

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, 11th March 2013 at 7.00 pm,
Parish Community Room, Monteith Close, West Auckland

Present: Cllr J Bell
Cllr J Ferguson
Cllr C CMairs, vice Chairperson
Cllr L Rielly
Cllr M Roberts
Cllr W Robinson

13.179 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Charlton, Cllr Turner, Cllre Farrer, Cllr Raine

13.18 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

There were no expressions of interest in any agenda item.

13.19 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

13.20 TO INVITE ANY COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

There were no members of the public in attendance.

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

CHEQUE NO	DETAILS	AMOUNT	PREVIOUSLY AGREED
100428	Cre8ive Graphics speed warning signs	£201.60	Y
100429	Christmas tree signs	£1,059.80	Y
100430	Npower gas	£35.95	Y
100431	Cemetery walls repairs	£2,316.00	Y
100432	Allotment fencing	£785.00	Y

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

The Clerk advised that she had attended election training and provided those present with nomination packs. She advised that all forms need to be completed and returned to DCC by no later than noon 9th April 2013. **The clerk offered to submit all forms received following the interim meeting to be held Monday, 25th March 2013.** Anyone wishing to be nominated after that date will need to make provision for submission themselves. The Clerk offered to assist anyone requiring support with completing the forms.

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13.22 TO RECEIVE FINANCE WORKING GROUP UPDATE.

i. To consider proposed bus shelter, Copeland Road

There has been no further progress with this other than verbal confirmation from one local resident that she has no objections to a bus shelter. This item will be carried forward to the next agenda.

ii. To consider hanging basket and watering costs

It was proposed and agreed not to purchase hanging baskets this summer as the newly sited football monument will make a sufficient focal point and maintaining the hanging baskets is proving unfeasible. It was agreed to obtain a quote to remove and replace the shrubs at the Christmas tree site. ACTION: Clerk to obtain a quote.

iii. To consider replacement Christmas tree lights

As no quotes have been received following the request made, it was resolved that the replacement Christmas tree lights should be ordered via DCC. ACTION: Clerk to arrange.

13.23 TO RECEIVE ENVIRONMENT/PLANNING WORKING GROUP UPDATE.

i To receive update on Monteith Parish Rooms asset transfer

It was agreed that further discussion is required and any agreement should be subject to a survey of the roof. With provision that all conditions are met the majority proposed and resolved that the entire building should be leased. ACTION: Clerk to liaise with Ross Cowling.

ii To receive update on village green application process

It was confirmed that the application for village green is now proceeding. There has been no further progress surrounding negotiation with the objectors. This item will be carried forward to the next meeting for a progress report.

iii To receive draft football parking ground rules suggestions

The proposed parking rules have not yet been drafted. It was resolved that the football club be provided with a key at the earliest convenience by Cllr Ferguson and he will draft some ground rules for agreement by the parish council at the next meeting. ACTION: Cllr Ferguson to provide key and draft groundrules.

iv To identify site for spare village seat

It was proposed that the spare seat be sited at the edge of the small green opposite the Manor House in memory of the late Cllr Pauline Fenwick. Cllr Mairs agreed to liaise with Mark Henderson on this and Cllr Ferguson agreed to obtain an appropriately engraved plaque for the seat. ACTION: Cllr Mairs and Cllr Ferguson to progress.

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13.24 TO RECEIVE ITEMS FOR THE 8TH APRIL 2013 MEETING (INTERIM MEETING 25TH MARCH – ALL ELECTION FORMS TO BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO CLERK BY THAT DATE)

- Allotment's fencing
- Fencing opposite Oakley Green
- Proposed bus shelter, Copeland Road
- Village green registration update.
- Planting of replacement shrubs
- Bollards Esthwaite Grove
- Permanent Christmas tree
- Ground rules for football parking access
- Neighbourhood Plan
- Walled garden on village green

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