

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Lynwood House on Tuesday 12 December 2023 at 7.00pm

Present Cllr. K Harrison (Chair)

Cllr. P Jackson, Cllr. D Friesner, Cllr. O Johnson, Cllr. I Tute,
Cllr. D Smith, Cllr. E Hepplewhite, Cllr. J Considine, Cllr. V Jackson,
Cllr. A Gray, Cllr. D Toner, Cllr. B McDermid

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Cllr. L Montgomery	- other commitments
Cllr. S Walker	- family commitments
Cllr. T Jones	- family commitments

The above apologies were received and approved.

174/23 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

175/23 **Public Participation**

Members of the public were welcome to the meeting.

176/23 **Minutes of the last meeting**

Resolved that:

- (i) the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14 November 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted.

177/23 **Police Report**

The PACT report for November was received.

Resolved – that the PACT report and information be received.

178/23 Correspondence

- (i) Letter of thanks – Sally Laverick**
Resolved – that the letter be received.
- (ii) Local Govt Boundary Commission – final recommendations**
Councillors were informed that the full report is available at www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/county-durham
Resolved – that the information be received.
- (iii) Police and Crime Commissioner - policing priorities and police funding in County Durham and Darlington**
PCC Allen is keen for local residents to complete the precept consultation survey <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/ynuimf>
Resolved - Councillors advised to complete the precept consultation survey individually.
- (iv) Clerk Magazine – November**
Resolved – that the magazine be received.

179/23 Durham County Councillors

County Cllr. M McGaun sent his apologies.
County Cllr. D Oliver sent his apologies.

180/23 Lanchester Solar Trail

Councillors received an update on the project.

Resolved – that the update be received.

181/23 Forestry Commission Woodland Project

Councillors received an update on the project.

Resolved – that the update be received.

182/23 Kitswell Road - side gate access

Councillors discussed the gate access at Kitswell Road. The Parish Council agreed at meeting in October 2022 that the gate could remain but that it needed to remain unlocked and accessible to all.

Resolved – that the decision for the gate to remain unlocked and accessible to all, still stands.

183/23 Christmas Light Switch on Event (165/23)

Councillors were informed that the event had been very well attended. All mulled wine, mince pies and presents had been given out. Lanchester Brass Band and Lanchester Choral Society had provided a great selection of Christmas Carols.

It was agreed that a donation be made to Lanchester Brass Band and Lanchester Choral Society.

Recommended that:

- (i) The information be received.
- (ii) Donations are given to the brass band and choral society.

Councillor Jude Considine entered the meeting.

184/23 Community Emergency Plan

The Councillors were given an update on the recent meeting with the Civil Contingencies Unit team and the Environment Agency. The Clerk is updating the plan. The investigation of the flood will hopefully be available in the new year.

Resolved – that the update be received.

Councillor David Smith left the meeting.

185/23 Durham County Council Gritting/Salting Program

A resident expressed concerns about the gritting/salting of roads near to their residence.

Resolved – that the resident is informed it is out of the Parish Councils remit, Durham County Council Highways are responsible for which roads are gritted/salted.

186/23 Planning application

Application for the Change of use of land to create holiday lodge park (11 lodges), reception unit, visitor parking, landscaping and flood mitigation measures.

Resolved – that the application be received as information only.

187/23 Financial Information

The Clerk presented the report.

Resolved – that the report be approved.

188/23 Accounts for Payment

Resolved - that the following accounts be approved for payment:

L Dodd	Expenses	£126.37
L Dodd	Salary (November)	£1927.80
D Maddox	Salary (November)	£1017.93
Andersons Wholesale	Christmas Lights Event	£449.30
Tesco	Christmas Lights Event	£180.00
Hancocks	Christmas Lights Event	£114.22
Amazon	Christmas Lights Event	£40.54
ICO	Data Protection Fee	£40.00
Durham County Council	Pension (October)	£425.30
AD Purves Landscaping	Grass Cutting	£5421.60
Olivers Tree Services	Tree Work – Village Green	£2550.00
Durham County Council	Pension (November)	£635.90
Tesco	Christmas Lights Event	£24.80
B&M	Christmas Lights Event	£60.00
Morrisons	Christmas Lights Event	£20.00

189/23 Chairperson’s Announcement

There were no Chairpersons announcements.

190/23 Date of next meeting

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

Meeting ended at 8:10pm