

Lanchester Parish Council

August 2008

Newsletter

Welcome to Lanchester Parish Councils newsletter. It is intended to produce this newsletter quarterly to provide the community with information on the services and activities that the Council provides. We hope you enjoy reading this first newsletter and look forward to any comments that you may have. Look out for our next edition due out in November.

Staff Changes

Lanchester Parish Council have experienced a complete change in staff in recent months.

Good
Luck

Jim Owens, the Clerk to the Council and Cliff Hudspith, the Handyperson both retired on 31 March 2008. Jim had worked for the council for 16 years and Cliff had worked for 11 years. The Parish Council would like to thank them both for their commitment and hard work for the council and wish them all the best in their retirement.

New staff have now joined the council. Sally Laverick joined the Parish Council on 28 April as the new Lead Officer / Clerk and David Maddox started work on 16 June as the new Handyperson. Both staff can be contacted at Park House on 01207 521957.



Annual Report 2007/08

Lanchester Parish Council's Annual Report for 2007 / 08 was published in June and distributed to all houses in the Lanchester ward. If you didn't receive your copy or would like another, please contact the Clerk on the number below or pick up a copy at the Library or Community Centre.

The report outlines the services that the Parish Council provides and the main achievements of the year. The report also provides an overview of expenditure and income for the year. A summary of the financial picture is shown as follows:

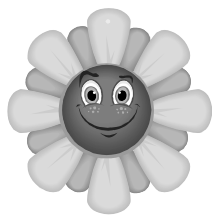
Balance at 1 April 2007	£66,020.16
Total Income	£59,259.97
Total Expenditure	£53,419.57
Balance at 31 March 2008	£71,860.56



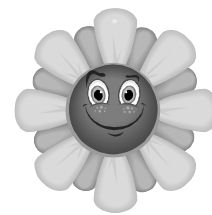
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Hanging Baskets

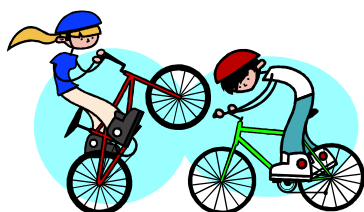


Summer is here and the hanging baskets are up in the village. The Parish Council has provided 18 large hanging baskets throughout the village to provide a display during the summer months. The baskets are watered regularly to ensure that they flower to their potential right into September.



Play Developments

Lanchester Parish Council have been working on an exciting project to provide additional play and recreational facilities at Kitswell Road Recreation Area. As part of the process a large number of children and young people have been involved and consulted with the invaluable help and assistance of Lanchester Partnership. The young people have been instrumental in putting together a funding bid to raise monies for the project and we are delighted to be informed that the funding application has been successful and an award of £40,000 has been received towards the cost of the project. Current proposals include a new play area and the introduction of a bike track aimed at children 6 - 14 years. The total cost of the project will be in the region of £80,000.



On 1 July a consultation event was held with local residents to seek their views on the proposals. The event proved useful and provided an opportunity for residents to examine the plans and present any comments or concerns that they may have about the project to the council.

Public Participation

Lanchester Parish Council meets regularly at Park House, Station Road. Notice of all meetings can be found in the Library and the Parish Council notice board at Park House. Meetings are open to the press and public and attendance and participation is welcome.

Need to speak to your Councillor?

Lanchester Parish Council have recently introduced open sessions to allow time for residents to speak to their councillors about issues that concern or affect them. The next sessions will be at Park House on:

Tuesday 9 September
Tuesday 11 November
6.30 pm – 7.00 pm.



Lanchester Parish Councillors

Neil Fleming	11 Broadoak Drive,	520987	
Ossie Johnson	Stella House, Durham Road,	521937	CHAIR
Colin Burton	15 Deanery View,	520840	
Elizabeth Cook	46 Manor Grange,	529334	
Bob Glass	c/o Park House, Station Road	295764	
Patricia Glass	c/o Park House, Station Road	295764	
Bill Gray	27 Foxhills Crescent,	520656	
Margaret Gray	27 Foxhills Crescent,	520656	VICE CHAIR
Keith Harrison	Colepike Home Farm,	529522	
Paul Jackson	Stonebeck, Front Street,	521208	
Kevin Leary	60 Deanery View,	521627	
Alasdair Nairn	1 St Bedes Court,	529384	
Stuart Walker	2 St Bedes Court,	520790	
Mike Wardle	8 Ornsby Hill,	521622	
David Lindsay	13 Foxhills Crescent,	520102	

Staff

Lead Officer / Clerk	Mrs Sally Laverick	521957 / 529415
Handyperson	Mr David Maddox	



Have Your Say

The Parish Council welcomes views from residents and people working here on any aspects of life in the village. Please contact your Councillor or the Clerk at Park House on 01207 521957