

# West Auckland Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 at 7.00 pm,  
Parish Community Room, Monteith Close, West Auckland

**Present:** Cllr G Smith, Chairman  
Cllr L Adamson  
Cllr K Bolton  
Cllr J Curl  
Cllr T Horsman  
Cllr J Pattison  
Cllr W Robinson  
Cllr N Simpson  
Cllr H Stott

## **24.61 To ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Farrer and Cllr Roberts.

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

There were no expressions of interest received.

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

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

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

- Concerns about overgrown weeds along village green perimeter were raised and it was resolved this will be reported by Cllr Smith to the Clean & Green team.
- A resident complained about the amount of speeding farm traffic coming up and down the A68. It was highlighted that speeding in general is a problem and it was resolved that additional signs be considered at the September meeting.

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

- It was advised that the new children's home at Copeland Barns is now open; it will accommodate 3 children at a time being cared for by 6 shift pattern staff.
- It was advised that the allotments are in good condition with the exception of 1 tenant who requires a letter to improve his plot.

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

Correspondence received was tabled and payments endorsed as follows:

	Income	Expenses
Monteith Cleaning		£90.00
Eon Next		£46.30
BT wifi		£36.86
HMRC PAYE		£300.00
Eon Next		£28.17
Memorial Hall Crockery		£514.70
Bollards x 24 replaced - B Mundell		£490.00
Memorial Hall Crockery 10% discount refunded	£51.48	

## 24.67 TO RECEIVE ENVIRONMENT/PLANNING WORKING GROUP UPDATE

- i. To receive an update on completion of the MUGA

It was advised that the line markings are expected to be completed over the 6 weeks holiday and clerk to ask caretaker to leave gate open for public access.

- ii. To consider a Building Conditions Survey of the Memorial Hall

It was confirmed that Building Regulations approval has been received for the roof replacement and resolved that no further building condition reports are required at this time.

- iii. To request a dog waste bin along the by-pass footpath

The Clerk confirmed that a request had been made to Etherley Parish Council Clerk to request the dog waste bin as the by-pass is within their parish.

- iv. To receive update following Toft Hill by-pass exhibition

There was no update on this.

## 24.68 TO RECEIVE FINANCE WORKING GROUP UPDATE

- i. To review and consider approval of June quarter end finance.

The June quarter end bank reconciliation was reviewed and approved.

- ii. To consider Remembrance Service funding and planning.

Clerk to arrange event. It was agreed that laying of wreaths should follow the appropriate order starting with the Monarch's representative, MP, County Councillor, Parish Councillor, etc.

## 24.69 TO CONSIDER LOCAL PLANNING ISSUES

- There were no plans for consideration at this time.

## 24.70 TO RECEIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR MONDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024 MEETING.

- To consider additional speed signs around the village entrances.

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