

Lanchester Parish Council

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

Present Cllr. K Harrison (Chair)

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

2 x members of the public

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Cllr. D Toner – away
Cllr. V Jackson – away
Cllr. S Walker – away

The above apologies were received and accepted.

50/24 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

51/24 Public Participation

Members of the public were welcomed to the meeting.

52/24 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved that:

- (i) the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12th March 2024 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted.

53/24 Police Reports

Members were updated on the recent PACT report for March.

- Officers continue to see use of illegal off-road bikes being ridden around the roads, woodland and paths in Lanchester and Burnhope. They are working hard to come up with a solution to the issue but are still keen for residents to provide any information they have in relation to the bikes. Residents are encouraged to report

these bikes via 101 or using the 101 live chat on the Durham Constabulary website.

- Police will be testing a new solution to the issues of parking in the Burnhope and Lanchester areas. Those caught repeatedly parking on double yellow lines (without a disability badge), parking on keep clears, parking on dropped kerbs and causing an obstruction to resident's drive/pedestrians will receive a Community Protection Warning – This can't be appealed and will stay with the person for 12 months. If they are caught again, they will receive a Community Protection Notice. If they re-offend within the next 12 months, they will be issued with a fine or subject to court proceedings.
- Community speed watch was carried out at the following locations
 - 9/1/24 A691 Lanchester Durham Road 1535hrs to 1600hrs 111 vehicles passed with 11 speeding.
 - 13/02/24 B6296 Cadger Bank 1350hrs to 1415hrs 21 vehicles passed 4 speeding.
 - 26/02/24 A6076 Maiden Law Bank 1340hrs to 1410 99 vehicles passed 13 speeding.
 - 26/02/24 A691 Lanchester Durham Road 1415hrs to 1445hrs 179 vehicles passed 18 speeding.
 - 26/02/24 B6296 Cadger Bank 1450hrs to 1515hrs 35 vehicles passed 9 speeding.

Drivers are being dealt with suitably in regard to their speed.

Resolved – that the PACT report be received.

54/24 Correspondence

- (i) **Clerk Magazine – March**
Resolved – that the magazine be received.

55/24 Durham County Councillors

County Cllr. D Oliver sent his apologies.

56/24 Lanchester Solar Planet Walk

The Parish Council have worked with Durham County Council Procurement to find a contractor for the project. An evaluation was carried out and a successful bidder identified.

Resolved – that the decision to send a conditional award letter to the successful bidder be ratified.

57/24 Greencroft Forest Park

Councillor David Smith gave a presentation on the Greencroft Forest Park development. Members of Greencroft Parish Council attended the meeting to watch the presentation. Councillors authorised Councillor David to share his presentation with Greencroft Parish Council and an open meeting The Lanchester Partnership is organising with all residents.

Resolved – that the information be received.

58/24 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.

59/24 Financial Information

The Clerk presented the report.

Resolved - that the report be approved.

60/24 Accounts for Payment

Resolved - that the following accounts be approved for payment:

D Maddox	Salary (March)	£679.42
L Dodd	Salary (March)	£1481.04
DCC	Pension (March)	£451.62
HMRC	PAYE/NI (Jan-Mar)	£1032.55
Lanchester Parish Church	Donation Church Clock	£300.00
The Lanchester Partnership	Donation	£500.00

61/24 Chairperson’s Announcements

There were no Chairpersons announcements.

62/24 Date of next meeting

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

Meeting ended at 8:30pm