

West Auckland Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, 12 December 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

22.101 To ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr C Smith & Cllr H Stott.

22.102 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest.

22.103 To CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

22.104 To INVITE ANY COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The Clerk advised that the Memorial Hall's Simply Social Committee gave their thanks at a recent event for the Parish Council's donation.

22.105 To RECEIVE CHAIRPERSON/COUNCILLORS REPORT

- It was advised that the MUGA funding application is deferred until January. It was confirmed that there has been a minor change to the fencing layout to include a different path route as requested by the Headteacher.
- It was confirmed that the abattoir application is still in initial planning stage and the Parish Council and County Councillors will be monitoring and objecting at each step.
- It was confirmed that there have been 16 Austrian pine trees planted in the cemetery and 29 bollards sited along the New Street play area edge. These works were completed by Parish Councillors along with other volunteers. It was reiterated that the Village in Bloom volunteers will be allocated the £600, as quoted by a supplier, to support their efforts in recognition for their assistance and voluntary watering of the new trees and village plants.
- It was confirmed that the annual Christmas hampers have been delivered to Devonshire and Roslyn residential homes.
- It was confirmed that the Parish Council are in the process of adopting the allotments access road with the support from DCC councillors.
- A progress report on the installation of new equipment for the New Street play area is to be requested by the Clerk.

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

Correspondence received was tabled and payments endorsed as follows:

	Receipt	Payment
Monteith - kitchen disposables		£63.86
Monteith - table cloths x 2		£30.97
New Street Play Area Bollards Materials		£100.00
Monteith - table cloths x 8		£103.52
Under 14s Football Team - Lee Curtis		£1,000.00
CEF Christmas illumination fittings		£281.38
CEF Security camera		£420.00
Hampers		£123.94
Monteith Internet BT		£38.89
Telephones and Broadband		£30.00
Eon Next		£21.05
Monteith Cleaning		£97.50
Christmas lights installation inc lift hire, testing		£936.00
DCC Information Board Planning		£66.00

22.107 RECEIVE ENVIRONMENT/PLANNING WORKING GROUP UPDATE

- i. To receive update in the village information board.

It was confirmed that all planning application documentation has been submitted and the Clerk is awaiting detail of how to make the planning application payments. Cllr Roberts is finalising the details of the information board with Simply Stripes. Cllr Robinson is preparing the site with post holes and it is anticipated that the information board will be sited early 2023. The old notice board, with damaged locks and the swollen wooden doors, will be removed as soon as the new one is installed.

- ii. To consider a memorial seating area at the cemetery for relatives of those cremated.

Further to a proposal for a cremation monument, it was resolved that one could be sited at the right of the entrance within the cemetery to create a reflective area for loved ones of those cremated. The Clerk will arrange a meeting with Tony Johnson, DCC.

22.108 TO RECEIVE FINANCE WORKING GROUP UPDATE

No financial agenda items for consideration at this meeting.

22.109 TO CONSIDER LOCAL PLANNING ISSUES

There are no planning issues of note at present.

22.110 To Receive Items For Next Meeting To Be Held Monday, 9th January 2023

To consider supporting a reading room for Copeland Road school

Chairman's Signature..... Date.....