

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, 8th April 2013 at 7.00 pm,
Parish Community Room, Monteith Close, West Auckland

Present: Cllr Charlton, Chairperson
Cllr J Ferguson
Cllr C CMairs, vice Chairperson
Cllr V Raine
Cllr M Roberts
Cllr W Robinson
Cllr A Turner arrived at 8.10 pm

13.25 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Bell, Cllr Farrer, Cllr Rielly.

13.26 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

There were no expressions of interest in any agenda item.

13.27 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

13.28 TO INVITE ANY COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

There were no members of the public in attendance.

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

CHEQUE No	DETAILS	AMOUNT	PREVIOUSLY AGREED
100433	Cre8ive Graphics	£144.45	Y
100434	Npower gas	£34.47	Y

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

The Clerk advised that DCC have requested a site meeting about the proposed mounds at Oakley Green. Cllr Mairs and Cllr Ferguson agreed to meet with Dave Gillet, DCC to discuss options and, on agreed, arrange for the works to go-ahead.

The Clerk confirmed that Cllr Fenwick's family are in agreement with a seat being sited on the village green "In Memory of Councillor Pauline Fenwick 2012". A quote has been received to site the seat at the old bus stand site near the Eden Arms. It was resolved that the seat will be sited at the earliest convenience. ACTION: Cllr Mairs to arrange siting and Cllr Ferguson to purchase the commemorative plaque.

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13.30 TO RECEIVE FINANCE WORKING GROUP UPDATE.

i. To consider proposed bus shelter, Copeland Road

It was confirmed that a site meeting is required to confirm exactly where a bus shelter could be best placed on Copeland Road. ACTION: Clerk to contact DCC Highways to request site meeting.

ii. To consider stage 2 of allotment fencing

A quote received to replace the length of fencing along the Darlington Road side of the allotments was considered too expensive. The possibilities for hedges to a maximum of 5ft high were considered. It was resolved to have the existing fence repaired and consult with the allotment holders to obtain their views on the planting of shrubs. ACTION: Cllr Roberts agreed to produce a planting scheme plan.

iii. To consider replacement of shrubs around Christmas tree site

The options for replacing the shrubs were considered and it was resolved that Cllr Charlton will meet with Darren Hardman for his advice on the option of heavy pruning and tapering the existing shrubs. ACTION: Clerk to arrange meeting.

iv. To consider permanent Christmas tree

In view of the position of the new football monument statue other options were considered for the siting of a permanent Christmas tree elsewhere in the village to maximise effect. It was resolved that in principle a permanent tree would be beneficial and it was agreed to consider various sites. ACTION: Clerk to arrange a site meeting with John Day and Cllr Roberts agreed to produce a plan.

v. To consider siting of bollards at Esthwaite Grove

Cllr Robinson advised that the bollards at Esthwaite Grove have been knocked down. It was resolved that the DCC should be contacted in the first instance with a request to replace them. ACTION: Clerk to write to Lee Mowbray.

13.31 TO RECEIVE ENVIRONMENT/PLANNING WORKING GROUP UPDATE.

i. To consider Monteith Parish Rooms asset transfer

It was suggested that a plan of the upper floor be requested and the options be discussed fully when all Parish Councillors are present if possible.

ii. To consider improving fencing opposite Oakley Green

Cllr Mairs and Cllr Ferguson agreed to ascertain ownership of the damaged fence at Oakley Green and assess the problem fully prior to any decision being made

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iii To receive update on village green application process

It was confirmed that there is no news about the village green application; this will therefore be carried to the next agenda.

iv To receive suggested draft football parking ground rules

Cllr Ferguson advised that the football club have now been given a set of keys for the allotment barrier to allow adequate parking facilities during football matches. It was suggested that clear signage be sited on the barrier to encourage appropriate parking. This was considered and it was resolved that the football club can purchase a sign for use on the barrier. Cllr Ferguson has not yet completed the draft ground rules and will seek the input from other parish councillors on the content if considered necessary in future.

v To receive update on iron fenced garden on village green

It was advised that DCC have informed the parish council that progress is being made with this issue and it is expected that a positive result is imminent.

vi To consider need for Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Roberts provided an update following the meeting he and the clerk attended to ascertain the benefits of producing a Neighbourhood Plan. It was resolved that a decision will be made on this when the new council is formed following the May 2013 election.

13.32 NEXT MEETING MONDAY, 13TH MAY 2013 7.00 PM AGM/PUBLIC MEETING AT MONTEITH CLOSE PARISH ROOMS – NO OTHER ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED.

INTERIM MEETING TO BE HELD 29TH APRIL 2013 – COULD ALL PARISH COUNCILLORS PLEASE ATTEND IF POSSIBLE

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