

West Auckland Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, 10th October 2022 at 7.00 pm,
Parish Community Room, Monteith Close, West Auckland

Present:

Cllr G Smith, Chairman
Cllr E Farrer, Deputy Chairman
Cllr L Adamson
Cllr K Bolton
Cllr J Curl
Cllr T Horsman
Cllr J Pattison
Cllr M Roberts
Cllr W Robinson
Cllr N Simpson
Cllr C Smith

22.81 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr H Stott.

22.82 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest.

22.83 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed accordingly.

22.84 TO INVITE ANY COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- It was reported that Village in Bloom achieved Silver Guild in the recent Northumbria in Bloom; the Parish Council were thanked for their support.

22.85 TO RECEIVE CHAIRPERSON/COUNCILLORS REPORT

- It was advised that DCC Highways Department have been asked to extend the no parking lines at the corner near McColls shop.
- It was advised that Simply Stripes are mocking up an information board design for a notice and village information board. It is anticipated that the final version of the board will be approved and installed possibly by Christmas, definitely by Spring 2023.
- It was reported that four allotment holders are not keeping their plots tidy as required and it was resolved that the Clerk writes to those involved. It was suggested that allotment holders be asked to donate any excess stock to The Well's Fruit and Vegetable for Everyone scheme. It was reported that the path towards the allotments is uneven and reported that plainings will be requested for spreading by the allotment holders on receipt.

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- The lack of communication from DCC following the Parish Council's request to consider an alternative by-pass route to facilitate a future opportunity, when funding is available, for a by-pass which would include West Auckland. It was resolved that DCC should be approached to request consideration of the proposed alternative route. ACTION: Clerk to write to Mark Readman.

22.86 CLERK'S TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE/ENDORISING OF INVOICE CHEQUES

Correspondence received was tabled and payments endorsed as follows:

	Receipt	Payment
Queen Portrait picture		£36.00
Eon Next		£22.67
Eon Next		£19.14
Friends of SDR Railway Subscription		£50.00
Monteith Internet BT		£38.89
Telephones and Broadband		£30.00
Clerk's Salary		£1,200.00
Zurch Insurance		£434.04
Lamp post testing - Neoterik		£1,600.00
DCC - lamp post commando units x 15		£7,063.20

The September 2022 quarter end bank reconciliation was reviewed and approved.

22.87 RECEIVE ENVIRONMENT/PLANNING WORKING GROUP UPDATE

- i. To confirm plans for Queen's Jubilee/Commemoration Tree

It was suggested that a local contractor, who can provide 12 months defects liability cover, be contacted for this tree and possibly 16 black pine for the cemetery tree planting scheme costing £3,360. It was suggested that approximately £670 will cover the cost of a semi-mature oak tree. It was resolved that the project is approved providing confirmation of DCC approval for planting is received for both areas prior to proceeding with this project.

- ii. To receive any update on progress with the MUGA funding

It was confirmed that a paper has been drafted to request £14,000 from the APP which will be match funded with an additional £6,000 as approved by the Parish Council. There is a meeting on Wednesday, 12th October 2022 to consider the proposal. It was agreed that a further meeting with the Headteacher is required to ensure she agrees with the revised plan.

- iii. To consider plan and agree seating area at the Pant

As no suitable seats were agreed from the brochure available, it was resolved that this item should go to the next agenda for a definite decision.

22.88 TO RECEIVE FINANCE WORKING GROUP UPDATE

- i. To consider planting area outside Monteith Parish Room

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It was resolved that a planting scheme outside Monteith Parish Room can proceed.

- ii. To consider a donation to the Memorial Hall Simply Social group

It was advised that the local group require funding to continue to encourage elderly residents and some living at Roslyn House to attend the Memorial Hall for a Simply Social session on the first Monday afternoon of each month. It was resolved that £500 be donated to support the group.

- iii. To consider tree planting at the cemetery

- Already discussed with item 22.87 i.

22.89 To CONSIDER LOCAL PLANNING ISSUES

There were no issues formally raised with existing plans.

22.90 To Receive Items For The Next Meeting To Be Held Monday, 14th November 2022

- To consider Budget Setting
- To consider plan and agree seating area at the Pant & Windermere Drive A68 entrance
- To consider funding support for new West Auckland junior football team

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