

NORTH LODGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of North Lodge Parish Council held at Park View School, Lombard Drive, Chester-le-Street on Tuesday 21st May 2019.

PRESENT: Chairman: Councillor Jackie Gregory.
Vice-Chairman: Councillor Dennis Hall.
Councillors: Margaret Caygill, Elsie Forrester, Maureen May,
Patrick Driscoll.

County Councillor: Craig Martin.

Clerk: David Murrell.

The retiring Chairman, Councillor Elsie Forrester, commenced the meeting by welcoming everyone.

Item 1. 19/44 Election of Chairman

Nominations were requested for the office of Chairman for the year 2019 / 2020. Cllr Jackie Gregory was proposed by Cllr Margaret Caygill and seconded by Cllr Patrick Driscoll. There were no other nominations. Cllr Jackie Gregory was duly elected, therefore, as Chairman. (**Resolved** - that Cllr Jackie Gregory is duly elected as Chairman for 2019 / 2020).

Item 2. 19/45 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors Colin Noble-Nesbitt, David Snaith and John Waugh.

Item 3. 19/46 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Margaret Caygill declared an interest as a Governor of Park View School.

Item 4. 19/47 Election of Vice-Chairman

Nominations were requested for the office of Vice-Chairman for the year 2019 / 2020. Cllr Dennis Hall was proposed by Cllr Elsie Forrester and seconded by Cllr Maureen May. There were no other nominations. Cllr Dennis Hall was duly elected, therefore, as Vice-Chairman. (**Resolved** - that Cllr Dennis Hall is duly elected as Vice-Chairman for 2019 / 2020).

Item 5. 19/48 Election of Portfolio Holders

The following Councillors were elected as Portfolio Holders - a) Crime & Community Safety - Cllr Jackie Gregory, b) Finance - Cllr John Waugh, c) Highways - Cllr Colin Noble-Nesbitt, d) Horticulture - Cllr Maureen May and Cllr Patrick Driscoll, e) Planning - Cllr David Snaith, f) Play Areas - Cllr Margaret Caygill, g) Policy & Governance - Cllr Dennis Hall, h) Publicity - Cllr Elsie Forrester, i) Website - Cllr Colin Noble-Nesbitt.

Item 6. 19/49 Report of the County Councillor

The Chairman invited County Councillor Craig Martin to give his report which included the matter contained in his written report below -

Climate Emergency

Proposals have been put before the council to declare a 'climate emergency' and set targets as to when Durham County Council will become carbon neutral. These have been set to 60% carbon neutral by 2030 and 100% carbon neutral by 2050. Myself and my political group believe these aims lack ambition and we should aim for carbon neutrality by 2030.

If we're going to use the word emergency to describe the situation, the Council's preferred targets lack any kind of urgency. Other local authorities such as Redcar and Cleveland have adopted carbon neutral by 2030. I will continue to push Durham County Council to go beyond the targets they've been set. It is important that local government take a lead in implementing new techniques and show organisations what can be achieved, or carbon neutrality will just not be achieved at all.

In addition, 1) the County Councillor congratulated the Chairman on her election to the Chair and thanked former Chairman Cllr Elsie Forrester for all the help she had given him. 2) The County Councillor had found the County Council to be unwilling to consider the introduction of Smoke Control Areas. 3) Councillors discussed with the County Councillor the geographical description he gives to his area of representation in his publications.

The Chairman thanked the County Councillor for his report.

Item 7. 19/50 Adoption of Minutes of Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 16th April 2019, draft copies of which had been previously circulated, were adopted as a true and accurate record of the Meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman.

Item 8. 19/51 Chairman's Report

Regarding outstanding matters -

- a) Re Minute 19/35 section 1). Cllr Forrester advised that two more large lorries, probably trying to access Drum Industrial Estate, had been in Queensmere where the road is unsuitable. The County Councillor will discuss this with the Highways Department.
- b) Re Minute 19/35 section 2). Re artwork for the Drum Industrial Estate, the County Cllr advised that there was little interest from businesses there. Other possible uses for the money were now to be considered and Cllr Caygill suggested that horticultural improvement at the entrance road should be included in this. Re artwork for the town centre, the County Councillor advised that it was now unlikely to include the Dainty Dinah bust although a final decision had not yet been made.
- c) Re Minute 19/35 section 3). Re possible Parish Council representation at Drum Business Group meetings, the County Councillor advised that Business Durham considered this unnecessary. However, the Chairman had also had an initial discussion with Business Durham and would follow this up.
- d) Re Minute 19/37 section a). Re ownership of the verge under the Sustrans bridge at North Road, Cllr Forrester advised that enquiries were ongoing.
- e) Re Minute 19/37 section b). Re litter blowing from the Drum Industrial Estate, the County Councillor advised that the members of the Drum Business Group considered that the problem was caused by businesses that took no part in the Group.
- f) Re Minute 19/37 section e). Re tree lights for Picktree Village, Cllr May advised that she will provide an update at next month's Council meeting.
- g) Re Minute 19/38 section e). Cllr Driscoll advised that the tree branches at Merlin Drive play area had not yet been removed but he expected the County Council to attend to this soon.

The Chairman's report included the matters contained in her written report below -

Chairman Report May 2019

I would like to thank you for electing me as your Chairman for the next two years. I have experience at chairing a variety of meetings, both in my previous employment and with community groups. So I have an idea as how meetings are run.

My personal ambition is to promote this council as a positive forward thinking group. This area is surrounded by an ancient forest, therefore, we should take the chance to work with other community groups to protect this area, promote a clean environment for the residents and protect our wildlife so we can all leave a legacy.

My ideas to move this council on will be put to members through the agenda over the next two years.

I ask that Councillors also start to think about how we can work together with new initiatives to make this area an even nicer place for residents, visitors and businesses.

Councillors thanked the Chairman for her report.

Item 9. 19/52 Portfolio Holders' Reports

a) Crime and Community Safety

Cllr Gregory gave her report which included the matters contained in her written report below -

Crime and Community Safety report 21st May 2019

Crime

Criminal Damage x 1

Paint was poured over property in Pelaw Grange

Anti Social Behaviour x 2

Lombard Drive Male walking in the road

Lombard Drive Two drivers in cars stopped and commenced shouting at each other, then drove off.

Road Related x3

Lombard Drive Vehicle was causing slight obstruction, advised to park elsewhere in the street.

Blind Lane A vehicle stopped 'sharply' and another vehicle with a horsebox attached was straddled over two lanes to the annoyance of the informant.

PSCO Christine Taylor has been on leave, I will obtain further details of the above incidents on her return.

Community Safety

Crime Prevention.

Please ensure all windows and doors are securely locked when away from property, Ensure all unattended vehicles are securely locked. Avoid leaving valuables on show.

Thank you to David for sending the 'In the know' information.

For non emergency telephone calls to police, use telephone number 101

For emergency telephone calls to police, use telephone number 999

Councillors thanked Cllr Gregory for her report.

b) Finance

In his absence from the meeting, Cllr Waugh had advised the Clerk that “he had read the financial information supplied and can confirm everything is in order”.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Waugh for his report.

c) Highways and Website

In his absence from the meeting, Cllr Noble-Nesbitt had provided the written report below:-

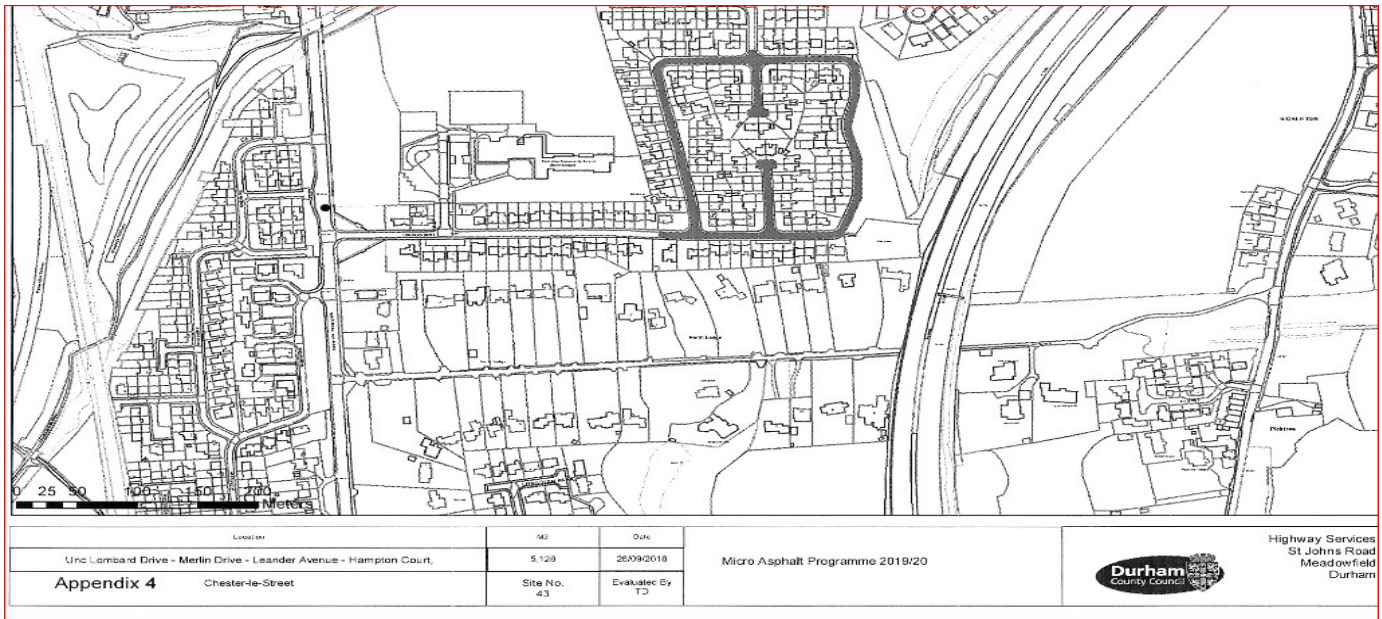
NLPC Highways Report for 21 May 2019

Footpath Maintenance

- DCC has been alerted to the need for a major clearing effort in the snicket footpath behind 66 Picktree Lodge, with regard to rotted leaves from last autumn and overhanging foliage of various types on each side.
- DCC has been alerted to the potentially dangerous overhanging branches on the east footpath of the A167 North Road, to the north of the Lombard Drive junction.
- DCC has been alerted to the Picktree Lodge street lamp 448 remaining on during daylight hours.
- The areas around the entrance to Picktree Lodge affected by the cessation of the Highways England motorway bridge repair remain much as before, awaiting any possible restart of the work, for which the DCC *east area roadworks reports* continue to list the temporary highway changes order as remaining in force until May 2020.
- There are still some houses in the parish where hedges are in need of cutting back.

Micro Asphalt in North Lodge Estate

- This was carried out very efficiently on 10th & 11th April 2019 [at the very beginning of DCC's financial year 2019/20] by the DCC contractor Kiely Bros., resulting in the complete resurfacing of Lombard Drive (east), Hampton Court, Leander Avenue and Merlin Drive. Covered ironwork was subsequently uncovered and/or renewed. This has resulted in a proper restoration of what was by far the worst road surface network in the parish. The white lining at all the road junctions has also been renewed.
- This road network system is clearly identified as drawn up on 26/09/2018 by DCC on its map for inclusion in its “Micro Asphalt Programme 2019/20” – see map below.
- In May 2017, NLPC gave DCC a major alert regarding needed highway renovations in North Lodge Estate.
- In May 2018, NLPC gave DCC a listing of ~100 worn down areas with their positions listed house by house and gave a reminder of the transverse worn down grooves at 10 to 25 metre intervals that generated a “thump, thump” sound every time a vehicle passed over them. [See report dated 24 May 2018 , next page]
- In January 2019, the Parish Council asked DCC to consider full resurfacing and a site meeting, no message having been passed to NLPC regarding the inclusion already in DCC's “Micro Asphalt Programme 2019/20”. DCC's reply was that this work was included in its plan. [*This illustrates the wasted effort that can result from a poor information giving system from DCC to NLPC, also highlighted in this month's Governance Report*]
- There were further unfortunate steps during the past two years, at least, including what appears to have been a largely wasteful and expensive series of micro patchings, of very varied quality, during the second half of 2018, made redundant when the micro asphalt took place.



As referred to on previous page:

Condition of road surfaces within North Lodge Parish [as reported 24 May 2018]

Lombard Drive

From North Road to the Leander Avenue junction, the surface is in generally good condition due to the superior surfacing that was carried out using funding under the control of former County Councillor Peter May. The turn off into Park View School is in poor condition and the essential white lining at this important junction has worn out (safety issue).

From the Leander Avenue junction to the turn for Merlin Drive, there are ~12 areas worn down to the white underlying concrete blocks, unsightly and noise provoking from traffic.

In Hampton Court cul-de-sac, there are ~24 similar worn down areas.

Merlin Drive

8 similar worn down areas outside houses 1 to 2; 2 areas outside houses 7 to 8;

4 areas outside house 10; 3 areas outside houses 16 to 17.

Leander Avenue

From Lombard Drive: 4 areas at start; 9 areas outside houses 5 and 10; 6 areas to corner; 10 areas at corner.

After corner, 4 areas + 1 area outside house 70.

In Leander Avenue cul-de-sac, 1 area outside house 46.

Leander Avenue branch towards Caxton Way

3 areas outside houses 49 and 51; 2 potholes opposite the Northern Powergrid sub-station.

The above worn down areas are all part of the Leech built estate (1958) and this estate is also subject to the traffic noise generating (thump, thump sound) transverse worn out grooves at 10 to 25 metre intervals, situated directly above the gaps between the massive concrete base blocks used as foundation for North Lodge Estate roads.

North Lodge Estate is used as the means of entry for all traffic to the later built estate that includes Caxton Way: the road surfaces there are generally ok apart from a badly worn patch on the north of that estate.

Elsewhere in the parish, the Lyndhurst Avenue south spur is in an unevenly worn condition.

Re overhanging trees along North Road, the Chairman and Clerk will inspect these and ask the County Council to take appropriate action.
 The Chairman thanked Cllr Noble-Nesbitt for his report and invited Cllrs May and Driscoll to give their reports which included the matters contained in the written reports below -
 d) Horticulture

**NORTH LODGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
 HORTICULTURE REPORT
 21 May 2019**

Durham County Councils Responsibilities

Flowers from Beds are presently being removed ready for Summer Bedding planting.

Parish Council Responsibilities.

Old flower bedding is being removed in preparation for summer bedding plants.

Environmental Caretaker

Fly Tipping - One mattress found, plus some large broken branches of trees.

Councillor M May & Councillor P Driscoll (Horticulture Portfolio Holders)

**NORTH LODGE PARISH COUNCIL
 YEAR 2 AUDIT**

Parish Council/Gardeners Responsibility.

DATE 08/04/19 – 05/05/19

Description	Comment	Present	Accumulation
		Month/Hrs	
	Total	13	196
	Hours		
Shrub Bed close to northlands Roundabout.	Tending shrub bed.	2.0	33.0
Tubs at North Road near to Northlands Roundabout.			7.5
Bus Shelter –Northlands (North Bound)	Tidying bus stand, cleaning seat.	0.5	8.0
Flower/Shrub Beds (Back and two sides).	Tidying beds and flowers.	1.0	11.5
Checking of Low Flatts Play Area – Hawthorn Hedge.			
Flower Bed at entrance to Longdean Park.			0.5
Shrub Bed within Longdean Park.			

			5.0
Bus Shelter North Road – opposite Lambton Worm pub (South Bound).	General maintenance.	0.25	3.75
Bus Shelter North Road –Lambton Worm pub (North Bound). No flowers	Tidying bus stand. Cleaning seat.	0.5	7.5
Raised Shrub Beds North Road			
Flower Beds at entrance to North Lodge (Lambton Park).	Further applied weed killer, cut and cleared loose branches.	2.0	20.0
Tubs at Lambton Park entrance.	Fed and watered		3.0
Bus Shelter – North Lodge Estate (South Bound). No flowers.	Tidying and maintenance.	0.25	4.25
Tubs in North Road. Near to the Living Christmas Tree.			
Millennium Flower Bed at entrance to Lombard drive.	Tidying up Millennium bed	1.5	22.0
Description	Comment Total Hours	Present Month/Hrs	Accumulation
Jubilee Tree at Entrance to Lombard Drive.	Tidying around jubilee tree.	0.5	3.0
Tubs in Lombard Drive, - near school			
Bus Shelter – North Lodge Estate (North Bound). (Flowers on north side).	Cleaned bus stand and seat.	0.75	13.75
Bus Shelter. Barley Mow Inn (South Bound).	Tidying bus stand, cleaning seat.	0.05	6.0
Bus Stop. Barley Gate, Vigo Lane. No flowers.			
Bus Shelter. Ambleside Court Vigo Lane. (Laurel on West side)	Tidying bus stand, cleaning seat.	0.5	6.0
Flower Bed around plinth – bottom and top at entrance to Picktree	Cleared out base of plinth	2.0	23.5

Lodge.			
Planting of flowers below wall opposite plinth at entrance to Picktree Lodge.			
Bus Shelter (Glass) in Picktree Village.	General cleaning.	0.25	3.25
Bus Shelter. Ash Meadows, Picktree Village Flower/shrub bed both sides.	General cleaning	0.5	4.5
Small Shrub/Flower Beds in Picktree Village.	Fed and watered.		10.0
Heather Bed at Picktree Village.			
Daffodil planting.			
Handyman.			

 Cllr May confirmed that the Gardener would provide full details of purchases of plants on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Chairman thanked Cllrs May and Driscoll for their reports.

e) Planning

In the absence of Cllr Snaith from the meeting, no report was made.

The Chairman invited Cllr Caygill to give her report which included the matters contained in her written report below -

f) Play Areas

MERLIN DRIVE

Equipment appears to be in good order.

LOW FLATTS

Equipment appears to be on good order.

A new covered bin has been installed at the entrance to the play area. The old bin is still in the fenced area. Suggest this be removed.

A few dog waste bags have been dumped at the bridge entrance once again and as we can not have a bin in this position I suggest to Council we consider erecting a notice.

The wood slat seat has been treated by our Gardener/ Handyman.

 Re the old bin at Low Flatts play area, Councillors agreed that it should be removed. The Clerk will ask the County Council to carry out the work. Re the dumping of dog waste bags at Low Flatts play area, Councillors agreed that a warning sign should be purchased. Cllr Caygill and the Clerk are to source a suitable sign. Cllr May advised of some damage to safety surfacing at Merlin Drive Play area. Cllr Caygill will advise this to the County Council.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Caygill for her report and invited Cllr Hall to give his report which included the matters contained in his written report below -

g) Policy and Governance

North Lodge Parish Council

Meeting on Tuesday 21 May 2019

Governance and Policy Portfolio

Briefing Note/Update from Councillor Dennis Hall

Meeting on 16 May 2019 with Lorraine O Donnell Deputy CEO Durham County Council: Transformation & Partnerships:

As mentioned at the last Parish Meeting, a meeting was arranged and has since taken place with the County Council to discuss improved liaison between the County Council and the Parish Council, and particularly with Parish Members. County Councillor Craig Martin had facilitated the meeting and had requested Councillor Hall's attendance. The issues discussed are summarised below:

- Generally, the need for improved engagement and direct liaison to enable Parish Members to pursue enquiries through direct channels other than the County's CRM (Customer Relation Management framework) especially in relation to 'street scene' issues such as parking, lighting, highway matters and issues with trees and environmental matters generally
- The benefits to the County Council of direct engagement in dealing with Parish queries so that trends could be monitored by them in developing policy: Parish Members are perceived as the 'eyes and ears' in the local communities that they serve
- Planning; closer engagement on planning issues as they 'emerge' rather than just consultations on decisions; the need to 'share thinking and concerns' ; Councillor Hall mentioned that the Local Councils' Charter identifies at para 8 of the Appendix that the County is committed to the provision of an Annual liaison meeting/update with local councils on planning issues. We acknowledged the help we get from planning officers 'when asked' to attend our meetings but queried whether there should be mechanisms for proactive engagement on emerging planning issues
- Direct support for governance, including 'leadership' on joint working initiatives for topics such as GDPR and Member training on standards
- The Charter identifies a designated role of 'Principal Local Councils Officer' and this person was identified as Vicky Prendergast whose role would include identifying contacts for Parish Member enquiries and general Parish Member issues;

We were informed that joint arrangements do exist where Parish issues such as GDPR can be discussed e.g. the Small Parishes Forum or with officers at the AAP in our area. Mrs O Donnell agreed to consider how best to address the issues we identified and will write a response shortly, having first looked further into the points raised.

Contact details for Vicky Prendergast will be forwarded to us in the response to us

Mrs O'Donnell mentioned that the current Local Councils Charter was prepared in 2010 and a new and revised edition was about to be published. This will be available shortly

Items of General Interest:

Guidance; Parish councils: fixed penalty notices; (29 April):

‘Your powers to issue fixed penalty notices for environmental offences including litter, graffiti and fly-posting’.

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/parish-councils-fixed-penalty-notices?utm_source=41a3a8f3-336f-4628-a2ef-e639501ebfcd&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

Parish Boundaries:

A link here to the Durham County Council Parish Boundary tool:

<https://maps.durham.gov.uk/OLBasic/Index.aspx?appid=24>

Durham County Council Parish Charter:

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/media/999/Local-councils-charter/pdf/LocalCouncilsCharter.pdf?m=635893336303870000>

Councillor Dennis Hall

Date 17 May 2019

The Chairman thanked Cllr Hall for his report and invited Cllr Forrester to give her report which included the matters contained in her written report below -

h) Publicity

NORTH LODGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 21.5.2019.

AAP INFORMATION / TASK GROUPS INFORMATION.

1. NORTH DURHAM CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP SHOTLEY BRIDGE HOSPITAL PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT.

2 PUBLIC HEALTH/.SAMARITANS- SUICIDE PREVENTION.RAILWAY CAMPAIGN.IT WAS NOTED THAT FROM 1.4.2019 THE CHESTER LE STREET TRAIN STATION WOULD BE COMPLETELY UNMANNED.IT WAS AGREED THAT AN ACTION PLAN WAS TO BE DEVELOPED .IT WAS HIGHLIGHTED THAT THE STATION WAS AN AREA OF GREAT CONCERN.LUCY WILKINS FROM PUBLIC HEALTH BROUGHT TOGETHER PARTNERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE AND THE SAMARITANS TO DISCUSS ITEMS THAT MUST BE IMPROVED. THESE INCLUDED LIGHTING, SIGNAGE, MAKE THE STATION AREA MORE WELCOMING, THERE HAVE BEEN AREAS BLOCKED OFF UNDER THE BRIDGE. IT IS HOPED THAT VERY SOON THERE WILL BE TV SCREENS IN CERTAIN AREAS WHICH WILL BE CONNECTED TO THE MAIN NER/BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE H.Q WHICH WOULD ENABLE ANY ONE WHO APPEARED TO BE IN DANGER, TRAIN DRIVERS WOULD BE ABLE TO BE INFORMED OF ANY PROBLEMS AND WOULD IT IS HOPED BE ABLE TO SLOW UP THEIR TRAINS AND STOP. THIS PRESENTATION WAS EXCELLENT AND GOOD DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE.WE WERE ALL ADVISED IF WE SAW ANY ONE THAT WE THOUGHT WAS NOT WELL OR DISTRESSED GO AND SPEAK TO THEM AND TRY TO GET THEM IN ANY KIND OF DISCUSSION YOU NEVER KNOW YOU JUST MIGHT SAVE A LIFE.

3."MAN v FAT" PROJECT CULTURE AND SPORT REPORT.THIS IS GOING VERY WELL AND MUCH WEIGHT HAS BEEN LOST BY THOSE TAKING PART.

4."E" BIKES WELL RECEIVED IN THE AREAS THAT THEY HAVE BEEN SEEN IN. PUBLIC VERY INTERESTED IN THEM AND ASKING THE POLICE RIDERS MANY QUESTIONS.ALSO THEY ARE BEING ASKED WHY THEY DO NOT HAVE MOTOR BIKES!!!!. FEW BURGLARIES THOSE APPREHENDED ARE ON BAIL.

6.CRICKET WORLD CUP

7.CHESTER FEST.

8.MARKET ACTIVITY WEEK.12.8.2019/16.8.2019.10am /3pm.BURNS GREEN AREA OFF CONE TERRACE.

9.DCC /COUNTY "AAP" EVENT .MARKING 10 YEARS OF THE AAPs.HELD AT HARDWICK HALL SEDGEFIELD. GOOD EVENING 350 GUESTS. EACH OF THE AAPs GAVE A REPORT WITH A SHORT FILM OF THE WORK THAT HAD BEEN DONE IN THEIR AREA.AWARDS WERE PRESENTED TO THE WINNERS OF EACH AAP.

10. GOAHEAD NORTHERN REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE END ELEVATION AT THE BUS DEPOT HAS NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL, SAFETY SURROUNDING ACCESS TO THE SITE HAS BEEN MENTIONED AS A MAJOR BARRIER TO MAKING IMPROVEMENTS.

11. ILLUMINATING WASTE PROGRAMME IS TO TAKE PLACE AGAIN INVOLVING SCHOOLS AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW WHEN IT HAS BEEN DECIDED WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO THE YEAR TO PROCEED. SUPPORT WORK WITH HERMITAGE SCHOOL WITH THEIR PROJECT "PLASTIC BOTTLES"

12. FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES. COMMUNITY SAFETY VISITS. BOTH SCHEDULED AND UNSCHEDULED HAVE BEEN AND ARE BEING DONE IN THE AREA. SCHEDULED VISITS TAKE PLACE FOLLOWING REFERRALS FROM FAMILIES AND FRIENDS. FIRE SAFETY BEING THE MAIN REQUEST. ALSO RISKS OF SLIPS, TRIPS AND FALLS ARE ASSESSED ALONG WITH SAFETY AND WELLBEING.

13. DURHAM CHRISTIAN PARTNERSHIP/FOODBANK. WORKING ACROSS COUNTY DURHAM. UNDERTAKING MANY PROJECTS-FUEL BANK FOOD BANK, COMMUNITY SHOPS. DEBT ADVICE, CREDIT UNIT. SYRIAN REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMME ALSO MAKING SURE THAT THOSE WHO ARE COMING OUT OF HOSPITAL HAVE A CARE PACKAGE IN PLACE AND IS AVAILABLE. ALSO WORKING WITH RED CROSS

14. WORK GOING WELL WITH THE YMCA AND THEIR EXTENSION WORK TO THEIR PROPERTY IN THE MARKET PLACE AREA. OFFICIAL OPENING TO BE ADVISED ASAP.

CLL. ELSIE FORRSTER. BA.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Forrester for her report.

Item 10. 19/53 Correspondence

1) From npower business
emails re Invoices.

The Clerk advised that npower had significantly increased the Administration Fee relating to the unmetered supply of power to the Christmas lights. The agreement with npower expires in March 2020. Councillors hoped that by then the Council would have had experience of battery lights at Picktree Village to inform a discussion of possible alternatives for the Christmas tree lights.

2) From Durham Community Action
Invitation to “Meet the Funders” event to be held on Tuesday 16th July.

3) From County Durham Association of Local Councils
a) Invitation to CDALC Group meeting to be held on 8th June.
b) email re Councillors’ Training Course.

The Chairman is to attend this course.

c) email re Traffic Sensitive Streets consultation.
Cllr Noble-Nesbitt had advised the Clerk that he had asked the County Council to add to the list Lombard Drive, Leander Avenue and Merlin Drive, all on a winter salting route.

4) From Durham County Council
email re web support and hosting.
Councillors agreed to continue the Hosting agreement with the County Council for the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020.

5) Various planning applications, approvals and refusals from Durham County Council, of which the following was within North Lodge Parish:-
Application for change of use to open storage (use Class B8), at land to the east of the business village, Drum Road.

Item 11. 19/54 Preparation of the Newsletter

Cllr May distributed to Councillors draft copies of the Newsletter. Councillors discussed the draft and also discussed a possible timescale for production and distribution of the completed Newsletter.

The Chairman thanked Cllr May for all her efforts to date.

Item 12. 19/55 Payment of Accounts

	TO	AMOUNT	REASON	VAT
Salaries		£ 451.05	Salaries May 2019	
Expenses		£ 90.00	Expenses May 2019	
Pot-It-On		£ 152.00	Environment Care May 2019	
Pot-It-On		£ 180.00	Horticulture May 2019	
D. Murrell (via Costco)		£ 37.79	Postage Stamps	
Ian Herberson		£ 50.00	Internal Audit Fee	

Total Payments £960.84

(Resolved - the payments be approved as submitted).

Item 13. 19/56 Other Matters for Information

- 1) The Council will write to the Chief Constable of Durham Constabulary, the Headmaster of Park View School and the Head of Park View Lower School with thanks and best wishes on their respective retirements.
- 2) Cllr Caygill advised that the notice board at Merlin Drive again had a small amount of condensation on the inside pane. The Clerk will inspect this.
- 3) The Horticulture Portfolio Holders are to consider, for the next Council meeting, the involvement of North Lodge residents in the Chester's Best competition.
- 4) Cllr Caygill advised of the possible change of use of some rooms, including the community room, at the School.
- 5) Cllr Forrester advised that she had again witnessed bad behaviour by some children of Park View School. She had reported this to the School but had received no response. Cllr Caygill will urgently pursue this matter with the School.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

North Lodge Parish Council

Accounts for the month as submitted to the Meeting of North Lodge Parish Council held on Tuesday 18th June 2019.

	TO	AMOUNT	REASON	VAT
Salaries		£	Salaries June 2019	
Expenses		£ 90.00	Expenses June 2019	
Pot-It-On		£	Environment Care June 2019	
Pot-It-On		£	Horticulture June 2019	
J. Gregory		£ 165.00	Chair's Quarterly Allowance	
HM Revenue & Customs		£	P.A.Y.E.	
Durham County Council		£ 722.08	Hosting of Website	£120.35

Total Payments £

Balance to 31st May 2019

Balance b/f	£54407.82	Balances at Bank:-	
Deduct Payments - May 2019	<u>£ 960.84</u>		Current £ 1907.88
	£53446.98		30 Day <u>£51541.23</u>
			Total £53449.11
Add Bank Interest Received	<u>£ 2.13</u>		
	£53449.11	Deduct cheques not yet presented	<u>£ Nil</u>
Balance c/f	£53449.11		£53449.11