

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Lynwood House on Tuesday 11 April 2023 at 7.15pm

Present Cllr. K Harrison (Chair)

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

County Cllr. M McGaun
County Cllr. D Oliver

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

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| Cllr. D Toner | - work commitments |
| Cllr. A Gray | - away |
| Cllr. S Walker | - away |

The above apologies were received and approved

48/23 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

49/23 **Public Participation**

Members of the public were welcomed to the meeting.

50/23 **Minutes of the last meeting**

Resolved – the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14 March 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

51/23 **Police Report**

The Councillors were updated on the new PCSO Jonathan Rutherford. The Councillors discussed if a regular meeting with Jonathan could be organised to discuss the monthly police report

Resolved – that PCSO Jonathan Rutherford would be contacted to arrange a regular meeting

52/23

Correspondence

- (i) **To consider the access to the Tennis Courts**
Resolved – Durham County Council to be contacted to find our more information
- (ii) **To consider a School Traffic Patrol Person at the Kings Head crossing**
Resolved – to make a request to Durham County Council
- (iii) **Mid Durham Parish Council Committee – Primary care issues**
Resolved – Councillors will send any queries they have to the Clerk and the Clerk will forward them on accordingly

53/23

Durham County Councillors

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

- The disability access in the village
- The parking in the village

Resolved – that the information be received

54/23

Lanchester Solar Planet Walk

The notes from the working group meeting on 29 March were considered

Resolved – that the notes be approved

55/23

Kitswell Park Play Area

To determine what repairs/replacements are needed for the play area

Resolved – a site visit to take place

56/23

County Durham Community Consultation Survey

To Consider the consultation on proposed changes to County Durham community engagement and potential impact to Mid Durham AAP

Resolved – that a letter be sent

57/23

Planning application

Application to change the use of existing concrete framed barn into 3no. 'large' dwelling house DM/22/01957/PNC

Back filling of voids to rear of agricultural building to level out grounds levels DM/23/00337/FPA

Councillors considered the applications and had some concerns about several areas of the development

Resolved – that a letter is sent to the County Council detailing these concerns

58/23

Hanging Baskets

Members considered the price received for the provision of hanging baskets and watering.

Resolved – that the hanging baskets are provided at a cost of £264.00 plus the cost of watering

59/23

Financial Information

The Clerk presented report B

Resolved – that the report be approved

60/23

Accounts for Payment

Resolved - that the following accounts be approved for payment:

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| Hags | Manor Grange | £321.60 |
| D Maddox | Salary (February) | £626.29 |
| L Dodd | Salary (February) | £1400.57 |
| Durham County Council | Pension (February) | £415.21 |

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s. 1(2)

It is likely that the press and public will be excluded from this item due to the confidential nature of the information

61/23

Renewable energy update

Resolved – that the information be received

62/23 Chairperson's Announcement

Councillors were informed that Andrew Purves had been asked to spread some grass seeds on the Village Green.

63/23 Date of next meeting

Resolved – that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will take place on Tuesday 9th May at 7.00pm

Meeting ended at 8.50pm