members

279/18 Date of next meeting

Resolved - that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will take place on Tuesday 11 December at Lynwood House at 7.15pm

Meeting ended at 8.45pm