

# Lanchester Parish Council

**Minutes of the Finance, Development and General Purposes Committee  
held in the Conference Room in Park House, Lanchester on Wednesday  
27 May 2009 at 7.15 pm**

**Present** Mr C Burton (in the Chair)

Mr O Johnson, Mr M Wardle, Mr K Leary,  
Mr B Glass

Cllr David Bell (observer Brandon & Byshottle Parish Council)

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

Mrs P Glass	- Work commitments
Mr S Walker	- Family commitments
Mr K Harrison	- Work commitments
Mrs M Gray	- Family commitments
Mr N Fleming	- Work commitments

The above apologies were received and accepted

**120/09 Declaration of Interest**

No declarations of interest were received

**121/09 Election of Chair**

**Resolved** - that Mr C Burton be elected as Chairperson for the ensuing year.

**122/09 Election of Vice Chair**

**Resolved** - that Mr M Wardle be elected as Vice Chairperson for the ensuing year.

**123/09 Public Participation**

The public participation policy was distributed for the benefit of the public present.

**124/09 Budget Position / Financial Statements**

The Lead Officer presented the finance information.  
**Recommended** - that the report be received

**125/09 Internal Audit 2008 / 09**

Members considered the Internal Audit report.  
**Recommended** - that the report be received

**126/09 Quality Status**

The Lead officer outlined progress to Members and confirmed that work was continuing on collating the portfolio ready for submission.

**127/09 Village Green**

The Lead Officer distributed an updated document outlining the consultation process and the views received regarding the development of the Village Green.

Members discussed the development. The main areas for consideration were identified as:

- The shelter on the Green
- Parking area in front of the Church
- Creating an accessible path along the Burn
- Additional planting of spring flowers

**Recommended that:**

(i) the Lead Officer source examples of shelters for consideration

(ii) advice be sought on wildlife in the area

(iii) officers from Durham County Council be asked to advise on plans

**128/09 Locality Map**

MW informed Members that work was progressing on producing a proof of the document which should be ready by the end of the week.

It was agreed to run off a number of colour copies for the Farming and Environment Group to use as a final proof before the document is sent for printing.

Discussions were ongoing to secure Matt Baker the presenter of Countryfile to attend and officially launch the Locality Map.

**129/09      Date of next meeting**

**Resolved** - that the next meeting be held on Wednesday 29  
July at 7.15pm in the Conference Room at Park House

**Business concluded at 8.10 pm**