

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in the Conference Room in Park House,
Lanchester on Tuesday 9 June 2009 at 7.15pm

Present Mr O Johnson (Chair)

Mr K Leary, Mr K Harrison, Mr P Jackson,
Mr S Walker, Mr B Gray, Mrs A Cook, Mr D Lindsay,
Mr M Wardle, Mr B Glass, Mr A Nairn

Mr R Young (observer)

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Mrs M Gray	- Performing on stage
Mr N Fleming	- Family commitments
Mr C Burton	- Attending another meeting
Mrs P Glass	- Work commitments

The above apologies were received and accepted.

130/09 **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were received.

131/09 **Police Report**

PCSO Vanessa Gray was unable to attend the meeting, but had forwarded the police report which the Lead Officer read out.

Information regarding incidents / crimes in the area for the period 01/05/09 – 31/05/09 were reported as follows:

Rowdy Nuisance	4	Refers to 3 reports of neighbourly disputes and 1 incident of youth nuisance outside a takeaway in Front Street (no offences disclosed). Regarding regular youth nuisance outside shops, details are being taken of youths responsible for further action
Vehicle Nuisance	2	Refers to 1 report of a vehicle seen with no brake lights (vehicle registration given by witness unable to be traced) and a vehicle obstruction in Newbiggen Lane. A survey was carried out in Newbiggen Lane by a Police Traffic Management Officer and

		Highways engineer. A speed survey is also to be done. Vehicles parked in middle of road from Number 6 towards village are being done so legally as this is an official parking bay. Unfortunately there is no footpath adjacent to the parking bay but pedestrians are able to cross the road to the footpath on the other side providing vehicles are not parked illegally. Vehicles parked further up Newbiggen Lane are doing so illegally on footpaths as this is a bend causing problems to pedestrians and other vehicles. A letter has been delivered to drivers / residents requesting no parking here and penalty tickets will be issued if warnings are not heeded.
Theft	5	Refers to 3 coats taken from a shop in Station Road by unknown male who was chased by complainant on foot. Area search no trace by officers on scene within minutes; unattended mobile phone left on outside table of public house taken by unknown persons.
Burglary	0	
Vehicle Crime	0	
Criminal Damage	3	Refers to upstairs window smashed by unknown youth in Percy Place; picnic table destroyed by fire in Malton picnic area by unknown persons; radiators and washing machine damaged by unknown person who had gained entry into boarded up unoccupied nursery.

Lanchester Police Section office is now open. As this is a satellite office it is not manned daily or at regular times as officers work from Consett Police Station. However callers are requested to ring non emergency number (0345 6060365) and make an appointment to see an officer if desired if office is closed. A police surgery is to be organised.

132/09 Public Participation

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

133/09 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved that:

- (i)** the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 12 May 2009 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson
- (ii)** the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12 May 2009 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson

134/09 Committees.

Resolved that:

(i) the minutes of the Finance, Development and General Purposes Meeting held on 27 May 2009 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson and any recommendations contained therein be approved and accepted

135/09 Correspondence

- (i) **Durham County Council – Independent inspection of Park House Play Area by Zurich Municipal**
Members considered the annual inspection report
Resolved - that the report be received
- (ii) **Durham County Council - Consultation on DCC's In House Provided Mental Health Day Service**
Resolved - that PJ respond to the document
- (iii) **Concern regarding horses in Dora's Wood and horse manure on the Lanchester Valley Walk**
Members discussed the information received
Resolved that:
 - (i) a letter be sent to Oakwood stables outlining the concern of members
 - (ii) a letter be sent to the Woodland Trust and copied to the County Council outlining the concern of Members
- (iv) **Durham County Council – litter bins (min 77/09)**
Members considered the response from DCC to the removal of litter bins in the village
Resolved - that the letter be received
- (v) **The Derwentside Partnership – Legacy Document**
Resolved - that the document be received
- (vi) **Durham County Council – Chairman's Annual Dinner and Proms in the Park**
Resolved – that Members who wish to attend inform the Lead Officer
- (vii) **North Pennines AONB Partnership**
Members considered an invite to the Annual Forum & North Pennines AONB Management Plan Launch
Resolved – that Members who wish to attend inform the Lead Officer

136/09 Annual Report 2008 / 09 (min 111/09)

Members discussed the costs for distributing the Annual Report
Resolved - that Amaro be used to distribute the Annual Report to all households in the Parish at a cost of £172.50

137/09 Area Action Partnerships (AAP) (min112/09)

The Lead Officer gave Members an update on the Area Action Partnership and the Parish Council Committee. The inaugural meeting of the AAP forum took place on 13 May where a name was agreed along with the priority themes for the AAP to focus on. The agreed priority themes were as follows:

- Road safety and highways
- Support for the community and voluntary sector
- Activities for young people
- Support for older people
- Community safety and crime
- Clean and green environment
- Public transport
- Improved health and wellbeing
- Local economy
- Affordable decent housing

The inaugural meeting of the Parish Councils Committee took place on 16 May. At this meeting Colin Burton was selected as the AAP Board representative for Parish and Town Councils. Members discussed the draft constitution which had been circulated to the Parish Councils. **Resolved** - that the Lead officer writes to the Parish Councils Committee agreeing to the draft constitution.

138/09 Handyperson – Progress Report (min 54/09)

The Lead Officer presented report D.

Resolved that:

- (i) the appreciation of Members be passed to David Maddox on the work undertaken to date.
- (ii) the report be received

139/09 List of Committees and Members

Members considered the membership of committees as distributed in report E.

Resolved – that the information be received

140/09 Kitswell Park – Bins (min 107/09)

Members considered the options for the purchase of a bin for Kitswell Park Bike Track and Play Area.

Resolved - that members approved the purchase of one bin at a cost of £205.00

141/09 Tree Survey – Kitswell Park – Land to rear of cricket club

Members discussed the recent tree survey undertaken at Kitswell Park (report F).

Resolved that:

- (i) the Lead Officer communicates with the Forestry Commission regarding the report and possible grants available for tree management
- (ii) the Lead Officer writes to the Electricity Company to seek their comments on the tree report and the standard of pruning.

142/09 Transfer of Amenity Open Space at Maiden Law to Greencroft Parish Council

Resolved that:

- (i) Lanchester Parish Council sign the transfer document
- (ii) Councillor Ossie Johnson (Chair) and Councillor Bob Glass sign the document to be witnessed by the Lead Officer Mrs Sally Laverick

143/09 Condition of Roads in Lanchester

Members discussed the conditions of roads, paths and grassed areas in Lanchester. With reference to the junction of West Drive and Ford Road, Members discussed the deep wheel tracks which appear to have been caused by the post office van accessing the post box.

Resolved that:

- (i) the Lead Officer writes to the Post Office copied to the County Council highways section asking for comments on the condition of this area
- (ii) Members compile a list of areas of concern for the next meeting

144/09 Financial Information

The Lead Officer presented report G.

Resolved - that the report be received.

145/09 Accounts for Payment

Resolved - that the following accounts be approved for payment:

S Laverick	Salary (May)	£926.13
D Maddox	Salary (May)	£392.90
County Durham Pension Scheme	Pension (May)	£296.49
Southern Green	Play Consultancy	£2356.79
G & B Civil Engineering	Kitswell Project	£12335.23
CDALC	Well-being training	£125.00
A D Purves	Grass-cutting contract	£1626.10
M Young	Internal Audit	£125.00

Talk Talk (Opal)	Phone (Direct debit)	£18.26
Amaro	Leaflet distribution	£172.50
BT	Phone (final invoice)	£4.50

146/09 Chairperson's Announcements

There were no announcements

147/09 Questions from Members

There were no questions from members

148/09 Date of next meeting

Resolved - that the next Ordinary meeting of the Council be held on Tuesday 14 July at 7.15pm.

Meeting ended at 8.15pm