

# West Auckland Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 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 W Robinson  
Cllr N Simpson  
Cllr C Smith  
Cllr H Stott

## **24.11 To ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr M Roberts.

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

Cllr Bolton and Cllr Stott expressed an interest in agenda item 24.16 ii.

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

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

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

No comments raised.

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

- It was advised that there is a multi-agency meeting on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 to consider an action plan to address the problems with loose horses, motorbikes churning up the green areas and generally improve the state of the area by addressing various complaints from residents.
- Cllr Simpson provided an update on his recent calls to Red Sky regarding their unfulfilled promise to issue replacement defibrillator pads.
- It is reported that cages outside Morrisons Daily have blown into parked vehicles during recent winds.

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- It was reported that the Copeland Road defibrillator is now redundant as parts are no longer available. It was resolved that a new defibrillator is required and a Heartsine model will be purchased.
- Concerns about congested parking outside Copeland Road school were raised. It was advised that double yellow lines are planned for early spring. It was advised that, although heavy goods vehicles regularly use the road and cars speed through, physical speed restrictors cannot be used on a B road.

#### 24.16 CLERK’S TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE/ENDORISING OF INVOICE CHEQUES

Correspondence received was tabled and payments endorsed as follows:

	Receipt	Payment
Reimbursed over payment - Simply Stripes	£56.26	
BT Monteith wifi		£33.54
Eon Next		£50.69
HMRC PAYE		£300.00
Eon Next		£616.76
Monteith Cleaning		£90.00
Allotments Pest Control		£660.00
AO.com donated to WAMCA (IT funding)		£1,393.98
Telephones & broadband		£30.00
Bank charges		£8.00
BA Worktops for WAMCA		£2,136.00
BT wifi		£33.54
Memorial Hall worktops	£1,780.00	
Atlas Inv 9787		£3,156.00
Memorial Hall toilet cubicles	£2,630.00	
Heartsine Defibrillator		£1,050.00

The Clerk raised a request on behalf of Oakleaf shop for them to put a small bistro table outside.

Following discussion it was resolved that the Parish Council have no objections and DCC are unlikely to object unless there are any complaints made.

The Clerk advised that excessively high gas bills have been received over the past 2 months.

It was resolved that usage will be monitored.

- i. To consider funding a pantomime Christmas 2024

It was resolved that the Parish Council will contribute £1,000 towards the 2024 Christmas Pantomime and food for those attending.

- ii. To consider funding to support roof and heating system replacement at the Memorial Hall.

Following consideration and explanation on the condition and progress with the renovation of the Memorial Hall, it was resolved that the Parish Council will contribute

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£10,000 towards the roof replacement.

**24.17 To RECEIVE ENVIRONMENT/PLANNING WORKING GROUP UPDATE**

Cllr Robinson has made a new stand for a tap at the cemetery; Cllr Simpson, Joe Robinson and Cllr Robinson installed the tap over the weekend to provide a water supply for those visiting graves. Thanks were given to those involved and it was highlighted that prior to DCC cut backs this would have fallen to them as land owners responsible for the cemetery.

**24.18 To RECEIVE FINANCE WORKING GROUP UPDATE**

No agenda items.

**24.19 To CONSIDER LOCAL PLANNING ISSUES**

There were no planning applications for consideration.

**24.20 AGENDA ITEMS - NEXT MEETING MONDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024**

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