

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Lynwood House on Tuesday 14 June 2022 at 7.00pm

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. O Johnson,
Cllr. V Jackson,

County Cllr. M McGaun
County Cllr. D Oliver

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Cllr. B McDermid - other commitments

Cllr. D Toner - away

Cllr. S Walker - ill

The above apologies were received and accepted

141/22 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

142/22 **Public Participation**

Members of the public were welcomed to the meeting.

143/22 **Minutes of the last meeting**

Resolved that:

(i) the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 10 May 2022 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 Ordinary Meeting held on 10 May 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

144/22 Committees

Resolved that:

- (i) the minutes of the Finance, Development & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 25 May 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

145/22 Correspondence

(i) **Lanchester Partnership – Letter of thanks (min 119/22)**

Councillors considered the letter of thanks received from Lanchester Partnership for the donation towards the Big Jubilee Picnic event. The event had been very successful with an estimated 850 people attending.

Resolved that:

- (i) The letter of thanks be received
(ii) Lanchester Partnership are congratulated on the huge success of the event

(ii) **Damage to Rights of Way in Foxcover Woods – response of Durham County Council (min 115/22)**

Councillors considered the response of the County Council to the damage caused to rights of way in Foxcover Woods through felling of trees.

Councillors considered that the works were not yet completed and a number of trees were still blocking the way.

Resolved – that the County Council Rights of Way officer is asked to undertake a site visit with members of the Parish Council in attendance

(iii) **Clerk & Councils Direct – May edition**

Resolved - that the magazine be received

(iv) **The Clerk Magazine – May edition**

Resolved - that the magazine be received

146/22 Durham County Councillors

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

- Bins not collected following Bank Holidays. It was confirmed that all bins should have now been emptied and the County Council were looking into the matter
- Cross contamination between bins. The County Council are to provide stickers to clarify what should go in each bin
- Consett pool to re-open on 1 July. There will be sessions for free swimming for under 18's

- Road safety issues
- Re-surfacing works on certain roads
- Events marking 40 years since the Falklands war
- Lack of bus service at Hurbuck Cottages

Councillor Smith requested a copy of the proposed re-instated rail link 'Strategic Outline Business Case'

Resolved - that the information be received

147/22 Manor Grange Play Area (min 135/22)

Councillors were informed that work had commenced on site on 25 May and was progressing well. The County Council and the Parish Council have undertaken several site visits. The equipment is currently being put in place, following which the safety surface and fencing will be installed.

Resolved - that the information be received

Councillors discussed an official launch event and agreed the following:

- A simple event centred around the children
- Saturday 30 July – 11am
- Promotion
 - Parish Council newsletter to be delivered to houses in the village
 - posters around village
 - information to schools
- Children to help cut the ribbon
- Invite organisations involved in the project to attend
- Provide ice creams / lollies

Resolved – that the event is progressed

148/22 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons Event (min 136/22)

Councillors considered the notes from the recent meeting.

Resolved - that the notes from the meeting on 26 May be approved

The event had taken place on Thursday 2 June. Several hundred people attended the event which had run very smoothly. An article has been submitted to the Village Voice and photos have been sent to the national organiser. Letters of thanks are to be sent to all performers and volunteers. The cost of the event will be split between Burnhope and Lanchester Parish Council.

Resolved – that the information be received

149/22 Bike Racks

Councillors considered the provision of bike racks in the village. It was noted that there was a bike rack incorporated in the bollards on Front Street which is seldom used. There are many cyclists that come into the village.

Resolved - that the County Council are asked to consider the current bike rack provision in the village and offer suggestions for additional provision.

150/22 Durham County Council – Grass Cutting Licence – part of Valley Walk (min 139/22)

Councillors discussed the grass cutting licence and the decision to agree a one year licence arrangement for 2022. Councillors agreed to consider a 5 year licence from 2023 and to progress this with the county council. However the Parish Council would not wish to incur any costs in securing a longer term licence.

Resolved that:

- (i) The decision to enter into a one year licence for 2022 be ratified
- (ii) A 5 year licence is progressed with the County Council

**151/22 Financial Year 2021 / 22
End of Year Accounts**

The Lead Officer presented the report

Resolved that:

- (i) the Council approve the Annual Return – Annual Governance Statement
- (ii) the Council approve the Annual Return – Accounting Statement
- (iii) the Council approve the financial position for the end of year

152/22 Financial Information

The Lead Officer presented report F.

Resolved - that the report be approved

153/22 Accounts for Payment

Resolved - that the following accounts be approved for payment:

S Laverick	Salary (April)	£1,419.97
D Maddox	Salary (April)	£555.16
Durham County Council	Pension (April)	£437.90

CCL Office Ltd	Stationery	£181.56
MK Print Solutions	Newsletter – print	£107.00
M Young	Internal Audit Fee	£150.00
BHIB	Annual Insurance	£818.89
National Assoc. Local Councils	Annual Membership	£574.37
Society of Local Council Clerks	Annual Membership	£215.00
Lanchester Partnership	Jubilee Event	£500.00
Stanley Travel Ltd	Coach Hire	£240.00
S Laverick	Expenses	£48.78
S Laverick	Salary (May)	£1,419.77
D Maddox	Salary (May)	£555.16
Durham County Council	Pension (May)	£437.90
Durham County Council	Christmas Light work	£1,555.51

154/22 Chairperson’s Announcements

There were no Chairpersons announcements

155/22 Date of next meeting

Resolved - that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will take place on Tuesday 12 July at 7.00pm.

Meeting ended at 8.10pm