

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at Lynwood House on Tuesday 8th July 2025 at 7.00pm

Present Cllr. K Harrison (Chair)

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

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Cllr. T Jones – away
Cllr. S Walker - ill

The above apologies were received and approved.

114/25 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

115/25 Public Participation

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

116/25 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved that:

- (i) the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10th June 2025 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted.

117/25 Police Report

Members were updated on the recent PACT report for June.

Resolved that:

- (i) that the PACT report be received.

- 118/25 Bus Shelter**
Members were updated on the recent incidents that have taken place at some of the bus shelters in the Village.
Resolved – that the information be received.
- 119/25 Bike Track**
Members were informed that children are continuously digging up the bike track. Councillors suggested setting up a workshop and involving the schools to potentially improve the bike track.

Resolved – that the information be received.
- 120/25 Durham County Councillor**

County Councillor A Gray provided an update on the areas she has recently been working on, these included:
- Visit to the Allotments
 - Consultations in the area regarding parking restrictions
 - Request for a new sign at Hornsby/Oakwood and the Lanchester Village sign on Durham Road
 - Request for the 'slow' signs at Hollinside be repainted
 - Requests from residents for more Vape recycling bins. These must be in a community building and there is one in the library
 - Walkabout with Brian Weatherall from Durham County Council he has agreed that a bigger gully in the Queens carpark would be beneficial
- 121/25 Lanchester Solar Planet Walk**

Councillors received an update on the project.

Resolved – that the Clerk contact DCC procurement, the contractors and send information to Cllr Smith.
- 122/25 Beacon Event – VJ Day 80**

Councillors were updated on the details of the event.

Resolved – that the information be received.
- 123/25 Cricket Club**

Councillors discussed the situation at the Cricket Club

Resolved – that the information be received.

124/25 DCC Consultations

Councillors were informed of two consultations for two new Rights of Way

- i. Proposed Modification to the Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way by adding a Public Restricted Byway- Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) Foxcover Wood, Lanchester
- ii. Proposed Modification to the Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way by adding a Public Restricted Byway- Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) Back Lane, Lanchester

Resolved – Clerk to write a letter of support

125/25 County Durham Plan

Members were given information on the new County Durham Plan.

Resolved – Clerk to keep the Council informed of all updates and progress.

126/25 Durham County Council – Christmas Lights 2025

Councillors considered the price received from Durham County Council for annual work to the Christmas Lights on the Village Green

Resolved – that the works are booked at a cost of £ 1,714.02.

127/25 Weeding around the Village

Cllr Gray had noticed some areas around the Village that needed attention. The areas that were discussed were County Highways responsibility and they had actually carried out some work by the time the meeting was held

Resolved – that the information be received.

128/25 Newsletter

Councillors considered the newsletter.

Resolved – that the newsletter be approved for distribution.

129/25 Financial Information

The Clerk presented the report.

Resolved – that the report be approved.

130/25 Accounts for Payment

Resolved - that the following accounts be approved for payment:

D Maddox	Salary (June)	£701.84
L Dodd	Salary (June)	£1608.83
Durham County Council	Pension (June)	£506.17
HMRC	PAYE/NI (April – June)	£1503.66
Durham County Council	Trade Waste Service	£340.60
Laura Dodd	Expenses	£151.54
Clear Council	Insurance	£1196.16
BT	Phone & Broadband	£222.96
Post Office	Post	£3.15
Post Office	Post	£17.00
Tesco	Refreshments (Beacon Event)	£29.23
SLCC	Annual Membership	£240.00

131/25 Chairperson's Announcement

A request was received from Burnhope Partnership asking for permission to place two Heritage Trail plaques within the boundary of Lanchester Parish.

Resolved – approved.

132/25 Date of next meeting

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

Meeting ended at 8:40pm