

# West Auckland Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, 9 January 2023 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 T Horsman  
Cllr J Pattison  
Cllr M Roberts  
Cllr W Robinson  
Cllr N Simpson

## **23.01 To ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr J Curl, Cllr C Smith & Cllr H Stott.

## **23.02 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **23.03 To CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

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

## **23.04 To INVITE ANY COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

- A resident attended the meeting to request confirmation of whether the food packaging unit owner has withdrawn his application for an abattoir. It was confirmed that he has withdrawn the application and advised that should he resubmit DCC would start the whole process again with residents being consulted as they were previously.
- Residents thanked the Parish Council for the new Christmas lights and latest edition of West Life.
- Residents raised concerns about dog fouling on Darlington Road. It was advised that this is a widespread issue and there is a new Neighbourhood Warden patrolling the area to address issues around fly tipping and dog fouling. It was advised that the Parish and County Councillors would report residents concerns and they were urged to also report incidents directly to DCC.

## **23.05 To RECEIVE CHAIRPERSON/COUNCILLORS REPORT**

- It was reported that rabbit guards have been added to the cemetery trees.
- It was advised that there is currently one flag at the Pant and additional ones are to be considered.
- It was advised that a horse tethered on the village green without food or water was been handled by the RSPCA.

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## 23.06 CLERK'S TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE/ENDORISING OF INVOICE CHEQUES

Correspondence received was tabled and payments endorsed as follows:

	Receipt	Payment
Anglian Water		£58.63
Eon Next		£34.92
Blachere Lamp post illuminations x 16	£6,267.60	
DCC Councillors - George & Rob lights	£8,078.00	
Monteith boiler service/parts - County Services		£115.30
Newsletter delivery		£100.00
Eon Next		£22.00
Zurich - SO overpayment reimbursed	£427.52	
Monteith Internet BT		£38.89
Telephones and Broadband		£30.00
Clerk's Salary		£1,200.00
Cre8ive Graphics - newsletters		£198.00
B McGregor - bus shelter window cleaning		£150.00

- i. To consider and approve quarter ending bank reconciliation

The December 2022 quarter end bank reconciliation was approved.

- ii. To consider support with newsletter articles

Articles were requested for the West Life and it was advised that, providing enough material can be made available, there will be quarterly issues.

## 23.07 RECEIVE ENVIRONMENT/PLANNING WORKING GROUP UPDATE

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

It was advised that the final draft of the information board is now ready for approval by the Parish Council. It was suggested Quick Read Code links could be added to the board for access to the 4 available leaflets produced by the Parish Council.

- ii. To receive update on cemetery cremation memorial area

It was advised that there is a meeting arranged with DCC representatives on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023 to consider options for this initiative.

## 23.08 TO RECEIVE FINANCE WORKING GROUP UPDATE

- i. To consider supporting a reading room for Copeland Road school

It was advised that Copeland Road school would benefit from a reading pod for one-to-one reading support for individual/small groups of children. Cllr Smith advised he is seeking DCC funding and suggested that the Parish Council could consider match funds; Cllr Smith will bring cost details to the next meeting.

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**23.09 To CONSIDER LOCAL PLANNING ISSUES**

There are no planning issues of note at present.

**23.10 To Receive Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 Meeting Items**

- To consider purchase of additional flags
- To consider supporting a reading room for Copeland Road school
- To consider an event for the King's Coronation
- To consider improvement for the Oakley Green play area
- To receive update on allotment access road.
- To consider upgrade of football monument lights

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