

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Lynwood House on Tuesday 10th September 2024 at 7.00pm

Present Cllr. K Harrison (Chair)

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

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Cllr. P Jackson – away
Cllr. E Hepplewhite – away
Cllr. L Montgomery – away

The above apologies were received and approved.

122/24 **Declarations of Interest**

The following declarations of interest were received:
Councillor D Smith – item 6III min 42/24

123/24 **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

124/24 **Minutes of the last meeting**

Resolved that:

- (i) the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9th July 2024 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted.

125/24 **Police Report**

Members were updated on the recent PACT report for July/August.

Officers responded to a report from a concerned member of the public about the manner of driving from a vehicle in front of them on the A691. Officers stopped the vehicle and performed a roadside alcohol and drugs test. The driver passed both tests and was given suitable words of advice about their manner of driving.

Officers responded to a report from a concerned member of the public about 2 youths on off-road bikes on the A691. Officers conducted an area search but did not find any youths matching the description or any bikes in the area.

Officers responded to a report of an RTC on the A691 heading towards Lanchester. No persons were injured in this instance and officers were able to stop traffic and assist the drivers in recovering their vehicles.

Officers responded to a call from a member of the public concerned about the manner of another road user driving. Officers were able to stop the driver shortly after they made their way up Peth Bank. The driver passed a roadside breath test and drugs wipe. Suitable words of advice were given in regards to their manner of driving.

Resolved that:

- (i) That the PACT report be received.

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Correspondence

- (i) **Lanchester Art Group**
A request was received to use the Village Green for their banner for the upcoming art exhibition.
Resolved – permission was granted.
- (ii) **Durham Paish Council**
An invitation was received for the Durham City Remembrance Fundraising Dinner.
Resolved – that the information be received.
- (iii) **Lanchester Allotments Association**
The minutes of the AGM were received.
- (iv) **Satley Parish Council**
An invitation was received to the police meeting regarding Rural policing.
Resolved – that the information as received.
- (v) **Greencroft Parish Council**
Greencroft Parish Council requested advice on Neighbourhood Plans
Resolved – Councillor Friesner to meet with Greencroft Parish Council.
- (vi) **Memorial Seat**
A request has been received for a memorial bench
Resolved – The Clerk to speak to the Cricket Club on the possibility of replacing some of their benches.

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Durham County Councillors

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

- Planning this included Burnhope Solar Farm, Greencroft Woodland Development, Oakwood and Howden Bank

- Community Funding has been used to help Lanchester Community Centre have new windows installed, reinstall sign on Ford Road and provide new fencing at Hollinside.
- Consett Empire is reopening 14th September.

Resolved – that the information be received.

128/24 Vandalism

Councillors were updated on a number of incidents that have happened in the Village recently

- Some of the wooden sculptures on the bypass have disappeared.
- The bike rack at Park House was taken and dumped over a wall.
- Damage to the Longovicium sign.

Resolved – to inform the PCSO of these incidents.

Councillor Alison Gray entered the meeting.

129/24 Grass Cutting

Councillors discussed the recent request for the football field to be cut weekly.

Resolved – The Clerk to advise on cost and availability of the contractor.

County Councillor Doug Oliver left the meeting.

130/24 Banner Association

Councillors were updated on the mining community hosting a static display of banners at Durham Cathedral and the Banner Association have asked if they can loan our banner for the display.

Resolved – that permission be granted.

131/24 Request for equipment

Members were updated on the Parish Councils handyman request for a hedge trimmer to carry out his duties around the Village.

Resolved – that permission be granted.

132/24 Flooding improvements

Councillors were given an update on the maintenance in the Village by DCC.

Resolved – The Clerk to reply to DCC with further suggestions/requests.

133/24 Christmas Light Switch on Event

Members discussed the event and agreed to keep the event similar to last year as it worked well. The Christmas Light Switch on Event will be held on Saturday 23rd November at 5:30pm, lights to switched on at 6:00pm.

Resolved – the Clerk to progress with preparations for the event.

134/24 Greencroft Woodland Development

Members discussed the development.

Resolved – that the information be received.

135/24 Planning

Councillor Friesner provided an update on planning.

Resolved – that the information be received.

136/24 Lanchester Solar Trail

Members were updated on the project

Resolved – that the information be received.

137/24 Financial Information

The Clerk presented the report.

Resolved – that the report be approved.

138/24 Accounts for Payment

Resolved - that the following accounts be approved for payment:

Post Office	Post	£5.25
Post Office	Post	£2.10
Post Office	Post	£1.35
Post Office	Post	£3.40
Spar	Refreshments	£5.29
Stanley Travel	Coach Hire	£72.00
Post Office	Post	£2.10
Clear Councils	Insurance	£975.57
Post Office	Post	£4.05
Amazon	Fencing	£17.47
Stanley Travel	Coach Hire	£248.00
Post Office	Post	£2.10
SLCC	Annual Membership	£229.00
BT	Phone & Broadband	£258.53
John Stafford	Donation	£50.00

Laura Dodd	Salary (July)	£1495.78
David Maddox	Salary (July)	£697.42
David Maddox	Salary (August)	£648.82
Laura Dodd	Salary (August)	£1495.98
Durham County Council	Pension (July)	£451.62
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Tribune	Stationery	£34.76

139/24 Chairperson's Announcement
There were no Chairpersons announcements.

140/24 Date of next meeting
Resolved – that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will take place on Tuesday 8th October at 7.00pm

Meeting ended at 8:45pm