

# Lanchester Parish Council

## Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Lynwood House on Tuesday 9 January 2024 at 7.00pm

**Present** Cllr. K Harrison (Chair)

Cllr. I Tute, Cllr. E Hepplewhite, Cllr. V Jackson, Cllr. P Jackson,  
Cllr. O Johnson, Cllr. B McDermid, Cllr. T Jones, Cllr. D Friesner,  
Cllr. S Walker, Cllr. L Montgomery, Cllr. A Gray

County Cllr. D Oliver

**Apologies** Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Cllr. D Smith - other commitments  
Cllr. D Toner - other commitments  
Cllr. J Considine - other commitments

The above apologies were received and accepted.

**1/24** **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**2/24** **Public Participation**

Members of the public were welcomed to the meeting.

**3/24** **Minutes of the last meeting**

**Resolved that:**

- (i) the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12 December 2023 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted.

**4/24** **Police Reports**

The PACT report for December was received.

**Resolved that:**

- (i) that the PACT report and information be received.
- (ii) the Clerk to confirm if the figures in the PACT report are for Lanchester area only.

**5/24 Correspondence**

- (i) **Letter – Lanchester Choral Society**  
Members considered the letter of thanks from the Choral Society following receipt of their recent donation.  
**Resolved** - that the letter be received.
- (ii) **Royal Garden Party 2024**  
Members considered nominations for the Garden Party draw for the County. Details of the Garden Party are still to be released.  
**Resolved** - that Councillor Keith Harrison and guest be nominated.
- (iii) **County Durham Association of Local Councils**  
The nominations for President were considered.  
**Resolved** – members agreed to not take a vote on either nomination.

**6/24 Durham County Councillors**

County Cllr. M McGaun sent his apologies.

County Cllr. D Oliver provided an update on the following areas of work:

- Flood – The County Councillors are continuing to work closely with Durham County Council regarding the recent flood.
- Greencroft Forest Park – The consultants are now working on a formal consultation. The Parish Council should be informed when this is available.
- Karbon Homes – County Councillors have had a meeting with Karbon Homes recently regarding repairs/maintenance of their buildings.
- Community Centre – The County Councillors were able to offer funding towards new windows at the Community Centre.
- Planning – The County Councillors are still trying to help progress leases for the Solar Planet Project, Grass Cutting and the Coffee Van at Malton.

**Resolved** - that the information be received

**7/24 Budgets 2024/25**

The Clerk presented the budget report for 2024/25.

**Resolved** – that contingencies are increased from £1000 to £2000 because of the increase in inflation and that the proposed budget for 2023/24 be approved.

## 8/24 Precept Report 2024/25

The Clerk presented the precept report for 2024/25.  
Councillors considered and discussed the options for the precept.

### Resolved that:

- (i) precept be set at £77043.58 for 2024/25.
- (ii) the precept requirement be forwarded to the County Council

## 9/24 Financial Information

The Clerk presented the report.

**Resolved** - that the report be approved.

## 10/24 Accounts for Payment

**Resolved** - that the following accounts be approved for payment:

Lanchester Hardware	Christmas Lights Event	£6.99
Tesco	Christmas Lights Event	£15.00
Damascus	Christmas Lights Event	£50.00
Royal British Legion	Donation	£100.00
Lanchester Brass Band	Donation	£100.00
Lanchester Choral Society	Donation	£100.00
L Dodd	Salary (December)	£1466.10
D Maddox	Salary (December)	£679.22
Durham County Council	Pension (December)	£451.62
Proludic	Play Equipment parts	£120.89
Tribune	Stationery	£304.19
HMRC	PAYE & NI	£1405.22
CDALC	Training Courses	£30.00
BT	Telephone & Broadband	£238.37
Post Office	Post	£8.75

## 11/24 Chairperson's Announcements

There were no Chairpersons announcements.

## 12/24 Date of next meeting

**Resolved** - that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will take place on Tuesday 13 February at 7.00pm.

Meeting ended at 8.00pm