

West Auckland Parish Council

Annual Report

May 2023

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Chairman's Report 2022-2023

The Parish Council is now in its 19th year and continually strives to make improvements to the village wherever possible. The Parish Council have welcomed their latest member, Cllr Tina Horsman during the past year. The Parish Council is proud of this year's progress and that they have managed to keep the Parish Council's precept increase on your Council Tax to zero.

This year's Parish Council initiatives include:

- The Parish Council has replaced all seats around the village green with a vandal proof type; the old seats have been refurbished and installed throughout the parish.
- The Parish Council has successfully applied for match funding with Towns & Villages Committee and Gaunless Gateway to make community use of the Oakley Cross school Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA). This initiative is expected to be completed in the coming months and has the potential to benefit numerous sports groups and individuals as well as the School.
- The New Street play area has benefited from an additional £15,000 from the Parish Council towards new equipment to be installed by August 2023.
- With owners, DCC permission, a reflective area has been created at the cemetery to allow friends and family of deceased without a grave somewhere peaceful to remember their loved ones. An avenue of 16 Austrian Pine trees has also been planted at the cemetery to enhance the area.
- The Parish Council continues to support the Village in Bloom volunteers who have worked tirelessly throughout to maintain and improve on their flower beds and tubs.
- Support was given with a £1,000 donation to a recently formed local under-14's football team.
- Christmas hampers were provided to Devonshire House and Roslyn House by the Parish Council on behalf of the residents of West Auckland.
- The Parish Council will support the Memorial Hall during pending changes in the management structure when existing committee members retire. The Chairman and Clerk have agreed to take on key legally required roles as Chairman and Treasurer to support the continuation of an operational committee for this treasured village asset. Donations have been made recently to support Simply Social events which provides an opportunity for elderly residents to socialise at the Memorial Hall on the 1st Monday of each month.

As Chairman to the Parish Council, I wish to thank the Parish Councillors, Clerk and volunteers for the effort and commitment they've shown for the benefit of the village.

Cllr George Smith, Chairman of West Auckland Parish Council

May 2023

Payments & Receipts for the Year End 31 March 2023

Receipts

£

£

Bank Balance as at 1 April 2021 B/D	£71,087.94
Allotment Rents	£1,300.00
Groups' Room Hire	£120.00
HMRC VAT Reimbursed	£10,774.20
LCTSS Grant	£3,544.00
Precept DDC	£23,108.87
Refund Risk Assess Defib pad	£84.12
Reimbursed electric	£0.72
DCC County Councillors lights contribution	£8,078.00
Reimbursed Blachere Illuminations	£6,267.60
Reimbursed Zurich SO overpayment	£427.52
Total receipts (inc balance B/D & precept)	£124,792.97

Payments

Allotments	£600.00
Bank Charges	£117.00
Bus shelter cleaning	£450.00
BT - Monteith 4 G internet	£466.68
Broadband & telephone line rental	£360.00
Cemetery trees	£2,973.14
Christmas hampers	£123.94
Christmas Illuminations	£21,520.28
Clerk's Salary (Apr 20- Mar 21)	£4,800.00
King's Coronation	£868.88
Cre8tive Design - Printing	£771.60
Defibrillators and cabinets	£535.32
Domestic - Monteith	£1,312.50
Donations to local organisations	£1,600.00
Environment -	£273.00
HMRC- PAYE Employee tax	£1,385.87
Insurance - Zurich	£861.56
Internal/ HLB External Audit	£240.00
Jubilee	£378.09
Landscaping & bollards	£15,250.00
Laptop	£132.00
Memorial Service & wreaths	£436.50
Newsletter delivery	£200.00
Notice board	£3,780.00
E-on electricity & gas	£749.36
Parish Room	£7,683.25
Postage, printer inks & stationery	£161.47
Solicitor - Evans & Co	£0.00
Subscription - S&D Railway	£50.00
Subscription - Ordnance Survey	£65.70
Subscription - ICO	£35.00
Subscriptions - CDALC	£322.17
Village in Bloom	£281.34
Villager seats	£22,334.20
Water Rates	£207.52
Website Abyte & LJ Media	£301.00
Total payment (inc staff & HMRC)	£91,627.37

* £6267.60 reimbursed
£6,185.87 inc PAYE

* £427.52 reimbursed

Record of Bank Transactions For West Auckland Parish Council to date.

Date	Ref. No	Details of Transaction	Receipts	Payments	Balance	VAT PAID	VAT Reg No.
01/04/2022		Balance BD			£71,087.94		
01/04/2022	SO	Clerk's Salary		£1,200.00	£69,887.94		
01/04/2022	SO	Telephones and Broadband		£30.00	£69,857.94		
01/04/2022	BP	Monteith Cleaning		£135.00	£69,722.94		
04/04/2022	Cash	Allotment rents	£1,300.00		£71,022.94		
05/04/2022	CR	DCC Precept & LCTSS Grant	£26,652.87		£97,675.81		
06/04/2022	BP	Bus shelter windows cleaned-B McGregor		£150.00	£97,525.81		
07/04/2022	BP	Abyte Website final payment		£96.00	£97,429.81		
10/04/2022	CHG	Bank charges		£8.00	£97,421.81		
11/04/2022	BP	Jubilee Bunting		£106.11	£97,315.70		
12/04/2022	BP	Queens Jubilee Flag		£17.99	£97,297.71		
17/04/2022	CR	Reimbursed VAT	£2,810.06		£100,107.77		
19/04/2022	BP	CDALC subscription		£322.17	£99,785.60		
19/04/2022	BP	Webpage transfer to LJ Digital Media		£205.00	£99,580.60		
20/04/2022	DD	Eon Next electric		£29.16	£99,551.44		
21/04/2022	DD	Eon Next gas		£52.18	£99,499.26		
22/04/2022	DD	HMRC - PAYE		£300.00	£99,199.26		
26/04/2022	BP	Donation to Stray Aid for B Stout-Internal Auditor		£100.00	£99,099.26		
29/04/2022	BP	Cre8ive ViB bodywarmers		£211.34	£98,887.92		
29/04/2022	CR	Eon Next electric	£0.72		£98,888.64		
29/04/2022	DD	Montteith Internet BT		£38.89	£98,849.75		
03/05/2022	DD	Telephones and Broadband		£30.00	£98,819.75		
03/05/2022	BP	Monteith Cleaning		£112.50	£98,707.25		
06/05/2022	DD	ICO Subscription		£35.00	£98,672.25		
06/05/2022	BP	Monteith printer - black cartridges		£45.98	£98,626.27		
09/05/2022	BP	Paper & Ink Viking Direct		£115.49	£98,510.78	£19.25	2472621
10/05/2022	BP	Monteith detergent		£9.94	£98,500.84		
11/05/2022	BP	Defib pads		£225.60	£98,275.24	£37.60	827639788
11/05/2022	CHG	Bank charges		£29.00	£98,246.24		
12/05/2022	BP	Monteith Kitchen water heater		£1,014.60	£97,231.64	£169.10	243901868
16/05/2022	BP	County Services- water heater installation		£283.50	£96,948.14		
16/05/2022	BP	Homeflair Blinds Monteith		£234.00	£96,714.14		
18/05/2022	DD	Eon Next electric		£26.00	£96,688.14	£1.24	559097889
18/05/2022	DD	Eon Next Gas		£88.60	£96,599.54	£4.22	559097889
23/05/2022	BP	Ordance Survey Subscriptions		£65.70	£96,533.84	£10.95	204527437

27/05/2022	CR	Yoga group	£15.00		£96,548.84		
30/05/2022	DD	Montteith Internet BT		£38.89	£96,509.95		
30/05/2022	DD	Telephones and Broadband		£30.00	£96,479.95		
01/06/2022	CHG	Bank charges		£8.00	£96,471.95		
11/06/2022	BP	Monteith Cleaning		£97.50	£96,374.45		
11/06/2022	BP	Cre8ive - 3 flags		£108.00	£96,266.45	£18.00	857033914
14/06/2022	BP	Cllr Simpson - petrol, metal post and cement		£70.00	£96,196.45		
14/06/2022	DD	Anglian Water		£49.59	£96,146.86		
17/06/2022	BP	Monteith Radiators - County Services		£2,210.00	£93,936.86		
21/06/2022	DD	Eon Next gas		£25.47	£93,911.39	£1.21	559097889
21/06/2022	DD	Eon Next electric		£26.36	£93,885.03	£1.26	559097889
22/06/2022	BP	Protech Direct Pest Control		£600.00	£93,285.03	£100.00	605643943
25/06/2022	BP	Wall clock		£21.99	£93,263.04	£3.67	190023639
27/06/2022	BP	Decorating Monteith		£980.00	£92,283.04		
29/06/2022	DD	Monteith Internet BT		£38.89	£92,244.15		
01/07/2022	SO	Telephones and Broadband		£30.00	£92,214.15		
01/07/2022	SO	Clerk's Salary		£1,200.00	£91,014.15		
01/07/2022	BP	Defib Quik Pak x 2		£84.12	£90,930.03	£14.02	
06/07/2022	BP	Blachere Lamp post illuminations x 16		£6,693.60	£84,236.43		
10/07/2022	CHG	Bank charges		£8.00	£84,228.43		
12/07/2022	BP	Rose bed plants		£196.00	£84,032.43		
12/07/2022	BP	Cllr Simpson - receipts req		£11.00	£84,021.43		
12/07/2022	BP	Large clock		£49.99	£83,971.44		
12/07/2022	BP	Monteith Kitchen equipment		£172.01	£83,799.43		
14/07/2022	BP	Monteith cleaning		£157.50	£83,641.93		
15/07/2022	BP	CCTV City Electrics		£768.00	£82,873.93	£128.00	243901868
20/07/2022	DD	Eon Next		£29.65	£82,844.28	£1.41	559097889
22/07/2022	DD	Eon Next		£25.65	£82,818.63	£1.22	559097889
22/07/2022	DD	HMRC - PAYE		£300.00	£82,518.63		
24/07/2022	BP	New Street Play Area - 2 payments due to limit		£15,000.00	£67,518.63		
01/08/2022	DD	Monteith Internet BT		£38.89	£67,479.74		
01/08/2022	SO	Telephones and Broadband		£30.00	£67,449.74		
02/08/2022	CR	Yoga group	£15.00		£67,464.74		
02/08/2022	CR	Risk Assess Products Defib Pad Refund	£84.12		£67,548.86		
08/08/2022	BP	Monteith Cleaning		£127.50	£67,421.36		
10/08/2022	CHG	Bank charges		£8.00	£67,413.36		
15/08/2022	BP	BTL Timber - Monteith shed Rachel Halladay		£1,020.00	£66,393.36	£170.00	928758862
18/08/2022	DD	Eon Next		£24.57	£66,368.79	£1.17	559097889
23/08/2022	DD	Eon Next		£21.85	£66,346.94	£1.04	559097889
29/08/2022	BP	Bus shelter windows cleaned-B McGregor		£150.00	£66,196.94		

29/08/2022	BP	Mazars - External Audit		£240.00	£65,956.94		
29/08/2022	BP	SASH - Monteith shed locks		£41.18	£65,915.76	£6.86	7924291
01/09/2022	DD	Monteith Internet BT		£38.89	£65,876.87		
01/09/2022	SO	Telephones and Broadband		£30.00	£65,846.87		
06/09/2022	BP	Monteith Cleaning		£120.00	£65,726.87		
10/09/2022	CHG	Bank charges		£8.00	£65,718.87		
12/09/2022	DD	Anglian Water		£45.80	£65,673.07		
12/09/2022	BP	Defibrillator pads and batteries		£225.60	£65,447.47	£37.60	827639788
12/09/2022	BP	Queen Tribute Flowers		£35.00	£65,412.47		
16/09/2022	BP	Queen Portrait picture		£36.00	£65,376.47	£6.00	857033914
20/09/2022	DD	Eon Next		£22.67	£65,353.80	£1.08	559097889
21/09/2022	DD	Eon Next		£19.14	£65,334.66	£0.94	559097889
27/09/2022	SO	Friends of SDR Railway Subscription		£50.00	£65,284.66		
01/10/2022	DD	Monteith Internet BT		£38.89	£65,245.77		
01/10/2022	SO	Telephones and Broadband		£30.00	£65,215.77		
03/10/2022	DD	Clerk's Salary		£1,200.00	£64,015.77		
04/10/2022	BP	Monteith Cleaning		£75.00	£63,940.77		
07/10/2022	DD	Zurch Insurance		£434.04	£63,506.73	£46.51	107831677
10/10/2022	BP	Wreaths & Crosses		£180.00	£63,326.73		
11/10/2022	DD	Bank charges		£8.00	£63,318.73		
13/10/2022	BP	DCC - lamp post commando units x 15		£7,063.20	£56,255.53	£1,177.20	178178130
18/10/2022	DD	Eon Next		£22.74	£56,232.79	£1.08	559097889
21/10/2022	DD	Eon Next		£19.10	£56,213.69	£0.91	559097889
24/10/2022	DD	HMRC - PAYE		£300.00	£55,913.69		
24/10/2022	BP	Neoterik Lamp Post tests		£1,920.00	£53,993.69	£320.00	737807406
21/10/2022	BP	Blachere Lamp post illuminations x 16		£4,626.00	£49,367.69	£771.00	651936618
25/10/2022	BP	Queen's Tree		£182.99	£49,184.70		
27/10/2022	BP	Simply Social Donation		£500.00	£48,684.70		
31/10/2022	BP	Trevor Burn - postcrete x 20 - Billy & Neil		£132.00	£48,552.70	£22.00	440965540
01/11/2022	DD	Monteith Internet BT		£38.89	£48,513.81		
01/11/2022	SO	Telephones and Broadband		£30.00	£48,483.81		
03/11/2022	BP	Cemetery trees x 16 Austrian Pines		£2,923.14	£45,560.67	£419.21	169683845
05/11/2022	BP	Monteith Cleaning		£97.50	£45,463.17		
08/11/2022	BP	Remembrance Service - Ferryhill Band		£150.00	£45,313.17		
09/11/2022	BP	HMRC - PAYE filing		£100.00	£45,213.17		
10/11/2022	DD	Bank charges		£8.00	£45,205.17		
13/11/2022	BP	Oakley Cross path		£150.00	£45,055.17		
13/11/2022	BP	Monteith - paper plates		£7.90	£45,047.27		
14/11/2022	BP	Monteith - Plastic cups		£11.79	£45,035.48	£1.97	322003766
14/11/2022	BP	Monteith - Tin opener		£15.99	£45,019.49	£2.97	727255821

14/11/2022	BP	Monteith - Kitchen tongs		£6.96	£45,012.53	£1.16	338928262
14/11/2022	BP	Monteith - Christmas tree		£99.95	£44,912.58	£16.66	130151572
16/11/2022	BP	Monteith - kitchen disposables		£63.86	£44,848.72	£10.64	650186252
16/11/2022	BP	Monteith - table cloths x 2		£30.97	£44,817.75	£4.99	820374355
16/11/2022	BP	New Street Play Area Bollards Materials		£100.00	£44,717.75		
19/11/2022	BP	Monteith - table cloths x 8		£103.92	£44,613.83	£17.36	820374355
19/11/2022	BP	Under 14s Football Team - Lee Curtis		£1,000.00	£43,613.83		
21/11/2022	BP	CEF Christmas illumination fittings		£281.38	£43,332.45	£46.89	243901868
23/11/2022	BP	Transportation of 16 Austrian pine trees		£50.00	£43,282.45		
25/11/2022	BP	CEF Security camera		£420.00	£42,862.45	£70.00	243901868
28/11/2022	BP	Hampers		£123.94	£42,738.51		
28/11/2022	SO	Overpayment to Zurich - awaiting reimburse		£427.52	£42,310.99		
01/12/2022	DD	Monteith Internet BT		£38.89	£42,272.10		
01/12/2022	SO	Telephones and Broadband		£30.00	£42,242.10		
01/12/2022	DD	Eon Next		£21.05	£42,221.05	£1.00	559097889
05/12/2022	BP	Monteith Cleaning		£97.50	£42,123.55		
10/12/2022	BP	G Smith Christmas lights installation inc lift hire, testing		£936.00	£41,187.55	£156.00	323277122
11/12/2022	CHG	Bank charges		£8.00	£41,179.55		
13/12/2022	BP	DCC Information Board Planning		£66.00	£41,113.55		
13/12/2022	DD	Anglian Water		£58.63	£41,054.92		
15/12/2022	DD	Eon Next		£34.92	£41,020.00		
16/12/2022	CR	Blachere Lamp post illuminations x 16	£6,267.60		£47,287.60		
16/12/2022	CR	DCC Councillors - George & Rob lights	£8,078.00		£55,365.60		
20/12/2022	BP	Monteith boiler service/parts - County Services		£115.30	£55,250.30		
20/12/2022	BP	Newsletter delivery		£100.00	£55,150.30		
22/12/2022	DD	Eon Next		£22.00	£55,128.30	£1.05	559097889
23/12/2022	CR	Zurich - SO overpayment reimbursed	£427.52		£55,555.82		
29/12/2022	DD	Monteith Internet BT		£38.89	£55,516.93		
03/01/2023	SO	Telephones and Broadband		£30.00	£55,486.93		
03/01/2023	DD	Clerk's Salary		£1,200.00	£54,286.93		
03/01/2023	BP	Cre8ive Graphics - newsletters		£198.00	£54,088.93		
04/01/2023	BP	B McGregor - bus shelter window cleaning		£150.00	£53,938.93		
05/01/2023	CR	St Helens Church - Monday session	£35.00		£53,973.93		
07/01/2023	BP	Monteith cleaning		£82.50	£53,891.43		
10/01/2023	CHG	Bank charges		£8.00	£53,883.43		
10/01/2023	BP	Coronation Flag		£7.99	£53,875.44		
10/01/2023	BP	Coronation Bunting		£12.90	£53,862.54		
18/01/2023	DD	Eon Next		£87.95	£53,774.59	£4.19	559097889
23/01/2023	DD	HMRC PAYE		£300.00	£53,474.59		

24/01/2023	DD	Eon Next		£23.79	£53,450.80		
31/01/2023	BP	County Services- boiler check		£60.00	£53,390.80		
01/02/2023	BP	Monteith cleaning		£112.50	£53,278.30		
01/02/2023	DD	Monteith Internet BT		£38.89	£53,239.41		
01/02/2023	SO	Telephones and Broadband		£30.00	£53,209.41		
06/02/2023	BP	HMRC - Overdue payment		£85.87	£53,123.54		
10/02/2023	CHG	Bank charges		£8.00	£53,115.54		
10/02/2023	BP	Blue Rolls Screwfix		£48.00	£53,067.54	£7.91	232555575
14/02/2023	BP	King's Coronation school badges x 320		£647.99	£52,419.55		
15/02/2023	BP	Simply Social - Coronation Donation		£200.00	£52,219.55		
15/02/2023	BP	Simply Stripes - information & notice board		£3,780.00	£48,439.55	£630.00	54194524
21/02/2023	DD	Eon Next		£24.17	£48,415.38		
21/02/2023	DD	Eon Next		£41.94	£48,373.44		
01/03/2023	DD	Monteith Internet BT		£38.89	£48,334.55		
01/03/2023	SO	Telephones and Broadband		£30.00	£48,304.55		
02/03/2023	BP	David Ogilvie - seats delivery driver sandwiches		£10.60	£48,293.95		
04/03/2023	BP	David Ogilvie - village seats x 17		£20,523.60	£27,770.35	£3,420.00	498729960
09/03/2023	BP	Newsletter delivery - Scouts		£100.00	£27,670.35		
09/03/2023	BP	Monteith Cleaning		£97.50	£27,572.85		
09/03/2023	BP	Crea8ive Graphics - Flags x 3		£228.00	£27,344.85	£38.00	857033914
09/03/2023	BP	Crea8ive Graphics - newsletters		£237.60	£27,107.25	£39.60	857033914
13/03/2023	CHG	Bank charges		£8.00	£27,099.25		
13/03/2023	BP	BDM Services - to install 15 seats and relocate 6		£1,800.00	£25,299.25		
15/03/2023	DD	Anglian Water		£53.50	£25,245.75		
21/03/2023	DD	Eon Next		£21.52	£25,224.23		
21/03/2023	DD	Eon Next		£38.88	£25,185.35		
27/03/2023	CR	St Helens Church - Monday session	£55.00		£25,240.35		
29/03/2023	DD	Monteith Internet BT		£38.89	£25,201.46		
31/03/2023	CR	Reimbursed VAT	£7,964.14		£33,165.60		
						£7,964.14	Total VAT