

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Lynwood House on Tuesday 10 May 2022 at 7.15pm

Present Cllr. K Harrison (Chair)

Cllr. P Jackson, Cllr. J Considine, Cllr. E Hepplewhite,
Cllr. I Tute, Cllr. A Gray, Cllr. D Smith, Cllr. D Friesner,
Cllr. T Jones, Cllr. L Montgomery, Cllr. B McDermid,
Cllr. D Toner, Cllr. V Jackson

County Cllr. M McGaun
County Cllr. D Oliver

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Cllr. O Johnson - away
Cllr. S Walker - ill

The above apologies were received and accepted

111/22 Declarations of Interest

Councillors D Smith, E Hepplewhite and P Jackson declared an interest in agenda item 10 (min ref 119/22).

112/22 Public Participation

Members of the public were welcomed to the meeting.

113/22 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved that:

- (i) the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12 April 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

114/22 Police Report

The Police report was considered by Councillors. Councillors were interested to know how the statistics compared to county and national statistics and targets.

Resolved that:

- (i) the police report be received

- (ii) information on the statistics is requested
- (iii) the Police are asked to attend a future meeting of the Council

115/22 Correspondence

- (i) **Durham County Council – Christmas Lights 2022**
Councillors considered the price received for annual work to the Christmas Lights on the Village Green
Resolved - that the works are booked at a cost of £1,296.26
- (ii) **Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) – annual membership fee**
Resolved - that the membership is renewed at a cost of £215.00
- (iii) **County Durham Association of Local Councils (CDALC) – annual membership fee**
Resolved - that the membership is renewed at a cost of £574.37
- (iv) **Damage to rights of way in Foxcover Woods**
Councillors considered information received from a resident regarding recent felling works in Foxcover Woods which has damaged and blocked rights of way.
Resolved - that correspondence is sent to the County Council expressing concern about the works and asking that they investigate the matter
- (v) **Lanchester Allotments Association – Minutes of the AGM**
Councillors considered the minutes from the AGM
Resolved - that the minutes be received
- (vi) **Jubilee Grant available from the County Councillors**
Councillors considered the opportunity to apply for a small grant towards a jubilee project funded by the County Councillors.
Resolved - that an application is made towards the cost of planting a jubilee tree in the autumn
- (vii) **The Way of Light – Interpretation Board**
Councillors considered the details of the interpretation board.
Resolved - that a response is made asking why images of all three churches are not included, seeking clarification on ongoing maintenance and informing the County Council of damage to the route from the nearby river

116/22 Durham County Councillors

County Cllrs. Michael McGaun and Doug Oliver provided an update on the following areas of work:

- Traffic proposals around schools – consultation ongoing
- Meeting – road safety issues

- Meeting with Head of St Bedes School – additional parking options
- Karbon Homes – delays in maintenance works to some properties
- Burnhope Solar farm – consultation

Councillors were informed of the progress on the City of Culture Bid. They were informed that the new County Hall will be sold. They were informed of the increase in card fraud through the use of card readers that can access your card details.

Resolved - that the information be received

117/22 Manor Grange Play Area

Councillors were informed that a pre-start meeting had taken place with representatives from the Parish Council, Durham County Council and HAGs UK play company.

The outcome of the meeting was:

- HAGs UK are planning to start on site in the week commencing 23 May 2022.
- the police are informed of the start date.
- the County Council will put a letter around the surrounding houses to inform them of the works
- the County Council will check the works as they progress.
- an article be placed in the Village Voice to inform the community of progress.

The surface for the footpath was discussed. The options are for tarmac or a bound gravel

The project makes provision for one seat. Councillors discussed whether to include an additional seat at a cost of £399

Resolved that

- (i) the information be received
- (ii) the surface of the footpath be bound gravel
- (iii) a second seat is included in the project

County Councillor D Oliver left the meeting at 8.15pm

118/22 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons Event

Councillors received an update on the event. Arrangements are in progress. Planning permission has been received to permanently locate the beacon at Burnhope picnic area. Information from the Safety Advisory Group and the licence for the event are still awaited.

Resolved - that the notes from the meeting on 27 April be approved

Councillors considered a pack of event information circulated to Councillors which included: aerial map, site plan, day timetable, event timetable, risk assessment, volunteer information and poster

Resolved – that the information be received and approved

119/22 Lanchester Partnership – Jubilee Event

Councillors considered information received on the Lanchester Partnership Jubilee event planned for Sunday 5 June and discussed a donation towards the event.

Resolved – that a donation of £500 is made towards the event

120/22 Traffic Concerns

Councillors discussed the ongoing traffic concerns around the EP Primary School.

It was felt that a radical scheme is needed to fully address the problem.

Councillors considered the amended parking and waiting proposal from the County Council to address the current problems.

Resolved - that Councillors support the new plan and ask that enforcement takes place once the scheme is implemented

121/22 Unpleasant Odour in the Village

Residents have been in contact concerned about the unpleasant odour in the village.

Resolved - that the situation is monitored

122/22 Works to Dwellings and Gardens

Councillors noted the many works to dwellings and gardens in the village including works within the conservation area. The requirement for planning permission can be complex particularly within the conservation area.

Resolved - that an article is placed in the Village Voice recommending that residents check with the County Council planning section before undertaking works to dwellings or gardens

123/22 Insurance Renewal 2022/23

Councillors considered the insurance document and premium.
Resolved – that the insurance premium of £818.89 from BHIB be accepted, the level of cover provided having been accepted as sufficient.

124/22 Internal Audit Report 2021/22

Members considered the Internal Audit report.
Resolved - that the report be approved

125/22 Financial Information

The Lead Officer presented report H.
Resolved - that the report be approved

126/22 Accounts for Payment

Resolved - that the following accounts be approved for payment:

Stanley Coach Hire	Coach Hire	£60.00
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127/22 Chairperson's Announcements

Councillors were informed that Olivers Tree Services had a Horse Chestnut tree which they offered to the Parish Council. It was agreed that the tree could be planted in autumn in a location to be agreed.

128/22 Date of next meeting

Resolved - that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will take place on Tuesday 14 June at 7.00pm.

Meeting ended at 9.15pm