

West Auckland Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, 11th December 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 J Curl
Cllr C Smith
Cllr J Pattison
Cllr N Simpson
Cllr H Stott
Cllr T Horsman

23.101 To ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr M Roberts and Cllr W Robinson.

23.102 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest in agenda items.

23.103 To CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

23.104 To INVITE ANY COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- A thank you from Village in Bloom was received for use of the Parish Room to fund raise for summer flowers.

23.105 To RECEIVE CHAIRPERSON/COUNCILLORS REPORT

- There were complaints raised about anti-social behaviour at a rented property on Station View; it was advised by Cllr G Smith that the concerns are being addressed.
- It was advised that replacement defibrillator pads promised a month ago by Red Sky Foundation charity have not yet materialised.

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23.106 CLERK’S TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE/ENDORISING OF INVOICE CHEQUES

Correspondence received was tabled and payments endorsed as follows:

Receipt Payment

Eon Next		£49.75
Costco napkins, plates, etc		£29.71
Dyson vacuum		£229.99
BT Monteith wifi		£33.54
Eon Next		£21.26
Hole punch, sellotape, etc		£48.08
Trevor Burns - Oakley Cross School		£4,797.60
DCC Pantomime - George & Rob	£500.00	
Telephones & broadband		£30.00
CEF Football monument spot beam		£654.00
Pantomime including £500 from DCC councillors		£1,250.00
Monteith cleaning		£90.00
Printer ink cartridges		£119.98
G Smith Electrical - Christmas lights		£1,782.00
Bank charges		£8.00
B McGregor Bus shelter window cleaning		£150.00
Anglian Water		£67.00

The Clerk requested that any surplus funding for the pantomime be made available for Memorial Hall Christmas decorations for 2024; it was resolved that any surplus from pantomime funds already allocated could be used.

23.107 TO RECEIVE ENVIRONMENT/PLANNING WORKING GROUP UPDATE

- i. To consider the old Queen’s Head development

It was advised that the development’s progress is being monitored by DCC planning department.

23.108 TO RECEIVE FINANCE WORKING GROUP UPDATE

- i. To confirm D-Day Funding and Ticket Allocation

It was resolved that a minimum of £500 and maximum of £1,000 will be contributed by the Parish Council towards the event.

It was resolved that 120 tickets will be produced and West Auckland residents will be notified as first priority via Westlife prior to wider advertising.

23.109 TO CONSIDER LOCAL PLANNING ISSUES

There were no planning applications for consideration.

23.110 AGENDA ITEMS - NEXT MEETING MONDAY, 8TH JANUARY 2024

Chairman’s Signature..... Date.....