

West Auckland Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held Monday, 11th November 2024 at 7.00 pm,
Parish Community Room, Monteith Close, West Auckland

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

24.91 To ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Adamson, Cllr Farrer and Cllr C Smith.

24.92 DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no expressions of interest received.

24.93 To CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

24.94 To INVITE ANY COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A resident attended to provide information on a relative, Lance Corporal Joseph Harrison Henderson who fell in World War II. The resident was advised that the Commonwealth War Graves Commission criteria has been met to include his relative's name on the Pant War Memorial plaque; the plaque will be updated at the earliest opportunity.

24.95 To RECEIVE COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- It was advised that a damaged corrugated sheet sticking out on the path between Staindrop Road and Ennerdale Grove is causing a trip hazard and will be reported to DCC by the Clerk.
- The poor state of the gardens of the flats at the bottom of Ennerdale Grove was reported and will be raised with DCC by the Clerk; it was agreed that the landlord is responsible for the property but in his absence, the request will be submitted due to concerns about vermin at the property.
- Good attendance at the Remembrance Service was acknowledged and thanks were given to Paul Turner for short notice power-washing the Pant in readiness for the service.
- It was advised that an entrance to the village green, near the small row of housing adjacent to the Lucky 8 Chinese take-away, is in a poor muddy state since the bedding plants were removed by DCC. It was resolved that the patch could be tarmacked or cobbles layed to allow vehicles to manoeuvre more easily around the tight corner, which

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usually has residents' cars parked adding to congestion. Cllr G Smith will seek permission to improve the surface with cobbles or tarmac to allow cars to cross it. Cllr Robinson will seek Brian Mundell's advice on improving the muddy patch on the corner.

24.96 CLERK'S TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE/ENDORISING OF INVOICE CHEQUES

Correspondence received was tabled and payments endorsed as follows:

	Income	Expenses
D Hopper - windows (WAMCA 2k paid deposit)		£7,950.00
WAMCA Windows	£5,960.00	
HMRC - PAYE		£300.00
Bloom & Wild - Audrey 80th (ViB & litter volunteer)		£65.00
Wreaths & Remembrance Crosses		£220.00
Telephone & broadband		£30.00
Boiler service - K Hunter		£75.00
Cre8ive Graphics - newsletters		£213.60
Newsletter delivery Scouts		£100.00
Remembrance service food (inc £60 baking Susan)		£98.65
Session use - Labour party	£25.00	
Brownie/Rainbow wreath reimbursed	£25.00	
Monteith Cleaning		£112.50
Bank charges		£8.00
Remembrance service - Ferryhill band		£200.00
PT Powerwash - Pant & stone seat		£500.00
PT Powerwash - bus shelters x 6		£150.00
Kettle		£21.90

24.97 TO RECEIVE ENVIRONMENT/PLANNING WORKING GROUP UPDATE

There were no environment agenda items for discussion.

24.98 TO RECEIVE FINANCE WORKING GROUP UPDATE

- To consider planting two village green flower beds near the Pant twice a year.

It was resolved that £300 will be allocated annually to plant two village green flower beds no longer being planted by DCC.

24.99 TO CONSIDER LOCAL PLANNING ISSUES

- The were no plans for consideration at this time.

24.100 TO RECEIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR MONDAY, 9TH DECEMBER 2024 MEETING.

- No agenda items for consideration.

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