

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, 4th April 2011 at 7.00 pm,
Parish Community Room, Monteith Close, West Auckland

Present: Cllr H Charlton, Chair
Cllr J Bell
Cllr E Farrer
Cllr P Fenwick
Cllr J Ferguson
Cllr C Mairs
Cllr V Raine
Cllr W Robinson
Cllr A Turner
Cllr K Tweddle

11.18 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr L Rielly and Cllr Roberts

11.19 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

Interest was received in items 11.24ii by Cllrs Robinson and 11.25 i by Cllr Ferguson and Cllr Mairs.

11.20 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were agreed to be a true account of the previous meeting and signed accordingly.

11.21 TO INVITE ANY COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Chris Hale attended meeting to ask if the craft club were allowed to use the premises. She was advised that the group could meet for free this week but would be informed of any cost for future sessions.

11.22 TO RECEIVE POLICE REPORT. - There were no police present.

11.23 CLERK'S TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE/ENDORING INVOICE CHEQUES.

CHEQUE No	DETAILS	AMOUNT	PREVIOUSLY AGREED
100315	Spring newsletter	£144.45	Y
100316	DCC Monteith Rates	£154.42	Y
100317	Newsletter delivery	£70.00	Y
100318	Parish meeting room office carpet	£110.00	Y

The Clerk tabled all correspondence received and any cheques endorsed for invoices as detailed above.

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It was agreed that a card should be purchased and signed by all Parish Councillors for the Royal Wedding. ACTION: Clerk to purchase a card..

11.24 TO RECEIVE FINANCE WORKING GROUP UPDATE.

- i. To consider purchase of carpet and desk for Parish Rooms

It was resolved that a carpet and desk could be purchased for the office. Thanks were given to Cllr Robinson for obtaining a desk free of charge and Cllr Ferguson has arranged a carpet at a competitive rate. It was resolved that an office door combination lock and replacement sockets for the Parish Rooms light fittings should be purchased.

- ii. To consider running cost contribution from local groups using Parish Rooms

It was agreed that general ground rules should be introduced for use by groups using the premises. These ground rules should include notification that any group should arrange their own contents insurance and provide own refreshments. Making small charges to cover utility and cleaning costs was discussed and following lengthy consideration it was agreed that each group should donate £5 per session with effect from 1st June 2011. If any session is cancelled a charge would not be made.

It was resolved that the equipment returned from the Village Centre should be given to the youth club.

11.25 TO RECEIVE ENVIRONMENT/PLANNING WORKING GROUP UPDATE.

- i. To discuss Oakley Cross community sports hall

Cllr Ferguson provided a briefing on the funding over the past 3 years for the community sports hall at Oakley Cross school. Cllr Charlton met with the head teacher to make enquiries about the closer of the sports hall and was advised that it was a DCC decision. The possibilities for funding from the Parish Council were discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council do not have the funding to provide long-term or permanent funding. It was suggested that a request be made for funding from AAP or the Big Lottery. Excluding Cllrs Mairs and Cllr Ferguson, it was proposed and Cllr Fenwick agreed to speak to Angelina, AAP and Phil Davies, 2D to ascertain the possibility of funding to help this situation. ACTION: Clerk to contact Jonathan Saunders to request last year's financial account as part of a plan to seek funding to re-instate the facilities provided there.

- ii. To discuss the Nursery improvements

It was proposed that the Parish Council should continue with the plans to improve the Nursery providing members are consulted prior to any action being taken.

- iii. To discuss the production of Westlife

Thanks were given to Cllr Fenwick for her efforts in coordinating the production of the newsletter. Cllr Fenwick thanked those who contributed articles to the newsletter and requested that any items for the Summer newsletter should be brought the AGM in May 2011.

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iv To discuss bottle banks

A letter of concern from a local resident about the damage to his tyres and prevention of access to the allotments due to broken bottles around the bottle banks. It was pointed out that Parish Council have been trying to have the banks removed for the past couple of years. Further enquiries into this will be made by Cllr Turner.

11.26 TO RECEIVE ITEMS FOR MONDAY, 6TH JUNE 2011 MEETING (NO INTERIM MEETING)

- To consider costs of fencing.
- To consider purchase of village notice board
- To discuss Nursery improvements
- To discuss bottle banks
- To discuss seat on Copeland Road
- To discuss signs on village green
- To consider use of Parish Rooms for Bishop FM
- To discuss new car park

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