**OVERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Meeting**

Minutes of the Meeting of Overton Parish Council held in Overton Memorial Hall on

Monday 9th June 2025 at 7.00pm

**Parish Councillors Present:** J Higginson

D Hamer

J Dean

D Edmondson

**Apologies** P Fleming

S Bargh

**Also Present:** Residents Lynne Molloy + 8 others

County Councillor Graeme Austin

Enhanced Bus

Partnership Mgr Matthew Moll

Clerk C Mashiter

The meeting opened at 7.00pm

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| **25-061** | **Dispensations and Declarations of Interest**  There were none |  |
| **25-062** | **Public Participation - Transport**  An hour long discussion took place regarding the provision of a direct bus service from Overton to Lancaster. There had been a poor response from the residents of the village who had expressed a desire for a direct bus root.  Of those present concerns were raised about students not having a suitable connection from Combermere Road to Overton if they had stayed after school for various clubs and activities. Even if Stagecoach put electronic signage at Combermere Road bus stop it won’t alter the situation.  Parking in Lancaster was not only poor but expensive, a direct bus would make Lancaster more attractive which would benefit retailers in the city as well as making it more easily accessible for people visiting events, cafes and restaurants etc. The two bus system in operation now can take upto two hours for a journey of less than 6 miles.  If the council are trying to reduce the amount of traffic on the city for environmental purposes there needs to be a reliable, attractive alternative.  A more direct route could go via Middleton then onto the bypass benefitting people in Middleton with the same issues.  If Stagecoach can’t or won’t provide a direct service what about other providers, Lonsdale or KL?  Matthew Moll told the meeting that he had not spoken to other providers but if he did so and they agreed there was always the chance that Stagecoach might reduce their provision. It is also possible that other providers might want to increase the route to take in the Lancaster Retail Park and ASDA which would obviously increase the journey time. He also said it would cost in the region of £25k per annum to provide a dedicated bus service against a very small return in oncome.  Cllr Austin asked if there was extra funding from Central Government for rural services. The reply was that it was unknown at this present time what exactly the Government would allocate in the Autumn Budget However as Lancaster was becoming a part of a new Unitary Authority any funds would have to be allocated between Lancaster, Blackpool & Wyre, Preston and the Ribble Valley. Under the new authority the Local Transport Plan will be updated later this year when it will become clear how much funding would be available going forward.  At this point the Parish Council was asked if they supported the provision of a direct bus service. It was made clear that this was a County Council issue not a Parish Council one and until there was a firm proposal of some sort the Parish Council couldn’t say if they were for or against the proposal as at the present time there wasn’t one, only ideas. It was then decided by all present that the way forward was to await some firm answers from Matthew Moll and then to move forward with a leaflet drop prior to a public meeting in the hall.  Lynne Molloy and the Parish Council were happy to await proposals from County. Ongoing | **LM/Clerk** |
| **25-063** | **Reports from County Councillor(s)**  County Councillor Graeme Austin offered to attend regularly meetings but as Middleton Parish Council held their meetings on the same night it would only be every other month. |  |
| **25-064** | **Minutes of Previous Meeting**  The minutes of the April meeting, previously circulated, were approved as a true record and signed by Cllr J Higginson. |  |
| **25-065** | **Updates and Progress from Previous Meeting**  Mission Heritage Centre donation paid. Complete  Refuse Bin Sunderland Point. Ongoing  Overton Stone due to be placed in the next couple of weeks. Ongoing  Stagecoach Buses. The promised claim form has still not been received. Item considered closed.  The Parish Council will place stones around the green to prevent vehicles driving over it. Ongoing  Helper Bots has been added to the website.  Complete  Objection to stable being erected. City Council have replied and will keep us informed when assessed.  Ongoing  Reply sent to Mr Walling re hedges. Complete  Reply sent to Mr Scanlan re CCTV. Complete  Memorial Tree damage – reply sent. Complete  Charity clothing bin declined. Complete  Sunderland Point Toilet Block, Land Registry, Kersey Meadow and the Play Park all separate agenda items. | **Clerk**  **DE**  **DE**  **Clerk** |
| **25-066** | **Governance**  Notice of Casual Vacancy has been posted, Shut off date 11th June. Thereafter if no election called we can co-opt. Ongoing  AGAR Certificate of Exemption sent. Public Rights Notice to go out on June 11th. Documents to be available for public scrutiny, on request, from 16th June until July 25th. Ongoing  TEEC to be approached to set up Digital and Data Compliance. | **Clerk**  **Clerk**  **Clerk** |
| **25-067** | **Finance**  Overton Bowling Club have paid their annual rent and insurance. Complete  VAT refund not yet received. Ongoing  Proposed - A Gift for Susan Ayrey for here 20 years service to the Parish Council. A £20 garden centre voucher to be purchased. Decided  The clerk requested approx. £35 for new stationery.  Decided  Cheque to M McTague for the Emergency Insurance has been cancelled as it was lost in transit to the bank. An online payment to be made to him on receipt of his bank details. Ongoing | **Clerk**  **Clerk**  **Clerk**  **Clerk** |
| **25-068** | **Payments**  TrsfEDMOS Brazier 400.00  J Higginson - Flags 74.37  Zurich Insurance 2025/26 2300.71  SLCC Membership 110.00  Chq C Mashiter – Salary  330.35 - 66.00 PAYE 264.35  Trsf All Clear Drains  2nd Blockage S/Pt toilets 120.00  Card Defib Warehouse  174.00 + 34.80 vat 208.80  Trsf HMRC - PAYE 66.00  D/D Vodafone  13.38 + 2.68 vat 16.06  Waterplus  S/Pt Toilets 14.46  E.On Next S.Pt Toilets  28.20 + 1.41 vat 29.61  Trsf S/Pt Heritage Centre  Donation 1000.00  D/D Live Drive - Cloud Cove  50.00 + 10.00 vat 60.00  Chq Jason Booth 80.00  Trsf J Higginson  Sealant for Play Park  84.36 + 16.87 vat 101.23    **Total Payable £4845.59** |  |
| **25-069** | **Training**  ILCA training Ongoing | **Clerk** |
| **25-070** | **Planning**  25/00352/FUL Amendment to demolition of existing garage and erection of a detached double domestic garage/gym and office at 21a Chapel Lane for Mr & Mrs N Travis  No Objections  25/00078/DIS Discharge of condition 3 on approved application No Objections  24/00769/FUL at 23, Second Terrace, Sunderland Point for Mr & Mrs L Gilchrist & M Sanderson No Objections  25/00535/FUL Installation of rooflight window and external pipe to west elevation at 13 Second Terrace, Sunderland Point for Ms L Gilchrist No Objections  25/00536/LB Listed building application for installation of rooflight window and external pipe to west elevation and internal alterations to second floor layout to create a shower room at 13 Second Terrace, Sunderland Point for  Ms L Gilchrist No Objections  BritishTelecommunications plc intend to install fixed line broadband electronic communications apparatus ( 10mtr medium pole) on Main Street, Overton Noted | **Clerk**  **Clerk**  **Clerk**  **Clerk**  **Clerk** |
| **25-071** | **Parish Matters**  PROW fencing repair, Church footpath. David Edmondson will measure up for posts. Clerk to order and pay for them  Ongoing  Play Ground - Lancaster City Council maintenance work should begin this month - June  Ball Park – moving forward £6642 from 29 backers. 14 days left. We have to pay over the balance before this cut. Will pay over when notified. Ongoing  Mrs Tyrells fence will be repaired after the ball park is completed. Ongoing  Sunderland Point Toilet Block - T’s and C’s have been approved by our solicitor. Purchase price £1 plus £400 legal fees which is inclusive of VAT and disbursements. Clerk to complete the paper work.  Kersey Meadow - Contacted Sport England re their claim to this land being for sporting purposes. Ongoing  HM Land Regsitry - Official copy of register of title received for the two parcels of land edged in red valued at £2750. However, we still can’t claim adverse possession on the other part, the County Council believes it belongs to them. Decision made to invoice them for grass cutting and maintenace for the period of supposed squatting. The clerk will take legal advice first Ongoing | **DE/Clerk**  **Clerk**  **JD/Clerk**  **JH**  **Clerk**  **Clerk**  **Clerk** |
| **25-072** | **Correspondence –**  Request from a parishioner for a Life Belt near the footbridge from Pedder Road into the field. As this is not Parish Council land advise them to contact the owners of the field or  The Environment Agency. Complete  Another request for a textile bin, this time for Luekaemia and Myeloma Research UK. Reply as previous request, Parish Council do not have available land. Complete  There being no other business for discussion the meeting closed at 9.05pm  **The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday July 14th 2025 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall** | **Clerk**  **Clerk** |