

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, 8th October 2012 at 7.00 pm,
Parish Community Room, Monteith Close, West Auckland

Present: Cllr Charlton, Chairperson
Cllr P Fenwick
Cllr J Ferguson
Cllr CMairs
Cllr V Raine
Cllr L Rielly
Cllr W Robinson

12.76 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Bell, Cllr Farrer and Cllr Roberts.

12.77 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

No expressions of interest were received.

12.78 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

12.79 TO INVITE ANY COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

There were no members of the public in attendance.

12.80 CLERK'S TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE/ENDORISING INVOICE CHEQUES.

CHEQUE No	DETAILS	AMOUNT	PREVIOUSLY AGREED
100391	Donation to Jujitsu club	£200.00	Y
100392	Void cheque- laptop repair	-	-
100393	Replacement lock and keys	Awaiting receipt-JF	Y
100394	Wybone salt bins	£3,301.94	Y
100395	Distribution of summer newsletter	£70.00	Y
BACS	Replacement laptop and software	£514.98	Y
BACS	Monteith cleaning materials, toilet rolls & bin liners	£34.75	Y
100396	Donation to bingo group at Monteith Close	£200.00	Y
100397	Donation to fund raising raffle prize	£50.00	Y

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

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12.81 TO RECEIVE FINANCE WORKING GROUP UPDATE.

i. To consider budget setting for 2013-2014

It was agreed that a budget setting meeting be arranged. ACTION: Clerk to contact Cllr Farrer to arrange.

ii. To consider funding bingo group

It was agreed to provide a donation of £200 to facilitate the start-up of a bingo group every Thursday at Monteith Close Parish Rooms.

iii. To discuss skate park progress

Following discussion it was agreed that all avenues have been explored and, as there is no funding available, this item will be removed from future agendas until such time that potential funding can be identified.

iv. To consider upgrade of Christmas tree electrics

A quote has been obtained from Tomlinson Longstaff to replace the electricity supply to upgrade the Christmas tree lights. A second electrician is in the process of assessing the work required as it is debatable what is actually required. ACTION: Clerk to double check works carried out by DCC on dressing and undressing the Christmas tree.

v. To consider quotes for Oakley beck and East Green car park landscaping

A quote has been received and following discussion it was agreed to obtain a second quote. ACTION: Cllr Ferguson to arrange.

vi. To consider funding shelves in Parish Rooms

Following consideration it was agreed that it is not feasible at present to provide shelves for library books. It was agreed that this item will be removed from the agenda until such time that there is definite notification of the current local library service ceasing.

vii. To consider purchase of additional storage units for use by sessional groups

Additional storage is not considered necessary at present. Local residents have requested use of the parish rooms on a Saturday morning to raise money for a local girl who has become suddenly ill leaving. It was agreed that the parish council will donate £50 Tesco vouchers in addition to providing a food hamper. ACTION: Parish Councillors and Clerk to donate contributions to a hamper.

viii. To consider Oakley Green road-side fencing

Following consideration, it was agreed that bird-mouth fencing may be too expensive to maintain in future and a meeting has been arranged to consider grass mounds be used instead. ACTION: Cllr Charlton to meet with David, DCC rep.

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12.82 TO RECEIVE ENVIRONMENT/PLANNING WORKING GROUP UPDATE.

i To discuss HGV access to A68 at Toadpool

No reply has been received to the correspondence sent last month to Paul Hopper. Cllr Rob Yorke has been made aware of the objections and has promised to visit the local residents.

ii To discuss resident's fence

It was agreed to establish the progress with the removal of the fence erected around a resident's house. ACTION: Clerk to write to DCC to obtain progress update.

iii To consider Nursery village green application

As there is no official reported progress with the Nursery village green application, it was agreed that the Clerk should liaise with Jill Errington to ascertain what is happening at present. ACTION: Clerk to write.

As an alternative to the suggested seat at the Crusty Loaf, it was agreed to consider the possibilities of having a mining truck planter to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and also in memory of local miners who worked in the area. Initial enquiries into obtaining a bespoke mining truck planter are being made by various sources.

iv To discuss Westlife articles

It was agreed that as a local resident's mother will be 100 years old in November. The Parish Council agreed investigate this and include an article in the next newsletter. ACTION: Clerk to follow-up.

v To consider Parish Council vacancy

This item was deferred as elections are due to take place in May 2013.

12.83 TO RECEIVE ITEMS FOR THE 12TH NOVEMBER 2012 MEETING

- Replacement planter at Crusty Loaf site
- Allotments' fencing
- Oakley beck culvet
- Picnic tables
- Christmas tree
- Village green kerbs

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